Time	In what county do you live?	Please provide location	Do you own or work for a business that relies on Rodman	Have you visited Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam?	How often do you visit Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam? Ex.	How often do you visit Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam? Ex.	How often do you visit Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam? Ex.	How do you use Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam?	What would you like to see happen with the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam moving forward?	What is the most important piece of information that supports your position?	What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved?	Is there any scenario short of fully achieving your desired outcome you could support?	Other comments.
9/23/2021 9:46	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I don't use either. I only go to show others what an terrible impact the dam and reservior are on the Ocklawaha River.	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River flow free.	The dam negatively effects the health of the Ocklawaha River system, the species that depend on it, and the floodplain forest that is drowned by the reservoir.	The public and environment miss out on a tremendous opportunity to restore a free flowing Ocklahwaha River and the economic benefits that come with restoration. It's a win-win for the environment and economy.	No.	The environmental and economic befits of restoring the Ocklawaha far outweigh any benefits of keeping the impoundment
9/23/2021 9:47	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the natural flow restored	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Keeping the dam in place is not smart. The dam itself is not safe. We need improved water quality and the wildlife suffers.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 10:03	Levy		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by removing the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 10:09	Gadsden		No	No					The removal of the dam and restoration of the original river system.	The restoration of the original river system is essential to the long term health of the regional environment and will provide a greater variety of economic opportunity.	Excessive expenditures on the repair of the dam.	No, not if that other option would leave the dam in place.	
9/23/2021 10:12	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Kayaking and boating during drawdown to view the springs. It's not an appealing place to kayak outside of drawdown.	Breach it, restore the River.	It's ridiculous to continue to spend money to support a useless dam and to spray for the invasive plants that pile up because of the dam when restoration would bring so much more positives. Ecologically and economically. Migratory fish populations are hurt by the dam, manatee populations are hurt by the dam, few outdoor enthusiasts want to kayak/visit the area except during drawdown.	Manatees would continue to be denied free and easy access to additional habitats, native fish populations will continue to decline, and taxpayers will continue to be burdened with the bill to upkeep a useless dam that few people want.	No.	
9/23/2021 10:13	Hillsborough		No	Yes				Hunting	remove the dam	natural flow	loss of habitat and natural springs	partial removal to allow free flow and boating access	
9/23/2021 10:14	Sarasota		No	No									
9/23/2021 10:14	Leon		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and the river systems reconnected.	There are many, but the economic case is strong. The dam is past it's life expectancy and repairs will cost taxpayers millions, while breaching the dam and restoring the rivers will bring both direct economic benefit from increased tourism as well as significant indirect economic benefit from the associated ecosystem services, such as better flood protection and improved water quality.	That millions of taxpayer dollars will be sunk into a project that down the road will need to revisited again, costing yet more taxpayer money. Meanwhile, there is a big opportunity cost from not maximizing the ecotourism and ecosystem service benefits that come from restoration.	No. While a short term drawdown could have short term benefits, the dam needs to come down and these riverways and springs need to be restored.	
9/23/2021 10:18	Broward		No	No						Restoring the magnificent original Florix waterways.....	Everything	No	
9/23/2021 10:19	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	A free flowing river allowing for free movement of manatees and other wildlife - just how nature intended.	Endangered manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. The damn has to go - long overdue.	I work in tourism - increased eco tourism is the future for Florida. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
9/23/2021 10:20	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/23/2021 10:20	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Removed	I have read many studies that show the health of the Oklawaha depend on dam removal	The river and the species that use it would continue to decline.	No. The dam must be removed!	
9/23/2021 10:21	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Put back to natural flow				
9/23/2021 10:21	Palm Beach		No	No					I want to see the dam removed and the natural flow restored	It will restore the natural flow of 3 rivers, 20 springs, habitat for fish animals and plants, and help with flood control	Money for dam repair is wasted, manatees and fish populations suffer, water quality suffers; and this opportunity may not come again for a very long time. The natural world is dying! We are a part of it- we are engineering our demise. The more we can do to help restore the environment , the better for all.	no there is not	This is about the greater good, both for the community surrounding the dam, as well as the environment. It is a win-win!
9/23/2021 10:21	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I just wanted to see it.	I'd like to see it removed and restored to a natural condition	Waste of money to maintain/repair dam. Better for people and wildlife would be to restore the natural flow which will broaden economic opportunity.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No.	
9/23/2021 10:22	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove the Dam to restore the Oklawaha River. We need to do this to expand the economy, enhance water quality, and protect wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	We will save money from dam repair, flood damage, and ensure we have safe, healthy waterways for us and our wildlife!	Millions of tax payer dollars wasted that could go to important projects to protect our water and the St. Johns River continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion for our farms.	NO!	In addition to saving taxpayer dollars by eliminating dam repair, etc, breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam is the most cost-effective springs protection project option! The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Also, 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River, which is critical habitat and recharge for our aquifer!
9/23/2021 10:27	Pinellas		No	No									
9/23/2021 10:30	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Demolish it.	Bring the rivers back.	Flooding.	Lower water level at the dam.	Keep Florida Wild and Free.
9/23/2021 10:32	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I am for putting things back the way nature intended it to be. Army Corps of engineers did more damage than good in this country.	Finding out what damage these structures have done to out waterways.	That our rivers are going to get even more polluted because they are not getting cleaned out the natural way.	Haven't heard of any.	
9/23/2021 10:33	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use the reservoir.	I would like to see the dam removed and the river completely restored.	It is important that the habitat of the river floodplain be returned to its natural condition, but you should also note that the expense of maintaining an artificial body of water is saved.	In 1970 I watched as the dam was being constructed and thought, "This is just such a waste." Now, finally, we as Floridians have an opportunity to put things right. It would be a shame not to restore the river. Fifty some years is long enough!	No, not really. Half measures just allow the few fishermen who like the reservoir to continue to benefit as everyone else's expense.	
9/23/2021 10:35	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 10:36	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the removal of the dam and the restoration of the natural environment that was there before the dam was built.	My feeling that God/Nature knows best and we should not mess with the natural ecosystem. Also the fact that it will save the taxpayer money not having to maintain the dam/system.	That the old ecosystem I knew as a child will never be seen and enjoyed again.	Not sure what the other scenarios would be. Can you just let the water flow through the dam/structure and allow the fish and the manatees to regain access to the river?	As a native Floridian, I always thought that the cross Florida barge canal was a bad idea. I hope we can finally get rid of the last remnants of the failed project.
9/23/2021 10:38	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please restore it and remove the damn. I am a kayaker and we often paddle the Silver River, WEkiva River but not Rodman REservoir as it is ugly and needs to return to it's natural state. The damm serves no purpose other than to increase fishing for a few people.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	NO! Remove the damm.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 10:39	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the natural river flowing river	Lost springs, lost fish and manatee migration, lost recreational opportunities for non-fishermen	Continued environmental degradation, possible dam failure, high cost of maintaining the dam past it's design lifetime	No. The dam must go to restore historic fish and manatee migration patterns	50 years of damage due to a failed barge canal scheme is enough!
9/23/2021 10:39	Broward		No	No					Remove the Dam. It is harming water quality, wildlife and the economy.	15,000 acres of wildlife corridor restored to benefit people and wildlife.	Millions of taxpayer money wasted on a dam that doesn't provide flood protection, power, water supply or broad public benefit.	A draw down alone doesn't provide enough environmental benefits.	For the Great Florida River way
9/23/2021 10:39	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		The loss of natural springs and the flow of the river. These are such unique assets in Florida and they have been covered by an ill-conceived, artificially-flooded reservoir fors too long The Cross-Florida project was recognized early on as a boondoggle, and now its aftermath need to be restored.	Continued emersion of spring ecosystems, degradation of water quality, loss of manatee habitat, etc., in short, loss of environmental resources.	No, this seems like an either/or scenario, and it seems clear to me that the dam should be breached.	I'm glad this issue is front and center this year, and I am hopeful that restoring the river ecosystem can finally be accomplished.
9/23/2021 10:42	Citrus		No	No					Freedom for the waters. Remove dam	Free the springs	Unnatural	No	
9/23/2021 10:45	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Take the dam out. If you can't find high ground to build on don't build. Water is always going to find it's way.	I'm 64 and born and raised in central Fla to my life I got to see a lot of the construction to manipulate are waterways. I've fished my whole life and watched water quality decline as a result.	Missing the opportunity to make things right	NO	
9/23/2021 10:45	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Removal of dam(s) and restoration of free-flowing river systems	Increased wildlife habitat and reduction of maintenance expenses	It may be economically the best time to finally undo the present situation	There does not appear to be a middle ground	Time to stop debating this and remove the dam
9/23/2021 10:46	Polk		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Not the reservoir, but the river upstream and downstream for wildlife viewing and photography.	That structure serves no purpose at this time. The river connectivity is broken due to the dam affecting many species of fish and even manatees that otherwise would move up to the warmer waters of the springs.	Many studies supporting environmental impact caused by this structure including a reduction on fish biomass as well as reduced number of species. The constant management for invasive water plants, etc.	If the water is not allow to flow gradually over time, the surges of green algae will increase along the St. Johns River as result of accumulated nutrients that are suddenly released during drawdowns.	I have not seen any other proposal on options that may mitigate the current impact.	I hope the river flow is returned to what used to be before prior to the fruitless Cross Florida Barge Canal. We ought learn from our mistakes, more an more rivers are being restore to ensure quality water and our own survival.
9/23/2021 10:46	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam; restore to naturally flowing rivers.	The dam has been a huge detriment to the ecosystem	The future maintenance of the dam and its continued ecosystem destruction	No	
9/23/2021 10:46	Pinellas		No	No					Improving the environment				
9/23/2021 10:47	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed and the historic flow of the Ocklawaha River restored.	SJRWMD Technical Publication SJ2016-1 by John Hendrickson - Effects on Lower St. Johns River Nutrient Supply and TMDL Target Compliance from the Restoration of a Free-Flowing Ocklawaha River.	Continued declines in water quality, increased invasive fish populations and declines in native fish populations, and declines in manatee populations due to lack of warm water refuges.	No.	Thank you for taking public comment and your commitment to our state's water quality! I know this is a tough one for stakeholder participation
9/23/2021 10:48	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed so the Oklawaha can run free and the Great Florida Waterway can be restored.	This would support natural ecosystems.	We would miss the opportunity to do this, and continue the declines in water quality.	No.	The most wonderful (and priceless) thing about North Florida is its diversity of waterways and wildlife. Removing the Rodman Dam and restoring the Oklawaha would extend and preserve this legacy for generations to come.
9/23/2021 10:54	Flagler		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Removed	Restore the Oklawaha	Continued decline of habitat	no	
9/23/2021 10:54	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/23/2021 10:55	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/23/2021 10:56	Marion		No	No					Removing the dam to restore the free flow of water.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	the lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	no.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/23/2021 10:57	Duval		No	No									
9/23/2021 10:58	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Tear down the dam and let the river flow				
9/23/2021 10:58	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam go away.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	The dam has closed off flow of the Ocklawaha River, flooding more than 7,500 acres of forested wetlands, 16 miles of river and at least 20 springs, and blocking upstream migration of many fish and aquatic species impacting the ecosystem from the St. Johns River to Silver Springs and beyond. Additionally, it prevented boats from navigating the entire river system. This would help manatees that this year have died in record numbers.	No.	
9/23/2021 10:58	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Preservation in the interest of Wildlife	Preserving our Florida waterways in their natural state	Compromising wildlife and ecosystem		
9/23/2021 10:58	Wakulla		No	No						restore migratory fish patterns, increase habit for manatees	$million of dollars spent on dam repairs		
9/23/2021 10:59	Pinellas		No	No							Further environmental decline.		
9/23/2021 10:59	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the reservoir return to the Ocklawaha River.	Wildlife and river restoration!	The decimation of the river for fish, wildlife and forest.	Nope	
9/23/2021 11:00	Sumter		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. NOT doing this is furthering the destruction of our beautiful state.	No!!!!!!!!! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 11:01	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	The environmental reports.	The health of life at John's river and its tributaries.	No. the health of the environment is of utmost importance to this and future generations	None
9/23/2021 11:04	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: ecotours during drawdown	Remove the dam; restore the Oklawaha River to a free-flowing river	Taxpayer cost of maintaining something that is detrimental to the environment (i.e. patching an unsound dam, spraying toxic chemicals into the water)	We miss the opportunity to become central Florida's equivalent of "the Nature Coast," including the wildlife and springs that it would restore and the ecotourism dollars so badly needed here.	NO. This dam has been recommended for removal since it was started! Bring it down and watch the magic occur!	
9/23/2021 11:04	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like the Kirkpatrick Dam breached, open or removed so that the natural three-rivers - St. John's, Ocklawaha and Silver Springs could flow naturally like they once did.	Water quality, wild-life habitats, and the release of many natural springs.	Increasing degradation of water quality, including the loss of natural springs, and wildlife habitat loss.	I join with thousands to seek a free-flowing river system that once reigned in northeast Florida. My forebear, Robert Forte, was one of the original ferry operators across the Ocklawaha in the 1850s. I have a vested interest in restoring these river systems to their original and natural state.	I am a proud fifth-generation Floridian whose family has historic roots in eastern Marion County and the banks of the Ocklawaha. We continue to run our family farm near the crossroads of hwy 40 and hwy 17 in eastern Marion County. We care immensely about the natural preservation of our state - wildlife habitat, overall water quality, and the restoration of a free-flowing river system, including the restoration of valuable springs.
9/23/2021 11:05	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Other: restroom facilities	total removal	saving the degradation of the Ocklawaha River and Silver River from lack of species being able to migrate up and down the tributaries	further degradation of the Ocklawaha River and Silver River	No	I often kayak along the Silver River and out into the Ocklawaha. I think it is time to eliminate motor boat traffic within the Silver River. That would reduce the erosion along the banks of the river and reduce interactions between "party barges" and the paddling community. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
9/23/2021 11:06	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: Cross thru it	Get rid of it, not needed. It cost money and has no purpose. I would like to see a connected river system, manatees be able to go up there, uncover the natural springs that are smothered. It would like to see the strippers return to fish for them and the catfish.	All the science that has been done the last 50 years.	I have a concern for the ecosystems that depends on a free flowing river. Dams are bad unless there is another purpose like power generation or water supply, this dam achieves none of those.	Draw down with partial restoration is better than where we are now, it that won't work because it would not have the benefits of a full restoration and not be good for any other recreation including the fishing that is now there.	It is time.... The barge canal should have never been started, the dam never built, and the dam should have not stay when the canal was deauthorized. Now it is old and useless, it hurts the St John and the Ocklawaha. It is past it usefulness if it ever had one.
9/23/2021 11:08	Palm Beach		No	No					Taken down-bring Florida waterways back to where they belong. Man has destroyed far too much.	Bringing florida's water flow back to where it belongs. We are borrowing this land and are not doing a good job; especially for our future.	Loss of beautiful wildlife and wild areas. Concerns over our water sources.	No. All or nothing. It is time.	
9/23/2021 11:08	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.		Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.		
9/23/2021 11:08	Pinellas		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached so that the Oklawaha River can run freely.	My own observation, which is from more than then years ago but still vivid in memory, many articles I have read about this in the meantime.	The concern would be, ultimately, that the reservoir water would become brackish in time and cause much die-off of fresh water plants and fish.	No	I realize that I have not seen the river or dam in many years, I but I can't envision a big change other than a slower moving river through the dam area.
9/23/2021 11:08	St Lucie		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River with improved water quality and habitat for Florida's wildlife.	15,000 acres of Florida Wildlife Corridor restored and enhanced for people and wildlife.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No, Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife habitat can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary.

9/23/2021 11:09	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the ocklawaha to a free flowing river.	The decades of scientific study conducted that support restoration from bot an ecological and scientific standpoint	Inability to provide warm water refuge for the threatened manatee (which has had serious deaths this year). Lake of ability for the public to enjoy the springs that are covered by the mucky pool, continual decline of the ecosystem, increased salt water intrusion downstream, dam safety concerns,	The partial restoration plan in the EIS and FDEP permit application	Numerous studies have shown that restoring the ocklawaha to a free flowing river will have significant economic benefits to the area, as well as enormous ecological benefits for manatees and other species, and will provide unparalleled recreational opportunities for the people of Florida. This can be achieved at a modest cost and would save taxpayer money in the long run by eliminating the need for draw downs, herbicide spraying, and rebuilding and maintaining the unsafe dam. Note- I don't visit the dam much because the pool is a mucky unpleasant mess. I kayak and boat on the free flowing river numerous times per year.
9/23/2021 11:09	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	removed of course	destruction of springs	loosing all faith in the government of Florida to do the right thing		
9/23/2021 11:10	Pasco		No	No					I would love to see the springs flow normally and not have them drowned out by the dam.	It would be nice to have the natural springs flow.	The springs will be browned out and the spring will not be known about or protected.	No, the springs should be let go	
9/23/2021 11:10	Charlotte		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: personal psychological benefit during pandemic. Nature heals	Complete a long overdue restoration of the entire system	Very expensive repair costs will go away while adding to value of ecosystem to human recreation and wildlife	Future degradation of water quality and loss of this opportunity to improve water quality, water flow and ecosystem functioning.	NO. Any temporary drawdown is not enough.	Please don't squander this opportunity. 50 years overdue. Once ruined, it is so much more expensive to TRY to repair. Look to the dollar's spent in Everglades restoration as only one example. Look to permanent losses of wildlife, water quality, etc. throughout Florida.
9/23/2021 11:10	Dade		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the natural flowt	Fish population decline			
9/23/2021 11:10	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Get rid of it, return to natural state	The impact on wildlife and habitats.	Loss of habitat.	No	
9/23/2021 11:10	Duval		No	No					Removed	Free the river for better environmental impacts	Detriment to the ecology and wildlife	No	
9/23/2021 11:11	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: Monitoring damage to the ecosystem .	Remove it as soon as possible	This dam serves no purpose and is an ecological disaster of epic proportions.	More degradation of water quality. Loss of habitat. Death of wildlife. Algae blooms.	There is no valid reason to continue to waste money maintaining this damn dam.	The fisherman will be fine. There will still be plenty of fishing opportunities for them. But why are their concerns more important than freeing up countless drowned springs? Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Then there's the manatee deaths from cold, starvation and blue green algae. REMOVE RODMAN DAMN NOW!!
9/23/2021 11:12	Dade		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the drowned springs	Investigative journalism published by PBS in the documentary Fellowship of the Springs	My kids and I love to paddle the springs and are Florida natives. We are concerned about further degradation to the springs that presently are submerged and to never being able to access or visit these springs in our lifetime.	No	
9/23/2021 11:13	Duval		No	No									
9/23/2021 11:13	Broward		No	No						the initial mistake and opportunity is there to "fix"	opportunity and costs would probably preclude any fix		
9/23/2021 11:14	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed	If removed this will restore natural springs that have disappeared from its unnatural placement	The environment would continue to be altered		
9/23/2021 11:14	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Florida has less and less natural habitats left each day. Restoration of this natural area would be a huge benefit to Florida and it's wildlife.	The continued operation of an unnatural space that requires maintenance which takes away funding that could be used on other areas. Natural areas are less expensive to maintain and support a healthier environment for the plants and animals that rely on natural areas.	No. Full restoration is the only alternative that I am aware of	
9/23/2021 11:14	Alachua		No	No					I'd like to see them removed, to let the Ocklawaha flow unimpeded.	This action would restore healthy ecosystem functions, improving water quality, increasing wildlife diversity, and enhancing flood control.	The decaying dam and reservoir create catastrophes when faced with extreme or even moderate weather events.	No. Florida's water problems are already at a tipping point and our state needs to take all possible action quickly.	Business and recreation would benefit from the dam's removal in many ways. Fishing and boating would expand, workers would find immediate employment in the restructuring process, and new businesses could open on many fronts.
9/23/2021 11:15	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Do away with the damn dam and let the river flow as God intended.	Breaking up of the river migration route and adverse effects to wildlife.	Look at the mess! It concerns me that such an insult to nature has been allowed to remain as long as it has.	Just leave it in the draw down configuration and remove the dam a piece at a time.	It was a mistake in the first place and some of the damage can never be put right. Like they say, "Do screw with mother nature".
9/23/2021 11:17	Volusia		No	No					I am very concerned about spring preservation, and in this case, spring restoration. I visit the springs and as a Florida resident, I'm very concerned about further deterioration of our waterways.	The major fact that the damn has blocked the free flow of the river and created an unnatural situation.	Further deterioration of our water.	No	
9/23/2021 11:18	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Free the 20 buried springs so water will flow to help clean the river and other springs and to enable fish and manatee to migrate	waste of money to spend millions on an obsolete dam with continued damage to the environment and ecosystem as well as water	no	
9/23/2021 11:19	Sarasota		No	No					Allow the river to flow in its natural state	I am a lifetime conservationist and member of American Rivers and many others who advocate returning rivers to their natural and more original form. This has been successful in many places out west and helps the salmon migration and sustainability there. Here I believe that restoring the river would benefit native fishes, manatees and other wildlife and contribute a strong positive effect on the ecosystem.	More and more of Florida is being overdeveloped and paved and taken away from the natural ecosystem which will come back to hurt all wildlife and Floridians.	Hmmm, I don't think so .	I deeply hope the water management decision makers support restoring this river and its effects on the springs and wildlife.
9/23/2021 11:19	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Camping in the area	Removed, restoring the river, springs and wetlands. This is crucial.	Environmental studies. And common sense. Compare the environment from way before the dam to current day with the dam. It's a no brainer	This important puzzle piece of the environment and our future is lost forever	At least reopening 3/4 of the dam	Let's do what's right for a change. The future of Florida and everybody's children are counting on us.
9/23/2021 11:20	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam to restore natural flow between Silver Springs and St. Johns River.	Restoring the natural river system will create more recreation opportunities which will increase visitors, increase jobs and boost the local economy.	We will continue to waste millions of dollars to maintain an unnecessary and unpermitted dam.	No, this dam should have been breached a long time ago.	So much good will come from breaching the dam- improved fisheries (striped bass, shad, bass), increased manatee habitat, more recreational opportunities- all which will help this area of Florida. The decision is do you want all that good or to waste money maintaining an unnecessary dam.
9/23/2021 11:20	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Retire the free flow river by breaching the dam. The dam is degrading ecological resources, harming threatened species, preventing the public from accessing springs for recreation, and costing taxpayer dollars to continue to do drawdowns, spray herbicides, and do other maintenance	The numerous studies that show the benefits to all the fish and wildlife habitats along the river	The ecosystem will continue to be strangled and will control degrade	Partial restoration that was described in the EIS	Restoration will also benefit the economically challenged communities in the area by improving fishing as many studies show, providing access to springs for recreation, improving manatee habitat which will bring in tourists
9/23/2021 11:20	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	If be released allowing the Ocklawah to run free.	Science.	Destruction of wildlife.	No.	
9/23/2021 11:20	Wakulla		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	fish, manatees, wildlife. We are losing so much of Florida.	Loss of habitat and water quality.	No	Protect manatees, springs and other wildlife in the area for future generations. Thank you.
9/23/2021 11:21	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the St johns , Silver springs ,etc natural water flow.				
9/23/2021 11:21	Hillsborough		No	Yes					take out the dam	it is useless and damages the river	We will continue with a weed- choked river	no	
9/23/2021 11:21	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Free it's restraints.	improving our aquifer.	Our aquifers.	Increase the flow to bring up the water and wildlife.	
9/23/2021 11:22	Leon		No	No					I want to see it gone! This discussion has been going nowhere for too long.	Letting the River and drowned springs run freely again. Breaching or removing this dam would allow movement for fish and manatees and benefit other wildlife.	We won't have another chance in my lifetime to free this River.	Ha. NO!	Please, I beg you to get this project underway.
9/23/2021 11:22	Manatee		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	20 drowned springs would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Continued population decline of manatees and fish, & irreversible damage to the ecosystem	No.	It's time to address the wrongs that were created by this damn. Florida has a chance to revitalize its springs and the population (including humans) that rely on it.
9/23/2021 11:23	Alachua		No	No					Breach it	Restoration of wild life and no unnecessary repair costs.	Wasted resources and wasted opportunity to restore the ecosystem.	No	If it's unnecessary and hurting the ecosystem it needs to go.
9/23/2021 11:24	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other: Observation	Remove the Dam!!!!!	To restore the 3 historic rivers to their natural beauty and see the return of manatees and long gone fish and the gorgeous 50+ hidden springs	Decline in water quality	Absolutely no!	I was born in this beautiful area 70 years ago and it breaks my heart to see what has happened to these precious waterways
9/23/2021 11:24	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Thank you for asking.
9/23/2021 11:24	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I have hiked across it during backpacking trips but I can definitely plan alternative routes if it is removed as it should be.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration and recover of springs, expanded habitat for manatees (almost 1000 manatees deaths in 2021 from starvation), supports our endeavors to create a Florida Wildlife Corridor, improves overall health of ecosystems of many rivers wetlands, uplands,	See above reasons. We will continue "as is" with further degradation of natural lands and rivers, and Florida wildlife.	No.	Good and well documented reasons for restoring the Ocklawaha River have been resented to the appropriate agencies for the better part of 50 years. People have dedicated their lives to seeing this river restored. it's time to do it.
9/23/2021 11:24	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Bringing back the nature of the springs to preserve what is beautiful in our communities.	That all Florida springs will eventually be lost to the greed of politicians and private businesses for their own gain.	No	
9/23/2021 11:24	Collier		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
9/23/2021 11:25	Pinellas		No	No					To restore and join the natural flow of the three rivers involved	We have already wasted too many years by not protecting the natural flow of the rivers and springs in Florida.	Florida's wildlife and natural resources will continue to be abused.	No - Now is the time to do what is best for Florida	Our natural resources in Florida are being damaged beyond repair everyday. Most of the damage is due to allowing improper use of our natural resources and a lack of concern for what damage is being done that may not be restored in the future.
9/23/2021 11:25	Indian River		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. OR	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 11:25	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam removed to restore the natural flow of the river.	The dam has seriously affected the natural flow of springs such as Silver Springs. It may affect the fish but they will come back. I remember how beautiful the Oklawaha River was when I was a child. It came be restored and be a wonderful fishing area again.	The steady decline of the health of the springs and the river will continue to worsen.	No	Please bring back the natural flow of the River. This will also help the St Johns River.
9/23/2021 11:25	Duval		No	No					The dam should be removed and the river should flow freely.	The value of a free flowing Oklawaha to both the area of the river and to the St. John's river flow and salinity.	Continued and additional water withdrawals from the St. Johns, increased upstream salinity without the Oklawaha flow and wasted public monies to repair the dam and the ongoing drawdowns to clean the Rodman that would be unnecessary with a free flowing Oklawaha.	I can't think of anything that would produce the needed outcome without removing the dam.	Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 11:25	Polk		No	No					The dam should be permanently breached.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. The dam needs to go, and the benefits of this vastly outweigh the costs.	
9/23/2021 11:25	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam; it is an aging hindrance to wild life and ecotourism	Vegetation clogged mess that's treated with known carcinogens	Wildlife - manatees and migrating fish	I would ideally support full river restoration. Partial breaching is an option	The pool has become a moronic political issue. Financial and ecological growth would be enhanced by river restoration. The politics of mythical fishing and waterfront life on the greenway hurts the common people
9/23/2021 11:26	Manatee		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	20 drowned springs would be restored. Equally important = Restoring historic routs for migratory fish is essential for the health of Silver Springs. Finally, equally important = Breaching the dam saves $4 million to $14 million in dam repairs.	The lower St Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of Ocklawaha and one of the largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, would not be reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue!	Sometimes we simply must do what is 'right'. We cannot continue to ignore the need to restore 20 Florida springs. We cannot keep wasting money on dam repairs. We need to be respectful to manatees by restoring essential warm water habitat for them.
9/23/2021 11:26	Brevard		No	No					This is an old project that like the Kissimmee river was poorly researched, poorly managed and did untold damage to our ecosystem and water quality in Florida. I am a lifelong resident of this state-62, and fed up with mismanagement of our water resources in the name of 'progress'. The dam needs to be breached or opened to maximum flow with some controls to allow natural water flow that will restore the original watershed.	I have seen over 60 years what has been done to our waterways, forests and coastal areas for profit. May I remind our legislators that there are a majority of Floridians who love our natural resources and enjoy sharing them. Opening this mistake of a dam and restoration of springs and habitats brings economic and health benefits as people will have more opportunities to recreate in an ever crowded environment, and our ecosystems will have a chance to recover some of what has been lost.	That we will continue to legitimize destruction of Florida's natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas favoring development over protection of what was here long before any human arrived. We owe it to future generations and removing the dam shows the willpower to do what's right. Do you hear that legislators?	State purchase of large tracts of undeveloped or developed agricultural land along the river and potential flood zones and environmentally sensitive land and waterways in the areas proximate to the dam and its flow. This in hope that eventually the dam will be removed at some point and there will not be development affected by it	Breach the dam, we restored the Kissimmee River, now restore the Oklawaha and the springs.
9/23/2021 11:27	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and allow the Ocklawaha River to once again run free.	The Ocklawaha River was dammed during a lamentable era of environmental disdain and ignorance. The Kirkpatrick Dam is a remnant of the disastrous Cross Florida Barge Canal project, abandoned decades ago because of severe impacts on land and water resources.		None.	
9/23/2021 11:28	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times		I would like our community to come together and do the right thing for the native animals who call Florida home. I'd like to see our springs restored to their natural glory as much as possible and if that means breaching the dam, I am 100% in support of breaching it.	The fact that our springs are being choked out, animals are dying at a rapid rate, and over development has destroyed our state.	Our springs will slowly continue to die off until there is no turning back and restoring is no longer possible.	Not if it means putting humans needs 100% above the native wildlife here.	Do the right thing, breach the dam.
9/23/2021 11:28	Hillsborough		No	No					Please breach the dam. Our springs depend on it and it is the most cost effective route to save our springs, wildlife, and natural ecosystems. Florida is beautiful and we are responsible for preserving it.	The low cost of breaching the dam. This is the most cost effective measure to accomplish saving the spring and the wildlife that is down 92%.	The wildlife that will continue to suffer and eventually face extinction.	No. Breach the dam please. Floridians are begging you.	NA
9/23/2021 11:29	Putnam		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam must be removed	It is far to costly to maintain and or replace. Restoring the environment back to its natural state is always the best policy. There is no reason for a dam here. Restoring the environment should be our top priority especially given this unique opportunity to undue decades of disruption.	As a tax payer I am concerned with ballooning costs that I see as excessive and completely unnecessary. Something clearly must be done but I am not in favor of spending more money to retard the natural ecosystem	No	
9/23/2021 11:29	Duval		No	No					Restore river flow	Water quality and quantity	Future of quality of life in Florida	Not with any enthusiasm	
9/23/2021 11:30	Suwannee		No	No					Remove dam		Preservation of the environment		
9/23/2021 11:31	Polk		Yes	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the river	Florida springs council reports	Manatee populations will continue to decline even further	No - restore the springs	
9/23/2021 11:32	Pasco		No	No					drain the dam allowing the flow of Florida waters to be restored To disable the dam and reservoir and let the rivers flow. Over the years, many things have happened that has degraded our environment. The cross barge canal boondoggle was another in that area. The everglades has suffered the same problems and is taking billions of dollars to fix. The corps of army engineers needs to go home.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. The reservoir was built for fishermen and their are plenty of rivers and lakes for them to fish.	loss of vital wildlife and plant life that we will never be able to get back I have been on some of the rivers and have seen some of the water quality has degraded. Not so many birds as before.	Nothing will be achieved unless we restore the flow and drain the dam! I am a native Floridian and if it was possible for me to help in anyway I would with a donation but am not able. I am a longtime member of Florida Wildlife and the Nature Consrvancy whom have both done wonderful things for our state. Also National Wildlife.	The original plan for the damn is the same that destroyed the unique ecological watershed that Florida is and when we shut that flow and stopped natural springs the government should have then and now recognized the mistakes we are making Florida is being pawed over and the land and our water are disappearing.
9/23/2021 11:32	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 82% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 11:34	Duval		Yes	Yes		2-5 times			Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. The springs are Florida lungs and water filtration system. We need them to keep Florida a viable place for life. Especially with our hushed projected human population growth.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 82% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 11:34	Dade		No	No					remove	received action alert	sad	no	
9/23/2021 11:36	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The damn never fulfilled its purpose. The pristine river deserves to be restored to its natural state. If there was no damn at present there would be no discussion whatsoever of installing one for the sole purpose of having a fishing pond. It's now at the end of its useful life and represents a potential maintenance and environmental disaster.	Taxpayers money would be wasted to maintain the damn or worse yet it could fail causing an ecological disaster.	No, the river deserves to be restored to its natural state. The lost fishing opportunities would be made up for in spades by the increase recreational activities of a natural and free flowing river.	
9/23/2021 11:36	Alachua		No	No					Removed	To restore the fish population and give the manatees a home	The fish population will be depleted	No	
9/23/2021 11:36	Citrus		No	No					I'd like to see it removed and returned to its natural state.	As a 4th generation Floridian, I hear of stories of how the springs and connecting waterways once were. The numerous studies that have been performed on the environment of Silver Springs and other springs in the area are evidence based studies that support the verbal history.	Further degradation of one of Florida's most valuable resources, the springs and FL natural water.	Full resolution is optimal. Any progress towards the goal is greatly appreciated and will serve generations to come.	

9/23/2021 11:37	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 11:37	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the Dam and restore historic flow.	Any of the myriad of studies that have been conducted that say it will benefit water, wildlife and bring more than by restoring flow than the Dam currently generates for the area.	That we will forever lose the chance to make this ecological boondoggle right.	No	
9/23/2021 11:37	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	More manatees in the Silver River for the glass bottom boats. A NEW wheelchair accessible boat goes into service 1 Oct	UF Student Showcase https://greatfloridariverway.com/student-showcase/?fbclid=IwAR3FkMta6pR7uSUdabkirF4Bwk5JEfMSXYoF3hQCUVWBOowFA8YGJGn-n3Y	More manatee deaths due to starvation	https://fladefenders.org/fdep-greenway-management-plan-2017-2027/	The Kirkpatrick Dam is at its life end and is in a state of failure. Fully repair to current standards $100million and NO economic impact. Partial Restoration (https://fladefenders.org/fdep-greenway-management-plan-2017-2027/) would allow 500+ manatees, 65+ species of fishes and approx $34m in economic impact to Marion and Putnam Counties
9/23/2021 11:38	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier for OUR community when the dam is breached. Historic fish and manatees will return, the 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem as well as 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored, and we will save $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Restoration will create more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increase visitation and add supporting jobs.	We will miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 11:38	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Florida's Rivers.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored The manatees return as breach opens along with many other types of fish	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply Meanwhile it will also be a benefit for the entire local environment.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. It is also such a potential lawsuit if it does fail on its own.	Taking down the dam will infuse the area with better water quality that will be a benefit for over 100 miles of river ways
9/23/2021 11:38	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 11:39	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other: Assessing the situation	I would like the dam removed and the river restored	History of the river before the dam	Loss of the springs and river flow	Depends on what it is.	
9/23/2021 11:39	Alachua		No	No									
9/23/2021 11:39	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		Get rid of the dam	A healthier St Johns River estuary	The continued denigration of normal river water flows	No	
9/23/2021 11:40	Nassau		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Tear the dam down	The health of the springs & manatees being able to swim from the St. John's all the way to silver springs.	The lives of the manatees	Hmm no	
9/23/2021 11:41	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't go into the area because of the Dam, I just stay on the St. John's River.	I would like to see the dam removed and the river brought back to its original state.	When I was little in the 1950's we use to boat on the Ocklawaha River. It was a beautiful natural resource, the Dam destroyed that whole area of natural springs and river.	It would definitely affect the way I vote if the legislators turn their backs on this issue.	No, what's so hard about tearing an old unused Dam down. Why put money into something that isn't used. I can't believe this is even being debated.	This issue is a no brainer. I can't even believe people wouldn't want multiple natural springs brought back to their original state, not to mention the natural beauty of the Ocklawaha River. There is no prettier area in Florida than that river basin area which is underwater due to the Dam. This should not be hard to figure out or even an issue in my opinion. Also I might add there is outstanding bass fishing throughout our State, all up and down the St. John's River and the many lakes in central Florida. It's time to stop wasting time debating this issue and restore that area. I would think there are much more important problems the State has to worry about. Get this done!
9/23/2021 11:41	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking	Restore the original river and take out the dam.	Florida is built on limestone and needs the natural flow of its waters to exist. Each waterway serves this purpose directly or indirectly.	Loss of water and wildlife space.	No	Florida is more fragile than other states and its ecosystems need all of its connecting waterways to work properly. The dam has done more harm than good and needs to be corrected.
9/23/2021 11:41	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached.	Breaching this dam could restore up to 20 drowned springs, allow decimated fish populations to rebound, and restore the springs' manatee habitat.	The water quality will continue to deteriorate, threatening aquatic species' habitats, promoting harmful algal blooms, and preventing healthy growth.	No.	
9/23/2021 11:42	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	breach the dam and restore the natural flow	return the vitality and natural flow to the three rivers and numerous estuaries impacted . Vastly improved habitat for mnla. Improved water quality and manatee habitat.	continued ecological degradation	no	
9/23/2021 11:44	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	The return of fish and manatees to a free-flowing river	The loss of biodiversity, clean water, a more natural habitat for a healthy ecosystem	NO! This dam should have been removed over 50 years ago when the Barge Canal was decommissioned!	Manatees have died in record numbers in 2021 from STARVATION because of polluted waters. We need to restore this ecosystem for the health of fish, manatees, and HUMANS, who all rely on clean water for survival. The dam is too expensive to maintain and holds little ecological value.
9/23/2021 11:45	Palm Beach		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the natural water flow restored.	More spring habitat is required if the manatee are going to survive. Powerplant outflow provides warmth, but not seagrass to eat.	Many millions will be spent to restore a dam that is past its design life, and downstream populations will still be at risk of flooding from a collapse in a storm.	Drawing down the lake level 12 feet would work as a temporary relief of danger to down stream inhabitants, but would do nothing to return to natural water flows or restore manatee spring habitat.	We have the opportunity NOW to return the Great Florida Waterway to normal with the many positive environmental and economic impacts it will have to manatee habitat, historic fishes, water quality, and kayak access. This is a more reasonable than spending millions trying to restore a dam that is far past its design life. The benefits can be enjoyed by ALL Floridians
9/23/2021 11:45	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/23/2021 11:47	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. It was built for another purpose that is long since gone. If we didn't have this dam we would not build it. It costs money to maintain the locks and dam. Expense is not proportional to any benefits. There is better fishing in the St Johns River. Rodman pool is an evaporating pool that loses too much water to evaporation. The recreational benefits of a free flowing Ocklawaha can be tremendous. In the 1880's tourists came from all over to stay in Palatka's 3,000 hotel rooms and travel the Oklawaha.	Environmental benefit to removing dam.	Needless expense to maintain dam and lock.	No.	
9/23/2021 11:48	Columbia		No	No					breach the dam, restore the Ocklawaha River and the Lost Springs	An economic impact study done by researchers at the University of Florida has shown that ecotourism on the restored Ocklawaha and Lost Springs would bring more money into Putnam County than the dam and the reservoir. Silver Springs/Silver River/Restored Ocklawaha might then become a national park and a significant economic engine for Marion and Putnam counties and the surrounding areas.	A further impaired Silver Springs and possibly more manatee deaths for want of winter refuge areas.	No.	This aging dam will eventually fail and I doubt that the State of FL will have the political will or budget to replace it. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha is the only scenario that makes sense.
9/23/2021 11:49	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Take out the Dam it is overdue	It would save money by taking it out and not fixing the 50 year old dam. It would allow more continues access for canoeing. Manatee could access this section of river	water quality would continue to be poor.	NO	It is long over due to take the dam out. The cross barge canal obses was a bad idea and is no longer a goal. so lets unite the river with the river system.
9/23/2021 11:49	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking	Removal of the dam, so that the Silver River and the Ocklawaha flow freely to the St. Johns River.	Rodman Reservoir is a dying lake, and requires much maintenance for so little use. The original intended use of the barge canal is long past, and the need to return the area to as natural as possible should be paramount. I recall as a young teenager going with my father to fish on the Ocklawaha, prior to the dam. The river was beautiful and flowing as clear as the Silver River, 30 to 40 miles away. We could see the fish down in the river as they would take our bait. Now when we paddle on the river below Silver River and the Rodman Dam, the river is a dark tanic stained brown river. In my opinion, this is because the main water source is now runoff from swamps and smaller tributaries. The major free flowing springs are overwhelmed by the backup of water from the Rodman, creating a water quality issue that shouldn't exist.	I am concerned that if we continue as we have been, the river will continue to degrade. In addition, the St. Johns River will also continue to degrade.	The least expensive option is total removal, and restoration. Possibly there may be a way to allow the river to run free off to the side of the dam, and still keep the reservoir in some areas, but that would be a huge engineering and construction expense.	
9/23/2021 11:49	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam which can end the harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife that is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/23/2021 11:50	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/23/2021 11:50	Duval		No	No					Take it down! Restore the springs!	The wildlife can't be wild with human interference like this dam!	I am confernced that the wildlife population will go down!	Taking down the dam!	
9/23/2021 11:50	Duval		No	No					Breach/Demolish	Negative impact on natural habitat	Further damage to natural habitat	No	Please help restore Florida's natural habitats & wildlife!
9/23/2021 11:51	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural water Flow	Better water flow will give less flooding and better wildlife areas	Less wildlife and poor water quality		
9/23/2021 11:51	Lake		No	No					Breach the dam	Restoring springs	Allow wildlife back into springs	No	
9/23/2021 11:52	Marion		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 11:52	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 11:52	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. We are in a critical situation with regard to wildlife that needs their habitat, and for our own survival as a species.	Because it would restore a natural ecosystem, and springs. This would allow wildlife to return to areas that have been stolen from them. This would make the estuaries and entire ecosystem healthier, which helps other species, and humans as well. We absolutely rely, as humans, on the health of our wetlands. That means we rely on the health of other species. We must not keep extracting ourselves from the equation as if we aren't reliant on the health and well-being of natural systems. They aren't a "resource" for human use. They are the basis of our life blood, and if we are truly "intelligent" we need to begin to treat nature and other animals as vital to our own survival, rather than as expenditures	Manatee, historic fishes, and the health of the ecosystem will suffer greatly. In the long run, that means we suffer greatly as well. We've got to wise up and begin to look at how our actions affect the long term.	Absolutely not. This is overdue. The health of Florida's natural landscape must be of utmost priority. If we look at history, even in Florida, we should be able to ascertain the time connection that times we failed to heed the warnings of nature, and natural disasters. We need to do what is right. Restore by breaching the dam.	
9/23/2021 11:52	Alachua		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Rivers and springs will be restored, including lost springs	we will miss using state and federal funds to accomplish this and will have to pay millions in taxpayer dollars for dam upkeep and repair	no	this restoration will improve water quality and flow and strengthen the wildlife corridor.
9/23/2021 11:52	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the springs come back. I would visit the area more if that were the case which would in turn add to the local economy.	The dam flooded the springs and the removal of the dam would allow water levels to be restored and allow the springs to return as well.	Ecological collapse of the native fish populations.	No.	
9/23/2021 11:53	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Retire the river by breaching the dam	Reveal the springs that are submerged by brown reservoir water and improve fish populations	Citizens are deprived of the opportunity to boat on a beautiful free flowing river and visit springs	Partial restoration would be sufficient	I feel very strongly that a free flowing river will benefit many citizens whereas the reservoir only benefits a small number of bass fisherman who have power boats.
9/23/2021 11:54	Lee		Yes	No					The dam simply interferes with the natural water flow and Im in favor of the dams removal	The Rodman Reservoir has interrupted the flow of 20 natural springs that provide fresh drinking water to Floridian people and water life	The 20 springs that have been disturbed may never flow again, reducing an essential natural resource	If the dam and reservoir can be modified to restore the natural flow of water and wildlife there would be no reason to destroy it	Thank you for listening
9/23/2021 11:54	Sumter		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take it down!	Many reasons: 1. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. 2. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. 3. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. 4. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. 5. Free-flowing waters will discourage too much aquatic growth.	Total waste of money to repair what serves no purpose.	No. Take it down!	
9/23/2021 11:54	Marion		No	No					Open it up	We need all of our springs to be full especially for the manatees that are dying of starvation!!!	The dying manatee and the fish and wildlife	Not really	
9/23/2021 11:55	Lake		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	I would love to see things restored to their natural state, and the dam to be removed so the rivers can all flow freely as they are supposed to. Please remove the damn, from a many generation Florida native! Thank you	I would love to see the 20 hidden springs, and have them restored, and for the manatees to have more opportunities for food	That we will eventually loose all of our precious Manatee	Not so much	There is no use for it, so please remove it!
9/23/2021 11:55	Broward		No	No					Restore the flow	Science			

9/23/2021 11:55	Outside of state / other	Thomasville, GA	No	No					Breach the damn	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No, this breach should have happened years ago and saved tax payer money	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Please make this happen. Thank you
9/23/2021 11:56	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Only visited once	I would like to see the dam removed for the sake of the Silver River and Ocklawaha River in order to bring fish populations and the natural springs back to these rivers respectively.	I attended Florida Springs School put on by the Florida Springs Institute and Dr. Robert Knight approximately 2.5 years ago, and our focus those 4 days were the Silver River and the fish AND MANATEE populations being affected by the dam on the Ocklawaha. I've listened to numerous lectures given by FSI and Dr. Robert Knight attesting to the importance of the removal of the dam to restore springs and wildlife populations that once thrived before the dam was put in place.	Fish and other wildlife populations will continue to decline and Silver River and Ocklawaha will not be able to serve as one of the few remaining wintering destinations for our manatees.	In every lecture I've listen to, nothing short of complete dam removal will help restore these 2 rivers and the vast wetlands.	
9/23/2021 11:56	Seminole		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored.	Providing essential warm water springs habitat for manatees.	Manatees would lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat, which is critical for their survival.	No. Manatees are in trouble in our state and having access to additional winter habitat is critical.	Manatees have suffered the deadliest year on record in 2021. Although this year's crisis was caused mainly by starvation from lack of seagrass, one of the greatest long-term threats to the manatee is lack of natural warm water winter habitat. Many manatees are currently relying on warm water power plant outflows and this is not sustainable. Restoration will provide important (and natural) warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. In addition, this restoration will improve water quality, which will benefit not only manatees, but other species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, fish and people. Thank you for consideration of my comments.
9/23/2021 11:57	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The restoration of the river would bring more wildlife habitat to the area and result in a healthy river and more game fish. The cross-Florida canal was a terrible plan and it's time we tried to undo some of the damage. The spring flow would also increase and lead to abundant fish and wildlife -including manatees and other endangered mammals and birds.	for me, the restoration of the river would make kayaking, fishing and wildlife viewing much better in light of the estimated 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor restored and enhanced through breaching the dam.	Spending millions to maintain a dam which causes so many problems and produces negative benefits to the natural beauty and healthy water systems of our area.	No other plan makes sense to me.	
9/23/2021 11:57	Broward		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breaching the dam	Dam is old and reached end of life, putting nature at risk. Fish and manatee populations would benefit immensely from the removal of the dam. The restoration of several springs!	Spring restoration and further ecological decline affecting massive areas fee years to come.	No, the dam must come down.	it's imperative we use the momentum and attention this issue is getting now to take the correct action for future generations. Florida needs to slowly return to the wonder of the world it was for the benefit of future generations and the animals that inhabit this amazing place.
9/23/2021 11:58	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
9/23/2021 12:00	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	the springs and natural ecosystems will be restored	pollution, and damage to the environment	no-it needs to be done and it needs to be done right	
9/23/2021 12:00	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breaching/removal	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Loss of habitat/wildlife and degradation of silver springs	No	
9/23/2021 12:00	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see the damn removed	The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Greenway Plan	The continued decline of the st johns river	No	The damn exists for no purpose. its existence is killing our natural resources. its time to correct course before we see devestation like those in south Florida
9/23/2021 12:01	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. (characters: 514)
9/23/2021 12:01	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Other	Taken down			No	
9/23/2021 12:01	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Take it down and restore the rivers flow. The St John's needs fresh inflows!	Environmental studies showing we need more fresh water into the St John's	Continued muck needing clean out in the reservoir	Not sure	
9/23/2021 12:01	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam or the lock				
9/23/2021 12:01	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam to return the Ocklawaha River to its original configuration.	There is no significant reason to not return the Oklawaha River to its natural flow without the dam.	A continuation of the man-made creation of the Rodman Reservoir which has lost its purpose.	No. It is simply retain the reservoir and dam or remove them.	
9/23/2021 12:02	St Johns		No	No					Removed	Natural springs and Manatees	Manatee population and health of the springs	No	I've seen the springs become over run with algae and Manatee populations dwindling. We need to protect Floridas beautiful natural ecosystems.
9/23/2021 12:02	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove and restore it back to nature.	We have an endless list of "man improving nature" all of which have had negative impact on everything in its wake. The best thing that man can do is respect nature and leave it alone!! That we	That we learn nothing from our impact (s) on our world. Get special interests groups out of Washington and start governing"for the people".	Bulldozing Mara Lago and creating a protected seashore wildlife area.	While still occupied. (see previous response)
9/23/2021 12:03	Citrus		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman Dam and Restore the Ocklawaha River, which would allow 20 drowned springs to flow once again. Restoring the springs and rivers could create new and profitable recreational assets projected at $50mil Net benefit over 10 years.	Removing the dam is essential to improving the health of Silver Springs. It is necessary to restore suffering migratory fish populations. And needed for the hundreds of manatees that could better access Silver Springs and other restored springs along the river, at a time with Florida's manatee population is experiencing unprecedented mortality. Florida already has enough money set aside next year to restore the Ocklawaha fifty times over. Not to mention the economic benefits. I'm from citrus county which benefits greatly from ecotourism. Restoring even 2 of the lost 20 springs are estimated to bring 30k additional visitors annually and $3 million in annual economic impact. This is a big opportunity to restore not only nature, but Florida's rural economies.	That tax payers of Florida will have to pay millions to fix and restore a fifty-year-old mistake instead of restoring 20 springs, 3 rivers, and 7,500 acres of forested wetlands to their natural state and bring meaningful jobs to Florida's rural counties.	No. It's time to fix this issue and do something to benefit Florida's rural economies and give back what we've taken from nature.	The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam is past its 50-year life expectancy. Breaching the dam eliminates the risk of more than $57 million in property damages from an unplanned dam failure. The risk can be removed almost immediately and without any cost by drawing the Rodman Reservoir down to 12 feet NGVD, like drawdowns conducted every 3-4 years. This would protect citizen safety in the event of a major storm event or unplanned failure until partial restoration to breach the dam is implemented.
9/23/2021 12:05	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/ Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this project.	Wasted tax payers money to repair and maintain this dam. Plus hundreds of Manatees will loose access to these warmer waters.	No. breaching the dam is the only viable answer which is far overdue.	Thank you for listening to the public about this matter and taking it seriously. Florida Springs are such a unique environment that we need to maintain for future generations to enjoy and learn from.
9/23/2021 12:05	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations are down 92% in Silver Springs. Breaching the dam would restore historic migratory paths for fish and manatees. This dam is past its life expectancy and would costs tax payers millions of dollars to make repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Many manatees are dying each year, of the dam is not breached many more will continue to perish. Several springs are negatively impacted by this dam, breaching it could restore these springs.	No. breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching this dam could be one of the best projects in restoring our springs.
9/23/2021 12:06	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times			Remove the damn	The algae and invasive species	Algae in the springs	Efforts to restore natural wild life	Tear it down. Way past due.
9/23/2021 12:06	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway
9/23/2021 12:07	Outside of state / other	Brooklyn, NY	No	No					Breach the reservoir and dam in order to restore the natural flow of water in the area.	loss of habitat for manatees and fish species and the restoration of drowned springs.	The continuation of loss of habitat for native species and continual disruption of the natural flow of these (once) interconnected waterways.	No, this dam should have never been constructed to begin with.	I have not specifically visited the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam, but grew up in Florida and have spent a lot of time outdoors in this area. To witness the ecological changes in my lifetime has been devastating and we must reverse the course of outdated and disastrous "water management" in order to restore the flora, fauna, and waterways of the beautiful state of Florida.
9/23/2021 12:07	Marion		No	No					I would like to see the dam taken down to restore the natural flow of water and wildlife.	Tilapia have taken over Silver Springs, native fish populations are dramatically lower than they were before the dam, manatees cannot migrate through the dam and it affects the fish that keep the sea grass healthy. There is no benefit of the dam other than to create a fishing area.	The further collapse of natural habitats and ecosystems and endangerment of native wildlife to include manatee and fish.	The dam needs to go.	The benefit this dam gives one area for fishing does not outweigh the detriment to the areas of Florida down river. We must look at this with a larger lens and focus on the greater good.
9/23/2021 12:09	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed.	The destruction above the dam.	Continued harm to our environment.	Not really.	Long overdue. Free the river.
9/23/2021 12:09	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Blow it up	Water flow. Bring fish back to river	Continue decline of river	no	
9/23/2021 12:09	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	1 time		Taken down/ dismantled. Return the water to it's natural flow				
9/23/2021 12:10	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam to allow the ecosystem to heal.	The dam has degraded the ecosystem and fragmented wetlands	The ecosystem could degrade so far as to not be restored correctly	No	
9/23/2021 12:10	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove them and restore the natural habitat and ecosystem.	The water quality and health of species.	The loss of Florida's natural resources…they can't be replaced.	Support for natural ways to support the flora and fauna that exist there and better water quality.	Please do the right thing for Florida's natural resources.
9/23/2021 12:10	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	It needs to go away so River can be let free to join St. John's. Also to let numerous springs come back to be enjoyed.	My experience in the entire river prior to the dam. Seeing the difference in river and the life it supports. So much river life stunted.	That all of the beauty and possibilities of the submerged stretch under the "reservoir " will stay under and unused.	No. Free the Ocklawaha. Best thing to happen.	We visit the reservoir to see how it's doing occasionally. The biggest fishing happens during the drawdowns. Rapidly the shoreline of the sunken river comes back to life. Left alone it will restore itself very rapidly.
9/23/2021 12:11	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	Free the Ocklawaha river	Water quality and conservation of natural resources	Continuing degradation of the St. John's river	No the dam needs to be removed	Thanks.
9/23/2021 12:11	Leon		No	No					What ever is deemed as p positivity for our waterways.				
9/23/2021 12:11	Collier		No	No					Allow the river to run its natural course.	000 years of dam building through the world the often very negative effects.	Continued water degradation and environmental harm.		
9/23/2021 12:11	Leon		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 12:12	Hernando		No	No					Open the dam and bring back area to it's natural state. Save Florida's Springs!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. This is long over due.	Manatees, Springs, Fish all would be positively impacted by breaching the dam. Let's undo manmade mistakes we made in the past. This is right for the environment and for Florida. Let's do the right thing!
9/23/2021 12:12	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 12:12	Alachua		No	No					I think we should draw down the reservoir and systematically dismantle Kirkpatrick Dam.	The main argument I've heard for keeping the reservoir is that it creates recreational opportunities (i.e. fishing), but it seems like restoring the whole Silver River ecosystem and uncovering 20 new springs will do that much more powerfully. There will still be good fishing on the Ocklawaha, as well as the many other lakes in our area.	We'll miss an opportunity to use federal funds to restore this spring-fed ecosystem, and in fact have to waste more taxpayer $ in future years repairing this dam that doesn't serve the functions most dams serve (drinking water, flood protection, or power generation).	This seems pretty binary; we either keep the river dammed or we restore free flow. In general I'm open to compromises, but I don't see any here and this has gone unaddressed for way too long.	Kirkpatrick Dam was built as part of a project that was abandoned long ago and will never be revisited. Like some of the engineering around the Everglades, it's an "old school" vestige that now does more harm than good. We should not perpetually pour money into repairing and reinforcing it to keep the area safe. Instead, we should make a one-time investment in restoring the Silver River ecosystem. That will do MUCH more for tourism, recreation, fishing, and the long-term resilience of our region.
9/23/2021 12:12	Walton		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached.	Restoration of flow to 20 springs	That our wildlife and beautiful, natural springs will be forever lost.	No	
9/23/2021 12:13	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the flow of the river.	For springs protection- 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We would be wasting future environmental restoration dollars having missed this chance. Wasting taxpayer dollars.	No, this is a long overdue project.	This makes fiscal sense.
9/23/2021 12:14	Marion		No	No					I would like to see removal of the dam to restore the the Ocklawaha River back to its former glory which would restore the 20 springs drowned by the effects of the dam. The dam serves no beneficial purpose to the wildlife surrounding and is only causing harm to the land around. Florida is a beautiful state and part of what makes it beautiful is our wildlife. Restoring the river would allow for more manatees to access Silver Springs and restores suffering migratory fishing populations.	We do not have the right to destroy our beautiful state and cause 1000s of animals to suffer because of a dam that serves no purpose to our community. We need to preserve our beautiful state and our beautiful rivers.	That we will cause mantees and other breeds of fish to go extinct. And the dam has already caused terrible effects to the surround forest, if we continue on the damage may be irreversible.	Only if the dam is removed will the desired outcome be reached.	
9/23/2021 12:16	Escambia		No	No					The dam needs to be breached. It's not doing anything productive and maintenance/repairs are costing the government general public money.	I think one of the most valuable things in the state of Florida is our natural resources. Breaching the dam would help the 20ish flooded springs, improve habitat for numerous aquatic species, and provide shelter for manatees in a particularly dire year for their population. Improving natural habitats in Florida leads to an increase in tourism and real estate dollars.	Pointless ecosystem destruction. If there is timeband interest to breach the dam, and if it is costing money while not being helpful in any way, it's concerning that we wouldn't do it. I would be mostly concerned because it shows that our leaders don't value Florida's natural resources, and this lack of care will ruin what makes Florida beautiful.	There's no in between. The dam is seemingly pointless and causing ecological harm. It needs to go.	Thanks for the opportunity to make my voice heard. I hope you are listening.
9/23/2021 12:17	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take it out and restore the Ocklawaha	The health of the river and wildlife, as well as the danger of the dam condition. In addition, the expense of dam repair is a horrible use of funds. The dam serves NO purpose.	Danger associated with a dam failure on the communities downstream.	NO	Let's get it done!!!
9/23/2021 12:17	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove/breach the dam.	Studies show wildlife has been negatively effected by the dam. Springs are covered, manatees can't swim farther upstream and the repairs to the dam cost too much money.	Fish and wildlife downstream would show a further decrease in population and diversity. There would be a large outlay of tax payer dollars for little to no benefit.	No	
9/23/2021 12:17	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam decommissioned and removed.	If the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam is removed allowing the Ocklawaha to return to its natural flow then the endangered manatee will have more habitat at a time when more manatee are dying then ever. The fact that there are 50 Florida springs drowned by the Rodman reservoir is the second most important, at a time when our Florida springs are being exploited we need to be able to access and monitor their levels. Also, returning the devastated fish populations to Silver Springs is very urgent. So much of Florida's water is being diverted and consumed and we are offered here with a rare opportunity to return a water system to its natural state.	That we will continue to kick the can down the road and spend millions of dollars on a damn that should have never been built in the first place.	No, the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam is obsolete and the benefits of removal far outweigh the costs	
9/23/2021 12:17	Dixie		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
9/23/2021 12:17	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 12:18	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing					
9/23/2021 12:18	Citrus		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking					
9/23/2021 12:19	Lake		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. This is unacceptable! Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. Manatees are dying at an increasing rate and need more habitats. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Why would we waste this money when there is a better solution?!	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. We live on the St. Johns River and know the benefits of taking care of our precious environment. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Please STOP wasting our money!!! Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Again, manatee are dying at an alarming rate. We need to take care of our environment! Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Again, we need to take care of our environment now!!!	ABSOLUTELY NOT. This has been overdue by at least 50 years	I have a really hard time understanding why we are supporting a waste of money and killing our environment. This is unacceptable. It is time that the people are heard and our actions are adhered. After all, that is what our governmental foundation is about. Additional information: MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 12:19	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the river to natural flow.	Visiting dam during draw down and seeing original conditions.	Ecological degradation up river.	No. Full restoration is vital	
9/23/2021 12:19	Seminole		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.

9/23/2021 12:20	Seminole		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANNTEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 12:21	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	See the dam removed to restore the river and springs.		Further decline of manatee populations.	No, not really.	This is long overdue. Fishers will be able to alter their recreational habitat to enjoy river fishing. Millions of dollars will be saved by avoiding dam maintenance and repair. And the economy should benefit.
9/23/2021 12:22	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam be taken down to all the flow to return to normal.	The discontinuing of the dam will allow migratory wildlife such as fish and manatee to reach nourishing habitat that can help preserve future populations of these animals.	I'm concerned that if the dam continues to disrupt the natural flow of the river, many species will continue to be harmed by not having access to crucial habitat that helps maintain a healthy population.	No	The environmental health needs to be taken into account over the selfish "wants" of human society.
9/23/2021 12:23	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a kayaker who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to reunite the Ocklawaha, Silver & St Johns rivers to benefit the communities, the economy, and the ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 12:24	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	NO. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. In addition, what can be done about the canal? The Corps of Engineers needs to do undo the damage they have wrought all over Florida.	As a kayaking taxpayer who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 150-mile lower St. Johns River. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
9/23/2021 12:24	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Other	Destroy the Dam!! Restore the Ocklawaha!	My family remembers what it was like before the dam. Entire species of fish are gone. Manatees are in danger from the locks. And we have little access to waterways due to vegetation.	The astronomical price of maintaining dam & spraying vegetation. As well as the health of the animals who call this home.	No.
9/23/2021 12:24	Lee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Made to promote the success of wildlife and their environments, water birds, fish, and everything else that calls it home.	That every species is dwindling. They have their homes destroyed for more homes, strip malls, four wheel trails that destroy and interrupt natural behavior, etc. I live in north Cape Coral. Ten years ago this part was very open, we had a healthy population of meadowlarks, saw them everywhere. Now, most of the open land was bought and built on and I haven't seen a meadowlark in more than a year, plus our shrike population has also been brought to zero.	What else, the loss of all wildlife. What kind of place is even worth going to if there is nothing alive and beautiful to watch for?	No. Anymore loss of land and water is unacceptable for the environment, animals, and climate.	
9/23/2021 12:24	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I didn't get through the lock and into the reservoir	I want to see it breathe and the natural flow to the water shed restored	Mitigation of flooding that will result from the restoration and the beneficial economic outcomes of the expanded recreational opportunities that will create sustainable environmentally sound business opportunities	that the benefits I have cited are not achieved and that a major storm will breach the dam causing significant loss of property and lives	Thats a tough one. I suppose a partial draw down could be helpful though in the long run, the natural flow must be restored.	I cares deeply about Florida's people, environment and wildlife. We must restore the Ocklewaha River, the heart of the the Great Florida Riverway. This Florida treasure is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and restore communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Now is our chance to correct the well-meaning but deeply flawed disruption to that system.
9/23/2021 12:25	Brevard		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/23/2021 12:25	Lake		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed and the natural water flow restored.	The dam was built for a purpose that does not exist. There will never be a Cross-Florida Barge Canal.	Further degradation of Florida's rivers and springs.	No	I have not been to the dam, but have been following news about it over the years. I don't see a reason to invest money into the aging dam when the benefits of removing it are so great. Millions will be saved on dam maintenance, water flow will increase, and lost springs will be recovered. This will benefit manatees and other species. With the dam in its current state, a failure could cause millions of dollars worth of damage. Please drawdown the reservoir and remove the dam.
9/23/2021 12:25	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: Quiet enjoyment, hiking.	Breach it please	Manatees, springs, fish and wildlife are all in jeopardy due to the dam that was built when environmental concerns were not studies and addressed yet. With more knowledge we can be kinder to our environment and protect the beauty for many generations to come	That Florida will be ruined just like many areas already are.	I recently visited Palatka, an ugly example of how the need for environmental care and measures could turn a potentially abomination into a nice city with a great waterfront. I noted some signs there about "saving " The dam. Please provide the population with objective information regarding detrimental effects of saving this dam.....but also couple the info with ways folks can still fish have other recreation a tournament etc.	Please help save our beautiful State of Florida . Remove the dam and free up the reservoir.
9/23/2021 12:26	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are twenty drowning springs that would be restored by this single project. This would not only be cost effective, but very immensely beneficial to our fragile ecosystem. Fish population is down a whopping 92% as a direct result of dam construction. The life of silver springs absolutely depends on restoration. Manatees have experienced their deadliest year yet - this would allow hundreds of them access to habitat, which is essential to their well-being. The dam is far past its life expectancy. Breaching the dam could save up to $14 million in dam repairs.	I cannot emphasize enough how much the life of our springs depends on this. Without this desired outcome being achieved, hundreds of manatees will not have access to to warm water for winter months. The dam is unsafe and does not provide any broad public benefit. Not taking action now will result in millions of unnecessary tax dollars being wasted in damn repair in the future. No taking action now with be costly and DEADLY.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest you're on record for Manatees. Unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-off in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the Manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat.
9/23/2021 12:26	Bradford		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	total removal of the dam	lack of free-flowing river	weed-infested river	no	spend money on restoring the river, not on the dam.
9/23/2021 12:26	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha returned to it's natural state.	History	Further damage to the water table and disruption to the habits of native species.	Drain it down low enough to allow the natural flow of the native springs and species.	This was a bad idea when conceived. Like the everglades has proved. Mother nature knows best.
9/23/2021 12:29	Orange		No	No				I need to see the damn be breached so that the Springs can be restored and we can continue enjoying them for years to come	Manatee population is 92% down. Nestle is taking our water to be bottled and the damn doesn't produce any electricity or prevent floods	That the taxpayers money allocated for environmental issues is being waited	No this is 50 years overdue	It is nothing sort of shameful that we are letting corporations destroy the very natural beauty that makes us a vacation and retirement destination
9/23/2021 12:29	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Please breach the dam so the manatees can have access to the springs	The unprecedented manatee die off and their lack of access to springs for the winter months.	More manatee deaths	The breaching of the dam	
9/23/2021 12:29	Alachua		No	No				We should dismantle the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and let the water run freely	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No I can not imagine a project that allows the water to run freely, while also profiting off of it's movement. Even redirecting some water for hydroelectric generation feels silly since there is not a dramatic elevation difference.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklewaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 12:30	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/23/2021 12:31	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam.	Economic benefits	Lettuce	Leave dam open like at the drawdown	
9/23/2021 12:32	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam, save on upkeep and make the whole river open for recreational boating and wildlife.	Cost of dam upkeep	Need for manatee wintering.	Name one!	Give alligator hunting permits to the bass fishermen at a reduced rate, subsidized by the water management district.
9/23/2021 12:33	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and preserve our wildlife	Wildlife populations	Extinction of local wildlife	Present one and I'll check it out	
9/23/2021 12:34	Orange		No	No				Breach to restore our beautiful springs and habits for manatees and fish.	That the fish population is down 92% since building this dam. Our manatees are suffering enough lately at the hands of humans.	Our fish population and our beautiful manatees continue to dwindle.	No	
9/23/2021 12:34	Alachua		No	No				Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by breaching the dam. It would restore migratory routes for many populations of fish that have dwindling numbers. Manatees this year have experienced the most deaths ever recorded; breaching the dam would allow them access to needed habitat. Breaching the dam would also save millions of dollars of money on dam repairs.	My biggest concern is that the lower St. John's river, Ocklawaha and Silver River, and springs on the Ocklawaha and Silver River would not be restored. Not restoring these waterways would make it harder for already struggling manatee populations to find food. We would also miss a vital opportunity to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. The dam is also considered unsafe and potentially hazardous. Additionally, water quality declines are likely if restoration does not happen, which would further fuel invasive plants, blue-green algae events, fish deaths, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is decades overdue.	2021 has been the deadliest year on record for manatees because of a lack of sea grass. The 20 springs that would be restored on the Ocklawaha by breaching the dam would provide manatees with more areas to find food. Also, manatees seek out the warm spring water when ocean temperatures drop in winter. Restoring the lost springs would give manatees a safe habitat during winter which is critical for their survival. Native fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, which is partly due to the dam. This has allowed exotic fish to take over and out compete the native species since the migratory route of native fish is blocked by the dam. Restoring these waterways by breaching the dam would allow the native fish species to have a chance to repopulate. Restoring these waterways would also likely foster more economic opportunities for Putnam county since people would have better chances for recreation.
9/23/2021 12:34	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Hunting Wildlife viewing					
9/23/2021 12:35	Highlands		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Dam removed to bring Ocluwaha back to natural basin	Manatee migration limited.. Natural springs underwater .	loss of fish and manatee migration routes. Invasive plants covering stagnet water	no	Open river to natural basin so can be used above water for recreation and below water for wildlife an fish habitat sustainment
9/23/2021 12:36	Orange		No	Yes			1 time		REMOVE THEM!!!	Common knowledge that it does NOT BELONG there!	Continued massive damage to the environment		
9/23/2021 12:38	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the damn	The health if the springs and life they support	? More manatees and fish die off, The river does not flow properly More wasted money trying to repair this fiasco	No The damn must be breaches	
9/23/2021 12:38	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River and Improve the water quality in the St Johns River	A report from the St. Johns Riverkeeper notes that restoring the natural flow of the The Rodman Dam on the Ocklawaha River is in serious disrepair and could cause catastrophic damage in Putnam County should it be breached. River would improve the ecology of the St. Johns River ecosystem and will help to offset the saltwater infusion from increased dredging. The Rodman Dam is stopping up at least 18 springs and preventing fresh water from entering the river. Additional freshwater into the St Johns River would likely provide a much healthier habitat for a greater variety of fish and for endangered species, like manatees. Furthermore, American Rivers ranked the Ocklawaha as endangered. Lastly, the Rodman Dam is in serious disrepair and could cause catastrophic damage in Putnam County should it be breached.	The water quality of the St Johns River continues to deteriorate, this river is one of the most outstanding natural resources in Northeast Florida and it NEEDS to be protected and restored. It has been neglected for too long.	No, breaching the dam appears to be the only effective solution.	I grew up in Jacksonville, Florida, I currently live on the St Johns River, I have personally witnessed the challenges that the St Johns River faces, including stormwater runoff, industrial pollution, saltwater intrusion. The dam was a huge waste of financial resources and now it is a safety and environmental concern
9/23/2021 12:41	Okaloosa		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/23/2021 12:42	Seminole		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking	Let it flow				
9/23/2021 12:42	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Preservation	Other bodies of water have been spoiled by interfering with the delicate ecosystems	Ruining a resource	No	
9/23/2021 12:44	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach the dam	Costly to maintain, and so many positive outcomes. Brings back 20 springs, and gives habitat for manatees and fish	Waste of time and money to repair old dam	No! Get rid of the dam	
9/23/2021 12:44	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 12:46	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I fished in the past, but not in the past 20 years.	I would like to see the dam breached and the river restored.	The dam was built as part of the Cross-Florida barge canal, which project was abandoned years ago. We should not be spending money to manage thos old dam, especially since it is not needed for the original purpose!	The continued degradation of the river habitat.	No	
9/23/2021 12:46	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking/Camping on nearby trails	It is far past time to breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River, but now is the time to act. Through a combination of environmental restoration and economic development projects we have the opportunity to create a better environment and better community for the residents of Marion and Putnam County. Restoring the Ocklawaha will reveal 20 lost springs, provide much needed habitat for manatees, and restore a health ecosystems where wildlife and people can thrive together. Restoration must be accompanied by economic and community development in the area to ensure that a restored river is beneficial for local residents.	Ocklawaha restoration is the most meaningful and cost-effective environmental project in Florida. It would bring twenty lost Florida springs back to life, open up much-needed habitat for Florida's struggling manatee population, restore 7,500 acres of wetland forests, and protect and restore the St. Johns River. And, it will benefit our economy through increased recreational opportunities and natural services. All of these benefits come at an estimated cost of only $26 million; $15 million less than what Florida spent on just legal fees in the lawsuit to restore flow to the Apalachicola River in 2017 and a tiny fraction of what is spent each year on infrastructure projects to restore the Everglades. The Land Acquisition Trust Fund is estimated to have $1.2 billion set aside for environmental restoration projects in 2022-2023, enough to pay for Ocklawaha Restoration 50 times over. Ocklawaha Restoration should be the top priority for LATF funding.	Another 50 years of a useless dam that that is not in the best interest of our environment, local communities, or businesses. If we miss this opportunity, and the dam is repaired, it could be another generation before an opportunity like the one before us comes about.	No, there is no viable reason why the Ocklawaha should not be restored. The focus needs to move from if we should breach the dam, to how we ensure that breaching the dam is beneficial for the local community.	
9/23/2021 12:46	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Restore the river.	41 age 70 and having never seen the Oklawaha in it's 'natural' state, the removal of the dam and the restoration of the river - will result in wildlife and habitat changes that will allow us to see what the river is really supposed to look like.	The lack of ecological benefits that would result from a failure to remove the dam and restore the river.	Not aware of any.	
9/23/2021 12:48	St Lucie		No	No				Remove Dam	The Corps of engineers debacle in Kissimmee river basin!	environmental degradation of lands south of dam.	Dathrone dam advocate!!	Have a nice day
9/23/2021 12:48	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Removal	The obvious impact on the environment present and future	Continued damage to natural habitat	No	
9/23/2021 12:48	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam!	Dam is old and in need of repairs. Breaching would breath a ton of ecological life back into the areas, mainly fish and manatees and create a thriving ecosystem once again. Keep FL wild!	Dumping tax payer money into the maintenance of a dilapidated dam that hurts FL more than it helps. Far more people will come to area and spend $$ if there is a natural beauty to it. Bringing the money in while restoring the area to its natural state is a no brainer to me	Negative	
9/23/2021 12:49	Alachua		No	No									
9/23/2021 12:49	Broward		No	No					Breach the dam in order to begin reversing the damage that was done by it.	I have been visiting springs for 20 years and I have seen the springs decline. The river grass no longer glows in the sun and the clarity of the rivers is no longer spectacular.	Hundreds of endangered manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Right the wrong that was done. Be a leader in making Florida great again. Our ecosystems are already battling climate change, pollution, development, etc. If you want to do one thing that is right in your life, remove the dam.
9/23/2021 12:53	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Cycling	Turn the reservoir into a nature preserve	Preserving natural water ways	Losing the ecosystem that make up the Everglades		
9/23/2021 12:53	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see a breach and restore Florida the way that it is supposed to be. The imbalance affects wildlife preservation.	Manatee migration	Manatees can't migrate!		
9/23/2021 12:57	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Put it back to its natural state so that everyone can enjoy it.	Water quality	Continue degradation of the environment and aquifer	None that I can think of. The dam needs to come down.	
9/23/2021 12:59	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the waterways	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No!! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANNTEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 13:01	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/23/2021 13:01	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Open it.	It's extremely important for the ecology of the springs and local waters.	I believe it would have severe negative ecological and economical impacts to our state.	No.	Do what's right for the springs in our state.

9/23/2021 13:03	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the river. The dam has negative impacts on the water, wildlife, people, and the economy.	Breaching the dam and restoring the river would benefit humans, the river, and wildlife. It would allow for a more natural fishing riverscape and allow fishing from the riverbanks, a benefit to lower income people or those without boats. More fishing, more diverse recreation would help the local economy.	Everyone loses if this is not done, including the Palatka economy. And the resources used to prop up this dam are extensive.	Draw the river down until the river is restored.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 13:03	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and the Kirkpatrick Dam breached in order for Florida's natural habitat to return to the pristineness it once was. I would like any manatee, fish, fauna, etc. to not continue to dwindle because of a dam that takes millions of tax dollars to operate/repair when there is no legitimate reason for it to still stand.	The Florida Spring Council's studies on marine life in the area.	My biggest concern would be the extinction of Florida's natural Flora and Fauna that so many from across the globe appreciate.	No.	Florida's aquifer and spring habitat is not hyperbolized when it is described as one of a kind. No where else in the world do these conditions exist like they do here in this beautiful state. I understand monetary decisions to a point but when there is nothing left, who will be there to pick up the wreckage?
9/23/2021 13:04	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam	Breaching the dam would restore many Springs. It would help restore fish populations to Silver Springs.	The springs ARE Florida, they are in need of restoration. Water quality suffers if we do nothing.	None.	Breaching the dam would also restore manatee habitats. 😍 these creatures are central to the beauty of Florida , only we can help protect them.. only we can help protect the habitats..
9/23/2021 13:05	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take Rodman down	The dam is deteriorating and so is the river. If the dam goes, the river comes back. Plus, it would help the St. Johns with flow.	That the Ocklawaha River continues to deteriorate.	More draw downs.	Free the Ocklawaha River!
9/23/2021 13:05	Wakulla		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove dam	The need for free flowing river to release springs, allow for fish migration and Manatee movement.	continued degradation of ground water, spring sheds and diminished manatee populations	no	We have reached the critical point concerning our water resources.
9/23/2021 13:05	Pinellas		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing	FREE THE 56-MILE OCKLAWAHA-SILVER RIVER BY THE BREACHING OF RODMAN DAM	ALLOW UNLIMITED MIGRATION OF FISH (SUCH AS STRIPED BASS) AND MANATEES BETWEEN MOSS BLUFF DAM, SILVER SPRINGS, AND THE ST. JOHNS RIVER.	FAILURE TO PROVIDE WINTER REFUGE FOR MANATEES, FAILURE TO ONCE-AGAIN ALLOW STRIPED BASS TO NATURALLY REPRODUCE, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MESS OF THE MUCK-OOZE THAT UNDERLIES THE LAKE WHERE IT HAS NEVER BEEN DRAWN DOWN.	NO, UNLESS THE FLOODGATES ARE COMPLETELY RAISED AND THE OCKLAWAHA RIVER FLOWS UN-MANIPULATED THROUGH THE FOUR FORTY-FOOT WIDE OPENINGS.	THE HENDRICKSON LITERATURE FROM 2016 SEEMS TO REPORT THAT THE TMDL PROBLEM CAN BE MITIGATED BY LWMMD.
9/23/2021 13:06	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 35,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 13:07	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Simple remove it and then let nature take its course. Allow loggers in to remove the downed cypress and clean up the destroyed trees. Then move up river removing the snkers and fallen trees blocking the watercourse.	It is artificial and has blocked the natural flow of a once wonderful waterway. Fish species that were once abundant there are no more (sea bass).	The river will remain a fouled cess pool with thousands of gallons of herbicide sprayed in it to control noxious weed growth. I live on the river and do not want this poison sprayed on water we depend on.	Not that makes any sense. Yes one could simply open the dam and disable it for all time.	Why not follow the decrees? On a year when the dam is open things start to return to normal natural state very quickly. Please at a minimum open the dam.
9/23/2021 13:07	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't. The dam is worthless.	De- commissioned and demolished. Like many other smaller dams that have been decommissioned and removed it has no value. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, 50 springs and 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored For recreational enjoyment which increases the intrinsic value of the whole region.	I have been an advocate of removing the dam for over 40 years. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. we simply need to remove the dam to restore the Ocklawaha river and other dependent habitats. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe and needs to go.	Restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary system.
9/23/2021 13:07	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I have operate an eco tour business since 1983 on the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers. The only high demand for trips to the area from Eureka north on the Ocklawaha or from the Kenwood restored old boat ramp is during a drawdown of the lake levels. Passengers are interested in seeing the restored springs and the dead trees in the lost flood plain. So called Old Timers of the area talk about the lost of clearer water and remark about dark sediments on the sand. Everyone misses the large catfish schools. They are no longer seen. I am a native and miss the diversity of fish in my home town of Eureka.	I would like to see the State accomplish its plan to breach Rodman to restore the flows and natural water levels. Thus getting economic repair to this area of Marion County. We have lost all the bait and tackle stores and no paddling outfitters exist in the lake area. People are seeking natural areas to spend their time and money. Breach the dam so that the health and numbers of the lost fish in this system can have the entire river to seek refuge and move freely to the St. Johns and back to reproduce.	Economic impact statement done by U of F. My 4 generations of family memories on the free flowing Ocklawaha and now my experiences. I operated the first pontoon boat eco tour on the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers starting in 1983 and until present time. Fish creel surveys documenting loss of numbers and species in the river above the Rodman Dam. My late mother and I watched through the years the habitat deteriorate and the large schools of fish disappeared. The beautiful artesian spring dominated sand bottom river is no longer known from Eureka north, ephiliciatus and the majority of the public have the education and knowledge capabilities to know that removing unnecessary dams restores economic growth and fish. All agencies agree that the rivers impacted by this dam need it to be removed for them to be restored.	Keeping a unnecessary dam across my rivers throat! Spending money on this area that does nothing to help the economy to bring in a variety of tourism interests. Through the years the recreational access to the reservoir have deteriorated and or have been closed. The State of Florida not doing what is best for Florida and this once connected great waterway.	The partial restoration is the scenario I can support . This was the States accepted choice of 5 options debated years ago to stop the damage and repair the natural system. A full restoration by removing the entire dam and structures created by the Cross Florida Barge Canal is my only alternative choice/scenario.	This is the time around the world and especially in the USA to remove unneeded and deteriorating dams. Areas in States that have removed dams report immediately the return of fish. I miss the annual sightings of huge schools of catfish going up a visible white sand river bottom to Silver Springs. I want to see commercial fishing boats coming in with the larger Striped Bass their clients caught during the annual spawning run up the Ocklawaha. Striper catches documented in newspaper fishing reports prior to the dam. We now have a large population of Manatees that need warm water refuge all around Florida. I want my home state to use my tax dollars on restoring lost economic recreational opportunities. I want a natural riverine forested flood plain back in my front yard. I don't want my government and agencies to stall on this much needed restoration. Waiting 50+ years I want my river back before I can't enjoy it again. I want to see my passengers excitement when first seeing a beautiful clear strong boiling spring. A river clear enough during low rain periods to see all the fish species. I want the glass bottom boats at Silver Springs to be able to show all these lost species once again. And I don't feel I want too much!
9/23/2021 13:08	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: General nature observation, photography	Breach the Rodman Dam and RESTORE the Ocklawaha River! It is past time for us to restore this incredible river and the species that rely on it to survive.	It is necessary to restore suffering migratory fish populations, to help bring back Silver Springs, and it is critically important for hundreds of manatees that could better access Silver Springs and other restored springs along the river, at a time with Florida's manatee population is experiencing unprecedented mortality. It is also important for forest restoration along the river corridor, and consequently wildlife such as birds.	Continued manatee decline, reservoir filling up with soil, continued fishery decline, springs not being restored. If not now, WHEN? There are so many other places for people to fish, and I firmly believe that businesses will prosper from freeing the river and breaching the dam.	Not really. This is the only pathway to take.	
9/23/2021 13:08	Marion		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	* There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	* We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	I was born and raised in Ocala! The springs have forever been the most special part to our community. Having them restored and the wildlife protected is the most important thing for our ecosystem!! We have one of the largest artesian springs in the world! I believe we should do everything within our human power to protect and preserve this incredible resource!!..
9/23/2021 13:09	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I prefer the free-flowing river portion of the Ocklawaha. While I have visited the Dam, I'd rather see it gone.	It is definitely time for the State of Florida to remove the dam and restore the river. It will benefit wildlife, save taxpayer money, restore springs, provide habitat to manatees, improve water quality downstream (less herbicide spraying to control aquatic weeds) and encourage resource-based recreation that greatly exceeds what is available in the dying Rodman Reservoir.	I served on the Canal Lands Advisory Committee as an alternate for Marjorie Carr, whose age at the time made it difficult for her to directly participate in this two-year committee process. I know all the ins and outs of the issue and believe it is in the long-term best interest of Florida, including those who live around the river and in Palatka, to restore the river. It's hard to distill all I know about this issue into a "most important piece" but if I had to sum it up I would say the natural, free-flowing river will afford our citizens and wildlife with far more benefits than a derelict dam and weed-choked reservoir that takes great amounts of money and herbicides to maintain even as a fishing spot for a very limited number of people.	Endless expense to maintain the dam and reservoir for the people of Florida, while missing out on the many benefits of restoration for wildlife and recreation. What a dumb and tragic loss that would be.	We are either going to have a free-flowing river or we are not. You can dress it up and put makeup on it (and call it "partial restoration"), but unless the dam is breached, the reservoir drained and the river restored, you are not going to have restoration that provides benefits to fish, manatees and river ecology.	This issue has languished as a result of indecision for decades. State leaders keep punting on the issue because no one has the guts to make a call and do what is right. I get that there is a local contingent that wants to keep their taxpayer-subsidized fishing hole to themselves, but we have seen just how beneficial that has been to the Palatka economy. It's in the dump and it's not going to get any better just because the state maintains a dying, weed-choked reservoir. It's time to restore the river and bring with it the many benefits that even the people of Palatka will profit from (even if they can't see it yet). If Governor DeSantis has the intestinal fortitude to make the call and initiate the restoration of this river, it will be a conservation achievement for the people of Florida that no governors before him could not achieve. He will be forever remembered for that, just as President Nixon still gets great kudos from the conservation community for having pulled the plug on the Cross Florida Barge Canal project. For the love of God, let's get it done.
9/23/2021 13:09	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 82% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 13:09	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	In favor of the dam being breached, in order to restore the Silver River/Ocklawaha system to its natural state. My wife feels the same way.	The need to perform periodic pool drawdowns, in order to deal with accumulations of toxic silt, and the inability for ocean/fresh water species to access the river as they have in the past. The dam is 52 years old, with a life expectancy of 50 years.	The continued degradation of a natural river system.	No	
9/23/2021 13:09	Pinellas		No	No					As a Florida Native who has visited, canoed and swam these waters all my life (I am 65 yrs old), I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs and 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Damn is in the spirit of the FI Constitutional amendment calling for the restoration of the Kissimmee River and the Everglades and is therefore the will of the people.
9/23/2021 13:09	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	remain the same	the habitat			
9/23/2021 13:10	Collier		No	No					Remove both'	Return to natural state.	water quality and retentionno	no	Every Corps project has done massive environmental long term damage
9/23/2021 13:10	Lake		No	No					Remove it. Restore natural flow.	Invasive fish	Just another eco system man has destroyed and they (humans) have made more of a negative than positive on air, water, land and all creatures dependent of the purity of the source.		
9/23/2021 13:10	Escambia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Humanity has no future without nature. Breach the Dam. Restore nature. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	The Dam is unsafe, costly to public funds, and will continue to wreak havoc on the local wildlife.	NO. Breaching the damn is 50years overdue.	You have the ability and privilege to move the next generation into the future. We MUST act now, and move into new ways of living.
9/23/2021 13:10	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see it taken down	Fish and manatee population	That the manatee and fish population will die and become extinct in these unprecedented times where we are loosing the majority of our wildlife forever	No	Take down the dam
9/23/2021 13:11	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Boating	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to its natural course.	Visiting all the affected areas in person by boat and seeing everything from the lack of fish and manatees in the Silver River to the drowned springs in the Ocklawaha which can only be visited while the reservoir is drawn down, to the rotting mats of vegetation and unnavigable stump filled waterways makes it obvious that the area needs to be restored.	That the dam would continue to remain in place preventing the entire area from being able to recover and allowing it to remain a festering sore on the landscape.	I could not support any scenario in which the dam continues to impound the river in any way.	
9/23/2021 13:12	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Manatees are literally dying. Manatees, floating sea potatoes are dying from this. As a Florida resident this is outrageous. Manatees should be protected, the springs is their winter home.
9/23/2021 13:13	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	Lack of natural stream flow and riverine habitat			
9/23/2021 13:13	Seminole		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	More wildlife and the restoration of Florida's ecosystems	The decimation of our Florida ecosystems	We continue to debilitate the habitats that our Florida wildlife deserve.		
9/23/2021 13:14	Pinellas		No	No					The Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam needs to be breached.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida! Not to mention, many manatees would be saved.	That we miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Hundreds of manatees also loose access to essential warm water in winter habitat.	Nope. This has been long overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. I would be incredibly disappointed if this project doesn't happen.. it would be beyond idiotic in preserving some of Florida's greatest treasures.
9/23/2021 13:15	Orange		No	No						Taken down and environment			
9/23/2021 13:16	Leon		No	No					Would like the3 dam removed, let the river flow free and lets the springs have another chance of life.	Detriment to the many springs involved.	As we continue to lose more of the natural Florida and its springs, the affected springs being impacted by the dam will have no chance to become the springs that were.	I do not think so.	time to think differently
9/23/2021 13:17	Alachua		No	Yes						Breaching the dam would allow for manatees and migratory fish to reach their habitat. This is especially important given the mass manatee mortalities of 2021. Conserving aquatic habitats is your duty to the people.	A missed opportunity to breach an old, unsafe, expensive, and environmentally damaging dam! This is your best opportunity to get this done. Public support is high.	Nope!	I appreciate the opportunity to give my opinion. There are many reasons to breach this dam. Please consider this matter with a long-term view. This dam is costly not only to taxpayers but to wildlife and the environment. The breach is many decades overdue. You can do this!
9/23/2021 13:17	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Dam!	We need to have greater awareness to the impacts of climate change not just on human but all wildlife and nature.	Wildlife food sources could be impacted & well as habitats. Furthermore there can be a trickle down impact to impact on clean water ets.	Not really	We need to be better stewards of our natural resources & looking ahead to how climate change and man create unnecessary harm.
9/23/2021 13:18	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would love to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record, Not to mention restoring fish populations in Silver Springs which have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 13:19	Columbia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see it breached.	The restoration of the 20+/- springs and the opening up of migratory routes for fish and manatees is the most important aspect to me.	The loss of habitat and food sources for manatees (which have been suffering greatly in the last year) and the continuation of severely depleted fish populations is unacceptable at this moment in history. There's also the issue that the dam is past its life expectancy and could cost millions in repairs. This would also be a missed opportunity for tourism as the springs have been growing in popularity across the state in recent years	No. This is 50 years overdue. The time is now.	
9/23/2021 13:19	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Viewing hidden springs during time of drawdown.	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River free flowing again and allow the multiple springs to be exposed and flowing free.	My own observation and listening to the environmental experts and Water Management people who support freeing the river and allowing a natural flow to support the St. Johns River.	Continued degradation of the St. Johns River Basin.	Not really, it seems to be either restoration or continuing damage.	I believe restoring the Ocklawaha will increase environmental tourism and in the long run help the sports fishing industry and the economy.
9/23/2021 13:19	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would love to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record, Not to mention restoring fish populations in Silver Springs which have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 13:20	Wakulla		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick	Put it back they way it should have stayed, do not mess with our natural Florida.	Politicians are in it for the money not the protection of our outdoor resources.	No, look at Florida and all the damage that has been done like this dam, the draining of the Everglades, and the over development in many counties.	Do what is right for the future of Florida, return things to the way they were.
9/23/2021 13:21	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating	I would like to see the restoration of the rivers and the 50 springs	The danger to the water and life that is their habitat. The health of our water is in direct connection to the health of humans.	The continued destroying of the life in the water	The goal is the mission of restoring the River and all other bodies of water that is connected. its way past time to do the right thing, not a piece of it.	I just repeat, the humans of Florida are as healthy as its water!!!!
9/23/2021 13:22	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times		The dam should be removed to allow the free flowing of the Ocklawaha River and the restoration of the natural environment.	There are numerous natural springs that the reservoir has smothered. Allowing them to recover their flows would bring ecotourists from all over the world to Florida, a boon to our economy. It would also bring greater recreational opportunities to Floridians.	The Florida environment will continue to degrade. Water quality will decline and invasive species will flourish.	No. The dam needs to be breached. This outrage has gone on for far too long.	Restoring the Ocklawaha will bring manatees back to the the region, a thrill for both tourists and locals. Reforestation will provide cooling, oxygen, and absorb carbon from the atmosphere.
9/23/2021 13:23	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Would like to see it removed.	The waters should be allowed to flow into it local rivers to restore balance and health to the water, to the wildlife, and for people.	The decline of the health of wildlife , water, and ecosystems we cherish now.i	Any improvement upon the current situation would be considered if my desired outcome is not possible.	
9/23/2021 13:23	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	I would like to see the river restored, visited the river and otherwise hidden springs during the draw down and was stunned to realize the affect the dam has.	Seeing all the weeds that grew, and the heavy use of chemicals to control them is a problem the dam creates by backing up the water. A flowing river would not have this problem.	The status quo, the way things are now, is a pointless perpetuation of an ill thought idea. The dam is old and it would be a waste to consider rebuilding it, and then justifying maintaining it because it was rebuilt.	More frequent draw downs might help, but letting nature rebuild the ecosystem is the only thing that makes sense to me.	Ecotourism is on the rise, and businesses that rely on the dam could easily be assisted in helping transition with the money that otherwise would be allocated and spent on dam maintenance.
9/23/2021 13:25	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	I would like to see it removed	The wildlife would be able to come back to the waters which will bring an abundance of health to the springs	That the springs will be in detrimental health.		
9/23/2021 13:26	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dame removed or breached.	Protecting our environment is = protecting our environment.	It would be wasted tax dollars and a continued destruction of our environment and our economy. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Saving and protecting the environment is critical to our health and economy.
9/23/2021 13:26	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please continue restoration	FLORIDA IS SO important to the southeast waterflow and to the future generations. Keep the restoration going, and complete it so the springs and nature can be safe for years to come!	Our younger generations will not have/or know the beauty of loving life in the fresh waters	no	
9/23/2021 13:26	Alachua		No	No									
9/23/2021 13:26	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam to create a free-flowing river	Ecological health of river and floodplain would greatly improve	Catastrophic failure of the dam	no	
9/23/2021 13:27	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: snorkeling / videography	Breach the Rodman Dam and Restore the Ocklawaha River, which would allow 20 drowned springs to flow once again. Removing the dam is essential to improving the health of Silver Springs. It is necessary to restore suffering migratory fish populations. And needed for the hundreds of manatees that could better access Silver Springs and other restored springs along the river, at a time with Florida's manatee population is experiencing unprecedented mortality. Florida already has enough money set aside next year to restore the Ocklawaha	Studies by the Florida Springs Institute ,Dr Knight	More starving manatees		

9/23/2021 13:27	Walton		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I went to the dam to see what affect it had on the drowned springs	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Florida springs are beneficial in their natural state and we need to breach the dam to restore them.
9/23/2021 13:28	Outside of state / other	France	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing						
9/23/2021 13:29	Lee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing						
9/23/2021 13:29	Outside of state / other		No	No										
9/23/2021 13:29	Duval		No	No					Breached honestly destroy it	Free flowing natural river that allows millions of fish and natural wildlife to return to their natural habitat.	Why wouldn't they do it? The thing is doing nothing doesn't even help with flooding. Allowing it to return to its natural free flowing state will restore many things			
9/23/2021 13:30	Orange		No	No										SAVE THE MANATEE! Like all animals, they are essential to life on this planet.
9/23/2021 13:30	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Leave them alone	My opinion	Flooding	No		
9/23/2021 13:30	Duval		No	No										
9/23/2021 13:30	Outside of state / other	Lords Valley, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:31	Outside of state / other	Marin County	No	No					Support the manatees	Animals are constantly being killed by human beings carelessness. We need to protect the planet of all the species on it.	That we lose another species			
9/23/2021 13:31	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:31	Outside of state / other	NYC	No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Be restored	Environmental	Environmental	Absolutely Not		
9/23/2021 13:31	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: We had Jet Ski's in the Ocklawaha	Mother Nature needs to return to normal - Remove the Rodman Dam	Seeing all of Florida's Springs protected and return to their normal flow.	A continued decline in water quality and increased pollution.	The only reason we have the Rodman Dam is because of the proposed Cross State Barge Cannel - The Cross State Barge Cannel was stopped for good reason, so the Rodman Dam should be removed.	This should have been done years ago!	
9/23/2021 13:31	Outside of state / other	Canaan ME	No	No										
9/23/2021 13:31	Outside of state / other	New York, NY	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	We need to restore the Great Florida Riverway while we can still help the wildlife who need this habitat.	Death of the manatees	No because I travel to and vacation in Florida because of my love of the manatees.		
9/23/2021 13:31	Outside of state / other	Tucson, AZ	No	No					These must be restored for ALL wildlife to enjoy and flourish in.					
9/23/2021 13:31	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Year it down to free the springs in the river and to free the fish and wildlife to travel the river up to the Head waters of the Silver Springs once again.	numerous studies over the years have been done by respectable organizations that come to the conclusion that the dams needs to go.	The cost of maintaining a dams that has no purpose other than imped our river and environment. It truly serves no useful purpose!	If the cost to tear it down is too great than at least leave it open permanently but stabilized to the point that maintenance is unnecessary.		
9/23/2021 13:31	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't						
9/23/2021 13:32	Orange		No	No										Save the manatees! They are essential to life on this planet, like all animals.
9/23/2021 13:32	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	The dam really should be removed and the river flow restored. The rivers, lakes and springs have been negatively impacted by th dam.	Findings from the conservation groups studying Florida's water resources.	Continued deterioration of downstream waterways and effects on the aquifer and springs caused by holding this water.	Not really. We have seen in the past that disrupting the natural flow of waters has far reaching consequences. It's time we remove it and allow nature to restore itself.		As an avid sportsman and resident of Florida since 1966 I have seen what happens over time when we alter our rivers and lakes. It has never been a benefit in the long term. Spend our tax dollars for preservation, not the maintenance of unnecessary and outdated structures like Rodman.
9/23/2021 13:32	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing			Loss of manatees habitat			Restore manatee habitats.
9/23/2021 13:32	Outside of state / other	Asheville, NC	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to provide wildlife habitat and better water quality for local users.	The Ocklawaha River is vital to the future recovery of manatees. Removing the dam and restoring the river provide vital habitat for this imperiled species.	Continued loss of manatee habitat and declining water quality.	It's past time to address this long standing threat to Florida's environment.		
9/23/2021 13:32	Outside of state / other	Oregon City, Oregon	No	No					In order to restore the Ocklawaha River, the Kirkpatrick Dam must be removed (breached).	Ocklawaha River restoration is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	I don't think so. I live in Oregon where several dams have been removed with great environmental benefit results. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		
9/23/2021 13:32	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	We have done enough damage to the environment, it's time to start righting some of our wrongs
9/23/2021 13:32	Santa Rosa		No	No										Restoration of manatee habitualle is crucial now and overdue. Please don't wait until it's too late for these lovely gentle giants!
9/23/2021 13:33	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					Restore the pathway	Nature preservation/conservation	The potential decimation/extinction of Manatees	Restoration in stages		
9/23/2021 13:33	Outside of state / other		No	No										
9/23/2021 13:33	Outside of state / other	IL	No	No								Protect the local environment		
9/23/2021 13:33	Collier		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:33	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					Protect manatee habitat	Manatees are threatened	Habitat loss	Perhaps		
9/23/2021 13:33	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Remove dam	Spring / wild life	Quality of the Wildlife / Fish will suffer			
9/23/2021 13:33	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					There needs to be a provision for the safety of the manatees in the area.	They are dying at a record rate.	They can become extinct.			
9/23/2021 13:33	Outside of state / other	New Mexico	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:33	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restore the river, it could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Save the marine life! We cant be selfish and only think of ourselves we need to save everything. Respect for all life and the earth!	Damaged marine life, loss of lives.			Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
9/23/2021 13:34	Outside of state / other	CA	No	Yes				Wildlife viewing Other: scenic viewing, especially of manatees	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	All the science.	The ignorance used for decisions.	Anything less risks never being able to do what is needed.		
9/23/2021 13:34	Outside of state / other	new jersey	No	Yes			1 time	Other						

9/23/2021 13:34	Hernando		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:34	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time			Restore ecosystem to protect environment and threatened species incl Manatees	Research and scientific data on threatened soecies and environments	Demise of populations incl manatees and others Imapcts balance ecosystems		
9/23/2021 13:34	Santa Rosa		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Protections	Preserve the area as muchh as possible - we owe it to future generations to hand down these natural areas for them to enjoy.	The human race is dammed either way, with its final frontier in hell and hell alone. We should still make an effort to protect beautiful spaces as long as possible		
9/23/2021 13:34	Alachua		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:34	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:34	Outside of state / other	Iowa	No	No									
9/23/2021 13:35	Clay		No	No					Please restore this manatee habitat!		That manatees will be extinct	Of course. I think that we can certainly make concessions for the wildlife while still meeting the needs of people	
9/23/2021 13:35	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the river--save the manatees!		more manatees will die		
9/23/2021 13:35	Seminole		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	n/a	n/a
9/23/2021 13:35	Sarasota		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:36	Lee		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:36	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoying Stjohns River	Removing it	Health of River	Health of river	No	
9/23/2021 13:36	Leon		No	No					I just want to protect the natural habitat.	I just want to protect the natural habitat.	I just want to protect the natural habitat.	I just want to protect the natural habitat.	I just want to protect the natural habitat.
9/23/2021 13:36	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Respect and protect manatees and all wildlife				
9/23/2021 13:36	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles	No	No									
9/23/2021 13:36	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Boating Other: Support for the removal of Rodman Dam	Restore the natural flow and open access for the migration of several species of wild and aquatic life there.	The reports submitted by several River restoration groups.	Complete failure of the Dam due to lack of maintenance by all 3 counties involved. Resulting in uncontrolled flooding		Please do what needs to support a thriving wildlife
9/23/2021 13:36	Duval		No	Yes	1 time		2-5 times	Other: I own a boatyard on the St. Johns River	The dam should be removed or at least breached sufficiently to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river and thereby the St. Johns	I'm concerned about spring restoration and the flow of fresh water in the St. Johns. We need to fight saltwater intrusion by restoring natural flow.	Worsening saltwater intrusion in the St. Johns.	I can't think of any but I'm open to fresh ideas.		Past generations have done enough damage to Florida's unique and valuable fresh water systems. It's time to admit old mistakes, correct them and make amends.
9/23/2021 13:36	Outside of state / other	Golden, Colorado	No	No					Restore the Great Florida Riverway -breach the dam	Manatees would benefit from access to more warm water areas	Loss of the manatees	No	
9/23/2021 13:37	Washington		No	No					Restoration of the Great Florida Riverway	Tourism suffers when Florida wildlife is imparited	The demise of species dependent on this critically important riverine environment	not really	Please work toward this end as quickly as possible. Time is running oout.
9/23/2021 13:37	Outside of state / other	California	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.	Saving the environment as well as manatees and other wildlife.	Loss of treasured wonderful wild places, waterways and wildlife.	No...Not at this time.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:37	Outside of state / other	ny	No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:37	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					So restore it to its natural beauty so that wildlife, marinelife and birds can again find refuge there	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	The increase of manatee deaths and the increase of urbanization, which takes critical habitat away and threatens wildlife.	No	
9/23/2021 13:38	Outside of state / other	Long Island New York	No	No					Restoration to provide safe marine life & habitat	Keeping the natural environment for all aquatic & wild life	Destruction of precious natural resources & the environment	No	Quality of life for all air, land & sea creation is vital to us & the future of our planet
9/23/2021 13:39	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	I wold like the Ocklawaha River to be restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/23/2021 13:39	Dade		No	Yes	2-5 times	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	preserve manatee habitat				

9/23/2021 13:39	Polk		No	No						Am not aware these horrible things going on and if these and other animals, especially those Manatees CANNOT become extinct!!!	There will be many people wanting to send an angry message to our government to do something about it!!! Thanks	We will see...	God bless all animals.. Manatees should NEVER FREEZE in winter.
9/23/2021 13:39	Osceloa		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Walking					
9/23/2021 13:39	Orange		No	No					I would like to see that the dam is breached before any more funding goes into it in order to restore life in the springs, and save the state and/or county governments funds for more important matters.	Having been made aware that breaching the dam will help manatee migration and fish populations is the most important piece of information for me.	My largest concern would be the eradication of a fish population and endangerment of manatees if the dam is not breached.	Unless there is another way to achieve the restoration of Silver Springs fish population and manatee migration routes without breaching the dam, then no.	
9/23/2021 13:39	Washington		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:39	St Johns		No	No					I'd like to see us restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will have the greatest benefit for manatee habitat of any restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. In addition, >15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species that include Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, significantly reducing their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for seriously considering this important matter.
9/23/2021 13:39	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:40	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: Mountain biking	Get rid of it! Restore the River.	Restore the River, exposing all of the now hidden Springs.	The area gets choked up with vegetation.	Not sure.	
9/23/2021 13:40	Jackson		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 13:40	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam. Restore the river to its natural flow to restore the health of the Great Florida Riverway. This dam serves no purpose at this point and is negatively affecting wildlife and water quality, as well as the natural landscapes of the state, which provide opportunities for the tourism economy through springs and riverways enjoyment.	Three rivers (Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver River) are restored, restoring ecosystems and wildlife flow from Welaka to Jacksonville.	Water quality declines further, fueling weed overgrowth, algae events, fish kills and loss of aquatic plants critical to the well-being of Florida's manatee population.	No. We need to breach the dam and retire the flow. Wildlife, water quality and Florida's natural ecology are under threat from many angles and we can't miss this opportunity and timing. The dam needs work and if that happens instead of breaching it we'll be stuck with this situation for a long time to come.	
9/23/2021 13:40	Marion		No	No					For it to be breached	Breaching the dam would re-emerge 20 drowned springs and re-open migratory patterns for fish and manatees	That manatees would continue to experience higher than average rates of die off as a result of being denied warm water winter habitat that these spring provide. Also that tax payer money will be spent repairing damage to the dam that will inevitably occur.	No the dam must be breached	Breaching the dam and reopening the spring benefits everyone, human and non human
9/23/2021 13:40	Alachua		No	No									
9/23/2021 13:40	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles, CA	No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam to restore river function and ecological health	This is critical for the recovery of manatee populations. This would also recover the river system, helping other important wildlife species such as Florida Panthers and Bald Eagles.	The continued ecological degradation of the Ocklawaha river system, and resulting negative impacts on all species that live there.	No. This is urgent and needs to happen as soon as possible to prevent further losses to native wildlife.	This restoration project is vital if we are to restore forested wetlands and provide a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:40	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Take it down! Preserve and expand manatee habitat!	Large scale losses in the manatee population	Manatees dwindle and go extinct.	Eliminate power boats in manatee habitats	We're the laughing stock of the country right now because of DeSantis and his anti-science approach to COVID-19: Let's do something RIGHT! Preserve and expand manatee habitat!
9/23/2021 13:40	Indian River		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	It would help save manatees and other wildlife	Wildlife will suffer	No. Saving our waters, habitat and wildlife is way overdue.	Also water quality, wetlands and wildlife will benefit by breaching the Rodman dam.
9/23/2021 13:40	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Drain the reservoir, breach the dam, allowing a free flowing river	The continual and strong suport of environmental groups	The continued use is of chemicals to control the vegetation	No	
9/23/2021 13:40	Outside of state / other	Minneapolis MN	No	No					Save the dam & waterways	Manatee deaths	More manatee deaths		
9/23/2021 13:40	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	Yes	More than 5 times			Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees
9/23/2021 13:40	Outside of state / other	Berks County, Pennsylvania	No	No									
9/23/2021 13:41	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration and protection. We must help the Manatee's and other precious wildlife and vegetation in our rivers		That we will loose the Manatee's forever THIS CAN NOT HAPPEN	Any improvement for the river and all that lives in it	We must protect our state s beautiful and special wildlife and vegetation fit the balance of life quit destroying and polluting for GREED
9/23/2021 13:41	Marion		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Dam is past its life expectancy, breaching dem dam saves $4-14 Million in Dam repairs, there are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by just this one act, making breaching the dam most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project. Hundreds of Manatees would gain Access to much-needed habitat, avoiding the manatees becoming extinct. restoring fish population at Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), the dam is unsafe. Millions of the taxpayer money is spent to repair the dam, but the dam does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation	NO! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restore Silver Springs, one of the largest artisan Springs in the world.
9/23/2021 13:41	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that could be restored through this project making it beneficial to springs protection, in addition to helping manatees gain access to much-needed habitat.	There's only so much time we have to save our natural resources before they're past the point of no return. Between pollution, changing climate, and decrease in water supply if action isn't taken the water quality may continue to decline, seeing an increase in algae events, loss of fish and more manatee deaths. Returning the springs to how they should be also opens opportunity for economic growth in the surrounding areas.	No	Florida is known for its' beautiful springs, help keep Florida beautiful and retain its natural resources. 2021 saw a huge loss in manatee life due to lack of habitat and food. Spring health has been declining over the years, where we're seeing algae growth in springs that used to be crystal clear. Action needs to be taken now to save what we can before it's too late.
9/23/2021 13:41	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, as hard as it is to lose the fishing spot and some of the bird nesting grounds its not worth the damage.	Numerous environmental education classes and an understanding that if we broke it we need to fix it.	The environmental impacts	Not off the top of my head. Give me some of your possible solutions.	Fishermen vs Environment, I think most would gladly fish somewhere else to help ensure the health of the environment and the diversity of noninvasive species.
9/23/2021 13:41	Bradford		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam and active restoration of the Oklawaha River. Re-purposing and retraining for people, business, and equipment that currently rely on the dam.	Improved mammal and waterfowl habitat, reconnection of riparian and aquatic habitats via flows inundating terrestrial areas, and a return the natural temperature range of the river by eliminating a stratified reservoir. All outcomes supported by peer reviewed literature such as Kaufman, J. H. 1992. Shuman, J. R. 1995; and Bednarek, A. T. 2001.	Continued ecological and hydrological disruption.	Free flow through the dam. I.e. eliminating the reservoir without removing the dam structure.	
9/23/2021 13:42	Palm Beach		No	No						preservation of marine animals and ecosystem	death of manatees and other life		
9/23/2021 13:42	Outside of state / other	St. Clair Shores, MI	No	No					Restore the Great Florida Riverway for manatees and other aquatic wildlife.	Florida's manatees are dying in droves. Protecting our beloved manatees will also protect other wildlife and help keep the riverway clean.	The riverway becomes polluted and does nothing to protect wildlife.	No.	If Florida wants to continue to woo folks to see its waterways and wildlife, Florida better step up and protect its resources before it's too late.
9/23/2021 13:43	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restore it.	To protect the habitat for hundreds of manatees.	The manatee population is dwindling. These gentle majestic creatures deserve our protection in order to endure. Future generations have the right to observe and enjoy the fun loving manatees. Humans do not have the right to destroy their populations forever.	Only that the habitats are protected, no matter what changes need to occur. The manatee population MUST endure and survive.	
9/23/2021 13:43	Outside of state / other	Missouri	No	No					Improvements to provide better environment for nature	Threatened manatees	Extinction	No	
9/23/2021 13:43	Volusia		No	No					Breach the Rodman Kirkpatrick Dam	The fact that 20 drowned springs would be restored, while simultaneously restoring fish and wildlife populations to the springs is very paramount to my position.	Water quality would continue to suffer causing more harm to the aquatic vegetation and wildlife.	No. Taxpayers dollars are being spent in maintaining this dam that is doing more harm than good.	Please consider the manatee population that is seeing its deadliest year in 2021. Manatees rely on warm water habitat to survive. Currently, 60% of manatees are depending on power plant outfall to stay warm during winter months, Florida's peak manatee season. This is not sustainable, and restoring the springs would provide the natural warm water habitat that manatees need to survive. If we cannot protect the natural species and inhabitants of our beautiful Florida, we are doing a huge injustice to our state and our natural world.
9/23/2021 13:44	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and let its water flow naturally	Cost & destruction to environment . Quality fishing is no longer found in the area	Continued environmental destruction	No	Legislators should not be so narrow minded but rather should consider the environment for future generations
9/23/2021 13:44	Broward		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. It would also help restore fish, manatee, and other native wildlife populations.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 13:44	Franklin		No	No									
9/23/2021 13:44	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing					
9/23/2021 13:44	Leon		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Loss and/or degregation of ecosystems, and specifically loss of manatee habitat.	Not really.	
9/23/2021 13:44	Broward		No	No									
9/23/2021 13:45	Outside of state / other	win a number of timeshare weeks in t	No	No					The Ocklawaha River needs to be restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will help provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No, breaching the dam is already fifty years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 13:45	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	The continued shyrocketing deaths of manatees!!	No	This is needed not just for manatees but also for much other wildlife. People cannot continue to selfishly destroy the planet at the expense of our environment and wildlife
9/23/2021 13:45	Orange		No	No					Clean water	Thirsti and Manatees.	Manatee Deaths.	Any that will kick out All Republican politicos.	Get the Freaking GOP OUT of Florida.
9/23/2021 13:45	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.	As a someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for your state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.	Manatees, along with other indigenous species are facing great pressure and in some cases extinction as continued habit and ecosystems get lost and/or compromised by development and pollution from agricultural byproducts.	no	his exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:45	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam to restore the springs!	There are almost 2 dozen springs that are being drowned and/or damaged by the dam. Breaching the dam would restore the springs and also protect the native plants/forest lands taken over by the reservoir.	Water quality decline and the environmental impact. This project would be the best and most cost effective way to address both of these concerns.	NO!!	It makes no sense to continue to spend millions of dollars to repair and maintain this dam when the environmental impact is so negative. NOW is the time to fund this project and breach the dam!
9/23/2021 13:46	Washington		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached.	The action is necessary to release the Oklawaha River.	The Manatees will die, because they will not be able to access warm waters.	I would support any scenario that will help the Manitees. I do not know what other action, apart from breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam, that will do so. If there is any such action, I could support it, if my desired outcome cannot be achieved.	

9/23/2021 13:47	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:47	Outside of state / other	Lebanon Junction, Kentucky	No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam ,and restore the Ocklawaha River to restore manatee optimal environment and restore many more acres to improve habitat for other native species.	the manatees need warm water to survive the winter	manatees will die out	no	
9/23/2021 13:47	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing Other: We did Canoeing / kayaking on the Ocklawaha since the early '70's but are now restricted to a little Jon boat for health reasons. We don't fish.	Do a one year trial period with the lock gates open and the dam gates raised. This way we can preview the consequences. To remove a section of the dam without doing this first is totally reckless. Don't go off half cocked listening to a bunch of non local fanatics, let cooler heads prevail. Let us locals see for ourselves. We will be the ones that will take losses from flooding in the Ocklawaha River valley every time we have a hurricane come up the east coast like Matthew did in '16. We have protection from this now, once the dam is breached this protection will be gone. This is very worrisome to us.	I've witnessed very shallow water conditions in the Gore landing area of the Ocklawaha during the dry winter months. So shallow I doubt a Manatee could pass. I don't want to exacerbate this problem in the dry winter months with a breached dam.	I have no desired outcome.	I have no desired outcome.	More people need to realize the positive aspect of having the lock and dam structures whenever a major storm approaches off the east coast. The counter clockwise winds can and do fill the St Johns river up substantially. The Lock and dam are very important for our protection from flooding in this scenario.
9/23/2021 13:47	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. This action is long overdue.	This exciting restoration project will revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:47	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Tear down the dam and free the rivers	History. The dam was only constructed for the nonexistent barge canal	Drying up of the river system		
9/23/2021 13:48	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No									
9/23/2021 13:48	Outside of state / other	Plainfield, IL	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Please restore the Great Florida Riverway to save wildlife habitat. Thank you.
9/23/2021 13:48	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/23/2021 13:48	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					sound environmental policy applied	environmental science	environmental degradation	no	
9/23/2021 13:49	Polk		No	No					Removed	Restore natural water flow.	Reduction in wildlife habitat	No	
9/23/2021 13:49	Broward		No	No					Pls see below	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.	Pls see above	Pls see above	
9/23/2021 13:49	Outside of state / other		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:49	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Triathlon in the area	Removal. Avoid maintenance cost. Allow drowned springs to flow. Improved flow in st. John's.	Maintenance cost in the range of $1,000,000/year. Doesn't need to be spent.	Ongoing waste of taxpayers' dollars on unnecessary, harmful structures	Not really.	
9/23/2021 13:49	Citrus		No	No					Remove it	it has a negative impact on the environment.	I think the damn is ruining the environment, which will negatively impact tourism and the economy.	Not sure how, but the solution must be to restore the natural flow, which is important for the ecosystems downstream.	
9/23/2021 13:49	Nassau		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Remove it!!	Restoring the Ocklawaha.... Natualr iver for manatees, fish passage etc.	Continued Environmental damage. Money wasted on dam maintenance	Remove the dam AND restore theriver channel	
9/23/2021 13:49	Polk		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Observe it's impacted condition	Restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River at sufficient breach to re-unveil the embayed springs, reforest the drowned bottomlands, fully re-enable seasonal fish passage, and re-establish full access to manatee habitat in the Silver River.	The globally unique aspects of the Ocklawaha River have been greatly simplified and homogenized toward a much more common lacustrine ecology and economy. There are many lakes but far fewer undammed black water rivers and even fewer Florida springs/black water river complexes in the world.	A monumental last opportunity to restore the system's natural functions in a manner that would also invigorate the regional economy by stimulating the kinds of ecotourism people visiting the real Florida wish to experience.	Perhaps, but anything short of returning a free flowing river at the full range of flow variability from base flow to flood pulse is unlikely to meet the critical objectives.	A huge benefit of restoring the hydrology and hydraulics by dam removal could be water quality improvement associated with stream restoration and wetland renegetation.
9/23/2021 13:50	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Taken down	Restore effected Springs	Continued loss of Florida's Springs.	No	
9/23/2021 13:50	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
9/23/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					Restore great Florida riverway	Helping the manatees and wildlife	The welfare of the animals		
9/23/2021 13:50	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other	Middletown, NJ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Wildlife cannot wait.	
9/23/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other	Rhode Island	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/23/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other	san diego	No	No					Removal	Salmon/fish/environment recovery	Degradation of the ecosystem	Partial removal	Removal is the best option!
9/23/2021 13:50	Martin		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam released and the springs restored.	Restoring the springs will not affect local commerce, but it will positively affect aquatic life such as fish, otters and birds.	I'm concerned about the disappearance of Florida's stunning freshwater springs. I do not want to see any more loss of habitats & ecosystems, only restoration and conservation.	No. Restore the springs.	Please restore the springs
9/23/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other		No	No									
9/23/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other	Brooklyn, NY	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:51	Marion		No	No					I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored, 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored, Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river, 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat, millions of dollars in dam repairs are saved on a dam past its life expectancy.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe - what if a storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to over 500 property owners and over $50 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/23/2021 13:51	Outside of state / other	Mariposa, CA, 95338	No	No					It is important for a manatee habitat restoration project. 5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored, which is essential for many wildlife species.		We should not keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded.	No.	Please restore 15,000 acres of forested wetlands to benefit us all.
9/23/2021 13:51	Outside of state / other	NYC	No	No					Save this now!	We need to be more aware of the alcohol problems taking place in our country and the world	our animals are dying every day--protect them-take action now---	yes--rid your state of DeSantis and save Florida---now!	
9/23/2021 13:51	Washington		No	No					Please breach the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Loss of these iconic, beautiful fellow Earthlings.	Thank you.	
9/23/2021 13:51	Collier		No	No					an environmental benefit for people wildlife an all nature		losing our fl ecosystem	no	
9/23/2021 13:52	Outside of state / other	Pittsford, NY	No	No					Safe for wildlife, especially manatees.	We can survive without Nature.	The end of humans on the planet.	Make every effort to conserve.	
9/23/2021 13:52	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like it removed to restore the natural river flow	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	The Ocklawaha River continues to be restricted and environmental concerns are ignored.	No, the dam is outdated and needs to be removed	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 13:52	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles County	No	No						Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	No	
9/23/2021 13:52	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	None	

9/23/2021 13:52	Alachua		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:53	Outside of state / other	Louisiana	No	Yes			Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	1. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	1. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. 2. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a person who visits and cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 13:54	Outside of state / other		No	No				Manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	We will lose manatees forever.	There isn't one.	Do the right thing.
9/23/2021 13:54	Outside of state / other	Los Lunas NM 87031	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 13:54	Alachua		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 best springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/23/2021 13:54	Outside of state / other	Rock Hill, SC	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Over 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future	No - breach the dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/23/2021 13:54	Palm Beach		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Removal of Kirkpatrick dam to restore the flow of the Ocklawaha river	restoring the river and restoring more warm water winter habitat for manatees	deprives manatee warm water winter habitat and leaves 7500 acres of wetlands flooded which continues to impact numerous species like black bear, panther bobcats etc.	no	
9/23/2021 13:55	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Revive our springs. Release the water	visual observation. Editorials in the Gainesville Sun.	springs will dry up, polluted waterways	Controlled water release...see how it goes	
9/23/2021 13:55	Broward		No	No								
9/23/2021 13:55	Brevard		No	No				The dam and reservoir should be breached/ removed to restore free flowing water for riparian and all associated species; returning to our wildlife a healthy free water way.	Restore this crucial water way to support manatees, bald eagles, black bears. Florida needs this piece of waterway for our ecosystem, our ecotourism, and the health of our state.	That the dam structure would remain, artificial and unnecessary. The structure inhibits the healthy natural waterway that could support a whole host of wildlife, improving the health and ecology of entire regions.	I'm not sure that any measure short of providing free flow would achieve anything.	Let's be a model for restoring and maintaining natural habitat. It has been done in several other states, and there are proven and decisive ecological benefits to allowing the natural order to repopulate and restore riparian lands.
9/23/2021 13:55	Outside of state / other	Phoenix, Arizona	No	Yes			Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, which would benefit species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 13:55	Outside of state / other	California	No	No				Protecting wildlife across the country should be all of our highest mandate. Climate Change, pollution and encroachment on ecosystems where wild animals live is human caused disasters. We can change these and protect wildlife.	Humans have caused wildlife extinction and harm that has reduced the rest of wildlife's ability to survive. We humans are to blame and need to take huge steps to protect all wildlife.	Protection of all wildlife. In this case protection and thriving of the manatee population.	No.	
9/23/2021 13:56	Washington		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	NO!!! Remedying the manatee and environmental situation can't wait. Breaching the dam must begin now.	
9/23/2021 13:56	Outside of state / other	Berkeley, Califorria (the Bay Area)	No	No				Save the manatees--that's plenty.	All the poeple who will sign this and agree this needs to be done.	The Conservation impact of this.	I will have to see it when it comes out.	
9/23/2021 13:56	Orange		No	No				reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - the Great Florida Riverway.				
9/23/2021 13:57	Outside of state / other	Arlington Heights, IL	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 13:57	Washington		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. 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9/23/2021 13:57	Orange		No	No						I would think, how stupid are we? Not to protect what we already have. Who knows how all these animals interlink in the chain of being. Are we cutting off the branch closest to the tree trunk? I don't know.	But I can't breathe any more. I have no good water to drink. I need to move 200 miles inland to survive. Stupidity!	I am answering this bc I just want to see manatees protected. I enjoy seeing them on walks and, as far as I am concerned, every species, variety, phylum, etc. of animals needs to be protected. How short-sighted are we?! We came into being into a world that was full of animals. (And I am aware of evolution and disappearance of species.) Nevertheless, it was a world ready to accept a human form. If we keep degrading this word, we're ruining the very thing that embraced us into existence.
9/23/2021 13:58	Outside of state / other	Ventura, Ca	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/23/2021 13:58	Jefferson		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 13:58	Okaloosa		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove Rodman Dam entirely, and restore the Oklawaha's original natural character.	My dad, who grew up in rural Georgia, was a bomber pilot in World War II, and soon after the war's end he brought my family and me on a tour of late-1940's Florida. (--After spending the war shoving Nazis north from Africa, he needed this respite to recover, and regain his peaceful inner stability.) Our trip across Florida began in the Panhandle and took us all across the state to the east coast. I was but a small boy at the time, and much of that trip has faded from memory, but the part that has stuck indelibly with me was the glass bottom boat ride at Silver Springs. --Gators, turtles, and the biggest catfish I have ever seen! In the ensuing 70+ years, Silver Springs has deteriorated in many ways, but the most significant damage was done by the ill-conceived barge canal, blocking the Oklawaha River with construction of Rodman Dam. Please, let's now remove this dam, and allow Mother Nature to do her magic in natural restoration of this beautiful waterway all the way from Silver Springs to the Atlantic. Thank you, Bob Reid	The irretrievable loss to future generations, --not just Floridians, but all persons interested in the Natural World.		
9/23/2021 13:58	Sumter		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	While I enjoy spending time at the reservoir and seeing all that nature has to offer, I believe it is high time to breach the dam and restore the native ecosystem of the Ocklawaha River. Florida's waterways developed over millenia to support an astonishingly complex web of life that we have done much to damage. It's time to reverse that trend, including restoration of the Oklawaha River system.	The most urgent need for restoration is around saving the very imperiled manatees. They are facing so-many threats with pollution and habitat destruction--they need a clean warm water habitat if their numbers are going to stop plummeting. I don't want to live in a Florida without manatees. Also the restoration of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be a boon to os many of our beloved species: panthers, bobcats, eagles, black bears...	More obstacles for manatee recovery and for wildlife that cannot traverse the land for their maximum benefit. This is 7500 acres we're talking about--a significant acreage that wildlife needs more than we do.	No, this is not a situation that calls for half-assed measures. It's time for the dam to come down. Again, our wildlife needs that restored wildland more than we do.	I strongly support restoration of the Great Florida Riverway. Restoration will reunite, as God intended, this 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. This will benefit countless ecosystems along with local communities and economies. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will most importantly provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 has been the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to manatees is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation, particularly if we do the right thing and keep moving towards solar power to protect our climate. Breaching Kirkpatrick Dam will let manatees access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

9/23/2021 13:58	Outside of state / other	Iowa	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 13:59	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman Dam removed. The benefits of restoring the Ocklawaha River far outweigh leaving it in place. It is deteriorating due to lack of care and maintenance. The	If the Rodman is breached the Ocklawaha, Silver & St John plus approx. 50 Springs currently buried in rotting vegetation & silt will be restored. The Springs have been verified during scheduled draw downs at the dam.	We will lose the opportunity to make this happen while public interest is high. State & Federal funds are currently available. Over 400 Manatees have died this year. Restoring their past natural habitat by breaching the Rodman could sustain and even improve their chance for survival.	Breaching the Rodman is 50 years overdue. As it now stands in a time of FL's increasing danger from more intense & more numerous Tropical Storms & Hurricanes, the Rodman which lacks long called for maintenance is unsafe. When it fails, every person is in danger of loss of life and property. Such an outcome can be avoided by breaching the dam.	Breaching the Rodman is a win-win scenario for a majority of Floridians. It reconnects 3 three important rivers, uncovers over 50 springs thereby increasing water quality, boosts recreation opportunities, increases possibility of Manatee survival, increases the viability of fish with increased water quality & areas to breed, plus protect lives & property of citizens downstream from dam failure. The Silver Springs attraction would also benefit from cleaner water. With the news that in South FL is planning a highway through sensitive wetlands, we here have an opportunity to save and greatly improve the natural beauty that is our beautiful springs & rivers by breaching the Rodman Dam. Sometimes you only get one opportunity to do the right thing. I believe that time is now.
9/23/2021 13:59	Outside of state / other	Burlington, NC	No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Protection of Manatees is not solely a Florida issue but one of environmental and conservation that all citizens of America and the world ought to have a say in. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 14:00	Flagler		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	The fact that we lost more manatees than ever this year to starvation and lack of sea grass from pollution means that we need more habitat that is clean for the health of the ecosystem.	I would like to have the dam breached and go back to it's natural state to support more space for wildlife and warm spring fed waters for manatees.	It will detrimental to our ecosystem if we cannot restore it to its natural state. We have to do what we can to support our endangered and threatened wildlife. The Florida panther needs room to expand their territory since they are being pushed out by urban sprawl.	No! The dam must be breached. It should have happened 20 years ago.	
9/23/2021 14:00	Broward		No	No					Help the manatees by restoring their protection	I am concerned with their welfare.	The loss of one of Florida's treasures, the manatees?	
9/23/2021 14:00	St Johns		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Give Manatees a safe, large habitat to thrive & repopulate. Restore fish populations.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Manatees aren't don't have a safe place for winter.	NO. This has to happen.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future.
9/23/2021 14:00	Outside of state / other	CT	No	Yes	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:01	Pinellas		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Manatees and other wildlife are the most important pieces of information! Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue - wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer!	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:01	Marion		No	No				I would love to see it removed.	Migration of the fishes and manatees. Its a septic tank.	The septic tank getting fuller.	Maybe	Most of the people that want to keep it, had never seen it before the damn shame was put into place. It use to be clear and cool waters. The water on top of the dam is warm water that spills over the dams, and evaporate millions of gallons every day from the pool. When I was a kid you could see catfish as big as I was. Manatees use to be there too. The Army Corps spray tons of poison in the pool every year to keep the grasses at bay. With a free flowing Ocklawaha River, there would not need to spray poison on the grasses.
9/23/2021 14:01	Outside of state / other	Durham, NC	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a person who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:01	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:01	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see this dam breached	the incredible springs of our region are not thriving and breaching this dam could restore water to 20 springs. that is huge for the manatees and the ecosystem in general of our area	such a waste of money repairing this dam when if we just got rid of it, the springs, manatees, fish, and people would be so much better off. I am very concerned for the manatees and the loss of our springs.	No, the dam needs to be breached	the manatees need this breach. their population is in peril and they need the springs to survive in. please allow florida waterways to return to their natural state. dams are a thing of the past that have consistently proven to have grave environmental outcomes.
9/23/2021 14:02	Outside of state / other	Montgomery County, Pennsylvania	No	No					We need to ensure that the Florida Waterways are kept free, not for boat traffic but for the wildlife, for example manatees.	Over the last few years, there has been an alarming decrease in numbers of manatees and other manne wildlife. Unlike humans who can move to another part of the state or out of state, they do not have any other place to live; the ocean and waterways are their home. We (humans) are the visitors.	One by one we seem to be destroying wildlife's territory. If we want their existence to continue, it is essential we honor their space. Whether we know it or not, each wildlife creature has a purpose in humans' existence.	Not really, we have been developing areas of Florida that should not be, such as swamp land. We will eventually pay the price, maybe not the older generation but the young people. Global warming is happening.	
9/23/2021 14:02	Okeechobee		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing Kiteboarding	My family and I would like to see all Manatee habitat restored.	Manatee numbers are in decline.	That Manatees are put at risk due to human disregard and lack of concern.	We support restoration of the habitat for Manatees and other wildlife.	
9/23/2021 14:02	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Nothing needs to change. The damn is well established and has reason to be messed with.	We and my father have fished Rodman reservoir countless times and it has shown to be one of the best lakes in Florida to fish. The ecosystem that is there is home to great species diversity and quality of fish. When the water is drawn down every 3-5 years it creates fresh, new, and healthy bottom structure for grasses and algae to grow. This gives lots of structure on top of the countless flooded cypress tress for new and growing fish to hide and take cover within and around. This proves that the ecosystem there is heavily established.	My biggest concern for the dam being removed is that people will see what nature has to reset after the lake is destroyed. I feel that people do not realize how much work nature has to put in to revert what humans do to the world. Rodman reservoir is proof that nature can adapt to what human change in it but it is too far along and this ecosystem has already been established and but removal of the dam it will cause nature to completely start over.	No the dam needs to stay.	Removal of Rodman dam will cause more harm than good and there is no way that by removing it will help the ecosystem in any way. Being a fisherman and seeing how nature can adapt is amazing but if the dam is removed there will forever be a scar on Florida from where the lake used to be. DO NOT REMOVE THE DAM!!!
9/23/2021 14:02	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time		Removal. The cross Florida barge canal was a boondoggle which only provided profits for the officials overseeing it	We have an economy which relies on healthy ecosystems	Continued adverse environmental impact	No	
9/23/2021 14:02	Pinellas		No	No					I'd like to see the dam removed so natural environmental processes may resume.	Knowing that fish have had their migratory routes destroyed by a man-made feature.	That there will be continued apathy toward the natural cycle of the planet and its water systems.	I don't know. you tell me the possible scenarios.	
9/23/2021 14:03	Franklin		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore and maintain the lands and water for Wildlife and Sea Animals		Destruction if our lands and Mother Nature		

9/23/2021 14:03	Outside of state / other	jersey city. nj	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder and Care about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:03	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	dismantle it return to natural Florida	wishful thinking	stagnant cesspool		
9/23/2021 14:04	Duval		Yes	No									
9/23/2021 14:04	Hillsborough		No	No					One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Just common sense! They can't get past a dam	That Manatees will suffer.	No	
9/23/2021 14:04	Dade		No	No					Save the habitat for manatees	Manatees are endangered	Save manatees		
9/23/2021 14:04	Outside of state / other	Contra Costa County, California	No	No					I'd like the Ocklawaha River to be restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a fellow American who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:05	Polk		No	No					Removed and back to natural state.	Science supports nature and natural habitats for the betterment of animals and humans.	Lost of critical habitats for many animals.	I am sure that would depend on several aspects.	
9/23/2021 14:05	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier and $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply, or other broad public benefits. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permits and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to $37 property owners and up-to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 14:05	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 14:06	Outside of state / other		No	No					restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. This restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:06	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Other: To access the Ocklawaha River via boat or kayak.	The time has come to finally breach the dam and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha, the surrounding floodplain wetlands, and the submerged springs. The dam has created an unnatural system that must be maintained and manipulated to the detriment of the Ocklawaha and ecosystem.	The federal and state scientific studies that support the breaching of the dam and the restoration of the Ocklawaha. The ecological, economic, and recreational benefits of restoration far outweigh the costs and limited benefits of keeping the dam in place.	That science took a backseat to politics and a significant opportunity was lost to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reestablish a natural, free-flowing Ocklawaha. Breaching the dam would reestablish natural fish migration patterns and the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality and wildlife habitat, restore 5,000 acres of forested wetlands, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Breaching the dam would also provide more opportunities for recreation and economic development. Keeping the dam will require the ongoing and unjustified cost of maintaining a relic of the failed barge canal project and maintaining an unnatural system, such as spraying chemicals and drawdowns to control invasive plants. As the impacts from climate change continue to worsen, so too will the ecological health of the reservoir and the fishery.	No, keeping the dam intact does nothing to restore this degraded ecosystem and only delays the inevitable.	The time has come to stand on the side of science and acknowledge the tremendous value of a free-flowing Ocklawaha to Silver Springs, the St. Johns, the Great Florida Riverway, and the people of Florida by breaching the Rodman dam.
9/23/2021 14:06	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Ideally the damn would be removed and the waterway restored to it's natural state	As the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state, restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer will benefit from the restoration of the 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No, this is the only outcome that makes sense and is already decades overdue.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:07	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: to see for myself what a terrible mistake this low quality impounded body of water is, and the damage done to significant wetland resources.	Decommission the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River and the associated forested wetlands and floodplains. Do away with the Reservoir. It serves no positive ecological purpose and only costs Florida tax payers to maintain it.	We are loosng wetlands and water quality within our remaining springs. This will restore 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem, historic fish and manatees will return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. Recreation opportunities will abound and local economies will benefit.	The tax payers will continue to foot the bill for the boondoggle dam and reservoir at the expense of thousands of acres of wetland habitat, springs and natural flowing river. Florida needs more wetlands and aquatic habitats, not more reservoirs!	No.	this has gone on long enough. For 30+ years the local community and statewide organizations have been trying to get the State to do the right thing and restore this vital ecosystem.
9/23/2021 14:07	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Manatees will continue to have difficulty finding food and this will ultimately hurt the population totals of manatees.		
9/23/2021 14:07	Broward		No	No									I am not familiar with this waterway nor the specific importance to the state. I am responding in support of those who are informed, concerned and aware of the needs to keep the waterway viable.
9/23/2021 14:08	Washington		No	No					clean it up and tear it down	manatees	injury and daath to manatees	the public and politicians become more responsible and liable	
9/23/2021 14:08	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Open it up		Moving water no more	No	
9/23/2021 14:08	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. It would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:08	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Passive study of environmental conditions and reservoir use, and recreational opportunities.	Breach the dam, thereby restoring a flowing Ocklawaha, unburdening the lost springs of the Ocklawaha, allowing free wildlife passage, improving the health of the St. Johns and Silver Springs. This will improve the ecotourist experience and promote low impact appreciation if the river ways with an associated economic benefit to the region.	Personal, long time observation combined with scientific study by both governmental and non-governmental entities all reaching broad agreement that breaching the dam is economically warranted and environmentally necessary.	Disregarding many decades of environmental harm, public concern and lost ecotourism opportunities would seem to take Florida backwards. We have learned much over the past 60 years required the we think more of the future, providing opportunity and sustainability for generations to come. Ignoring these responsibilities would be my biggest concern,	Breaching the dam IS THE compromise scenario that I can support	
9/23/2021 14:09	Outside of state / other	Washington state	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I enjoy visiting Florida and appreciating all the varying landscapes and wildlife. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

9/23/2021 14:09	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:10	Okeechobee		No	No					As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.	No	
9/23/2021 14:11	Duval		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/23/2021 14:11	Outside of state / other		No	No					Breach the Dam to restore the river environment.	Restoring the habitat of the Ocklawaha River will benefit the manatees.	Manatee survival	No	
9/23/2021 14:12	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Boat tour during draw down to observe for myself the condition of the reservoir.		I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam removed to allow the Ocklawaha River to run free again. This would also improve water quality, conservation activities, biodiversity and allow manatees another safe place to eat and winter over.	Restoration of a free flowing river would bring the whole system back to a healthy level providing more and improved recreational opportunities and a healthier ecosystem for humans and wildlife. Everyone and everything wins, even the bass fishermen!	Further degradation of the river and its wildlife. Every day that goes by is a double slap in the face to Florida citizens- we are paying and will continue to pay millions of dollars for a dam that is unsafe and not needed. We are throwing good money after bad and in doing so, we are damaging the river and its wildlife in the process. The citizens of Florida would be asked to continue to pay money to destroy their natural resources- essentially spending money to go into debt!	No. You either have a dam or you don't. This dam has been destroying our river long enough.	I am a native Floridian and have called Marion County home for almost 50 years. I moved to Marion County to find a fresh, wholesome place to raise my family and to live out my life- a place where nature was abundant and people could enjoy a variety of ways to interact with it. However, the rivers, springs and their surrounding ecosystems were and are the "lifeblood" of my decision to call this area home. The springs and rivers refresh my soul whether hiking, kayaking or sitting on the bank in quiet contemplation. When I took a boat tour to see what the Rodman dam had done, my heart sank. The landscape was like a nightmare- dead trees, rotting vegetation, submerged springs. We took a magnificent river system, choked it almost to death and left the corpse around for 5 decades! Wise elders in my youth told me when man tries to improve on creation, he always fails in the long run and creation and its creatures pay a high price. The Rodman dam is just one more in a long line of such attempts in Florida. However, the good news is that nature is standing by, ready to refresh God's creation. Remove the dam and let the water's flow and begin to heal. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.
9/23/2021 14:12	Outside of state / other	United States	No	No					Every thing what manatees need to stay survived. Please see that manatees receive what they need for their needs of survival.	I'm here for manatees' needs of survival that I'm asking u to provide every thing manatees need for their needs of survival.	'I heartwrenching ''I Our Heavenly Father created every different kind of animals on the Earth. We should not neglect what the animals need like manatees need. We need to see that we take good care of manatees so our generations will be inspired watching how beautiful manatees are.		
9/23/2021 14:12	Glades		No	No					Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
9/23/2021 14:12	Broward		No	No					For it now to be damned. Many sea life and wildlife depend on this dam for various reasons. Most importantly the manatee.	The most important piece of information that supports my position is the 100s of manatees that died last year because of loss of habitat due to man made things liek the red tide and also to the cold climate conditions.	That more endangered manatees would die if we could not provide them with warmth from the elements. As one the main states that provides manatees a home inthe US, it is our DUTY as Floridians to protect this species.	no and it would be unfortunate if we lost more wildlife because of the dam.	Please help wildlife and the Florida Manatees. The US is counting on it.
9/23/2021 14:13	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to it removed!	The damage already done to the springs system.	Our water supply is the first thing that comes to my mind! And the impact on the local wildlife that denpend on the river as well as "ALL" the springs!	Absolutely not!	I would like to see water management do something right for a change and start to repair our natural environment that they have ruined over the years!
9/23/2021 14:13	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.				
9/23/2021 14:13	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	take out the dam and restore the natural flow	restoration of numerous springs and natural habitat. financial help is available	risk of dam rupture. continued poor quality of the waterway. waste of money	no restoration of flow is the best outcome	the time is now.
9/23/2021 14:14	Volusia		No	No					better control on waste water going into reservoir and dam		more manatees and other wild life dying		
9/23/2021 14:14	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:14	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River and breaching the dams	Saving Manatee lives and other marine life and the sea grass	Manatee extinct , sea grass die off , complete breakdown of the ecosystem	No	We can't wait any longer. You must free the river and restore the area back to its natural state in order to bring balance
9/23/2021 14:14	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam to restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River	Tremendous financial and ecological costs of maintaining Rodman Pool	Loss of the social benefits of dam removal.	Hard to imagine...need to get the river back within its banks and the springs flowing again.	I am mystified about why this problem wasn't resolved decades ago when the benefits of river restoration became clear.
9/23/2021 14:15	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	For it to be restored	Keep Manatees alive	More deaths of manatees		
9/23/2021 14:15	Liberty		No	No					Kill the dam, we need the water to flow and restore the aquatic habitat.	The positive effect on important wildlife, especially manatees, bears, panthers, etc.	The continued decimation of wild manatees in Florida.	None. Breach the dam immediately.	The Great Florida Riverway is a national treasure and needs to be treated as thus. Securing habitat for our wild manatees is of prime importance to the people of Florida and American in general.
9/23/2021 14:15	Outside of state / other	NC	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 14:15	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Protect the manatees	Save the manatees			
9/23/2021 14:15	Outside of state / other	Dallas, TX	No	No					Protect not only the manatees, but the entire ecosystem.	The red tide and dying off of the manatees food source (sea grass) is causing a RECORD number of deaths!	Seeing the end of manatees in this area.	Not at this point in time. Let's see what the other side has to say.	I had a chance to swim with manatees 4 months ago in Crystal River and it is one of those experiences that will stay with me forever. Let others have that experience too. Save the manatees!
9/23/2021 14:16	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	For it to be breached	Increased Wildlife restoration for Silver Springs. Breaching this damn could help encourage and flourish the springs wildlife population. We need to hold onto as much Florida's green spaces as Florida continues to be developed exponentially.	More work still needs to happen always so one failure should not discourage us from preserving Florida.	Getting people involved in restoration is enough.	I love my home state and I want it to be cherished for all to enjoy.
9/23/2021 14:17	Washington		No	No									
9/23/2021 14:17	Outside of state / other	Santa Cruz, CA	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a citizen who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our nation's/state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:18	Outside of state / other	Syracuse, NY	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	

9/23/2021 14:19	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:20	Outside of state / other	Austin texas	No	No										As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:20	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:21	Outside of state / other	Wilson County Fredonia, Kansas	No	No					Protect the many animals who live there	Animals are dying at greatest rates than in the past	Things go back to normal	protect the animals	
9/23/2021 14:21	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Removed	I live along the St. John's River across from the mouth of the ocklawaha and have steadily seen the river water quality deterioration over the past decades. Also the threat to property in Welaka should the dams fail.	Continued decline of the St. John's	Breach of the damn to allow natural water flow, increased fish population and cleaner water	A free flowing Ocklawaha river would improve water quality, bring back fish and allowing extended boating and fishing along the river.
9/23/2021 14:21	Dade		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the long-term survival of manatees. This river system, with over 20 connected springs, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. With the species in crisis and many more die-offs likely if habitat is not restored, we need to do all we can to keep them safe from fatal temperatures.	The drastic decline of manatees		
9/23/2021 14:21	Duval		No	No						Yes	People s misbehaving towards animals rights		
9/23/2021 14:22	Duval		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. This is well overdue and will help protect the St. John's River from encroaching seawater salinity and assist with climate resiliency.	Manatees are dying in great numbers. The manatee is an iconic Florida animal; it's legendary and beloved. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Additionally, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	There is no SINGLE biggest concern; there are many. First, there are the manatees... keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Worse in some ways, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to negatively impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	NO. Breaching the Rodman Dam is the only choice; we have the ability to right a wrong that's been 50 years in the making. Florida's wildlife (and the tourism around it) cannot be squandered for a failing fishing hole for a relatively small number of people. Florida's wildlife, especially the precious and beloved manatees need the dam gone and the river restored. Further, the wildlife that will be both protected and increased by restoring the river will be good for Florida tourism and Floridians alike. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I'm a Floridian and a stakeholder in this state that has such natural beauty. And I vote. There are so many GREAT reasons to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, ESPECIALLY manatees. Far from achieving only a single objective, this restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Coastal resiliency will pay enormous dividends as we see the sea-level rise and increasingly dangerous hurricanes on our peninsula. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the DEADLIEST YEAR on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from the loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is the loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Think of that, TWENTY NATURAL SPRINGS have been covered over for a half-century in a textbook case of initial good intentions being very poorly manifested. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/23/2021 14:23	Dade		No	No					keep our water and natural habitat but this evil piece of shit republican governor all his emphasis is to destroyed it				
9/23/2021 14:23	Clay		No	No					take it down	more water flow into the river creating a better environment	the health of the river	other options to clean the river such as more artificial reefs	What can I do to help?
9/23/2021 14:23	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing	Removal.	A cleaner clearer flowing Ocklawaha river. The return of several species of fish to the river system.	A huge expense for the state if the dam were to fail with age.	There are pluses and minus' with either scenario. I support whatever the state decides.	
9/23/2021 14:24	Outside of state / other	Essex	No	No									
9/23/2021 14:24	Marion		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	restored back to natural	ecological benefits of restoration	ecological barriers no movement of wildlife and plants		
9/23/2021 14:24	Alachua		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 14:25	Leon		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach of the dam to let the river flow, save annual management money and restore this once ecological jewel so as to provide more public use	The dam was constructed as part of the long defunct Cross-Florida Barge canal scheme. While periodic fishing tournaments are held on the reservoir, a much more vibrant economic impact could be produced from a more natural river with a wide variety of visitors who may fish the river if they choose. Indeed, wildlife viewing (such as manatees) is an ever increasing activity and revenue producer	Continued ecological debasement of a rare ecosystem that could produce economic benefits for surrounding counties.	A partial breach of the dam could be a possible outcome if it allowed migration of aquatic species.	This is a rare chance to fix something that we have broken. Please take it for ourselves and future Floridians.
9/23/2021 14:25	Outside of state / other	TX	No	No					it is known now that dams are harmful to the Natural order - restore the river	manatees are wonderful and their protection is not even in question	humans continue to ignorantly and arrogantly take take take until the destruction is total	only is enough water is releasing to support the habitats of other living beings right to be here	good stewardship is the goal
9/23/2021 14:26	Brevard		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 14:26	Outside of state / other	Bedford, VA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:26	Outside of state / other	Fort Bend County, Texas	No	No					Remove the dam and let the river flow.	The Florida manatees need this warm water habitat to continue to live. Other wildlife as well.	The manatee will die off and become extinct.	Remove the dam and let the river flow.	The Florida Manatee is an important part of life. Humans don' t always have to move in and take over everything and every space
9/23/2021 14:27	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state, and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:27	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Remove the dam and restore the river and natural watershed	Rodman has only served the interest of a few. Restoration of the river would provide recreational benefits to many, including the few who use Rodman	Majority is ignored	No	It is time

9/23/2021 14:27	Washington		Yes	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:27	Brevard		No	No					Take it down and restore the natural habitat for manatees and fish.	Manatees are in desperate need of safe habitat.	Dwindling manatees and migratory fish. Continued algae blooms and negative impacts on the environment.	No	Please don't waste tax dollars repairing a dam that has done so much damage to Florida.
9/23/2021 14:28	Outside of state / other	49820	No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	100% CLEAN ENVIRONMENT	Mankind is the destroyer of all life with pollution.	In time, mankind will destroy all life on earth with pollution.	MANKIND IS KING OF BEASTS, HIS BRUTALITY EXCEEDS THEIRS.	IF YOU HURT, EXPERIMENT, OR KILL ANIMALS IN ANY WAY, YOU & YOUR FAMILY SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME WAY. HARMING ANIMALS IN ANY WAY SHOULD BE PUNISHABLE BY LIFE IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT PRISON WITHOUT PAROL WITH SEVERE HARD LABOR. EXPERIMENT ON YOURSELF, YOU'RE CLOSER TO A HUMAN THAN AN ANIMAL!SAVE THE ANIMALS & ENVIRONMENT - DO IT NOW!!! IF YOU REGARD ANIMALS AS MEANINGLESS, YOU'RE A AMORAL STONE AGE BARBARIAN, NOT FIT FOR .... DO NOT HURT ANIMALS, WE'VE HURT THEM ENOUGH; SAVE THEIR LIVES AND PRESERVE THEIR NATURAL HABITATS. DO IT NOW!!! EXPERIMENTING, ENTERTAINMENT, BLEEDING, CLOTHING, GLUE TRAPPING, RACING, HUNTING AND FISHING, PREFORMING, SEISMIC AIRGUNS ARE NOT SPORTS - THEY ARE PREMEDITATED MURDER!!! EXPERIMENT ON YOURSELF. DO NOT KEEP ANIMALS IN ZOOS. DO NOT BUY FROM CRUEL ANIMAL BREEDERS. WOULD YOU CONDONE YOURSELF TO BE KILLED FOR A TROPHY, EXPERIMANTED ON, OR FOR CLOTHING BY SUPERIOR ALIENS LIKE YOU CONDONE KILLING, OR MISTREATING OUR ANIMALS, OR KEEPING THEM IMPRISONED, EXPERIMENTED ON OR HUNTED? SAVE THE ANIMALS & ENVIRONMENT ~ DO IT NOW!!! STOP POLLUTING NOW!!! SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL.
9/23/2021 14:28	Lee		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing					As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:28	Outside of state / other	Missouri	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed means 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir will continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	It is our responsibility to protect wildlife and our natural resources for future generations.
9/23/2021 14:29	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just to see it	Remove it and let the Oklawaha return to natural	Any man made structure will fail and require on-going costs. Plus I hear that when it is drained for maintenance there are more fisherman that show up during that time! I also like the idea of taking a boat from Jacksonville to Silver Springs like in the old days.	on-going costs	not really	
9/23/2021 14:29	Escambia		No	No									Just do the right thing & Help the manatees 🙏🏻
9/23/2021 14:29	Outside of state / other	Hampton	No	No					The dam needs to be breached to restore the oklawaha river.	This will restore manatee habits, gaining more access to natural springs, warmer waters that they need for survival. Also ensure 15000+ acres of wetlands can be restored, benifiting multiple wildlife species.	Manatee numbers will continue to decline as will the hopes of wildlife conservation. These are all integral parts in the Florida ecosystem.	No, the dam is 50 yrs over due of being breached.	
9/23/2021 14:30	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating	take it back to it's original path without a dam	restoring to a natural state	continuation of the raising and lowering of the water	no	
9/23/2021 14:30	Outside of state / other	Mountain View, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I believe strongly that all species that depend on our stewardship count on us as we make infrastructure decisions that impact their habitats.
9/23/2021 14:30	Duval		No	No					Now is the time to breach the dam and reconnect the Ocklawaha to Silver Springs and the St. Johns River, restoring a 217-mile network representing some of Florida's most critical waterways and wildlife habitat.	The scientific studies that have been made.	The continuing loss of the health of our waterways and springs that flow in and out of the waters. This includes concern for the creatures that inhabit the waterways like the manatees and fishes.	No. We have been discussing this for too long a time. Public interest and financing exist to do something now. Let's stop this tragedy.	so so many communities along the 217 miles. My son spent years fishing in the River and has watched the quality of the fish he caught deteriorate. Please act now!!!
9/23/2021 14:30	Lee		No	No					To restore the Ocklawaha Riverby breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in Florida and will provide essential warm water to hundreds of manatees.	That the manatees will not be able to survive much longer.	No.	2021 has been the deadliest year for manatees on record, and the continued loss of the warm waters that they need to survive will doom them to extinction.
9/23/2021 14:30	Palm Beach		No	No					Save the Manatees!	Survivor is dependent upon success!	Extinction of the Manteas		
9/23/2021 14:31	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/23/2021 14:31	Outside of state / other	MD	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore to its natural state.	Perpetualization of existing species	Extinction of endangered species	Possibly	
9/23/2021 14:31	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					Restored to a natural state for wildlife preservation	Wildlife loss	Unsustainable environment conditions. Wildlife loss		
9/23/2021 14:31	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed,River restored	It is the healthiest option for the River and Especially the State of Florida ,it's estuaries , everglades, etc	It's a travesty for the health of state waters and Evo suspens	Not sure if that s possible	
9/23/2021 14:31	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removing the dam.	It is believed that removing the dam would open up greater habitat access for manatees. This is especially important now when it seems as though manatee numbers are declining rapidly in Florida.	Habitat degredation continues and manatee numbers continue to drop.	No. Removing the dam and restoring the natural flow to the Ocklawaha seems like the best course of action.	
9/23/2021 14:31	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed. The river needs to be restored to its natural state.	It's not worth millions of dollars every year so some people can go fishing in an artificial lake that doesn't even have that many fish. If the 20 springs that are not accessible because of the reservoir became assessable many more tourist would visit that area. Have you ever been to a spring on a hot summer day they're packed	That they're horrible abuse of nature would continue. This was a failed project from the beginning. There's no reason for the dam to be there.	No	
9/23/2021 14:31	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!!!!!!!	The wildlife flourishes and it is probably the best fishery in the state.	A lot of business will suffer in Putnam County	NO. Leave Rodman alone.	
9/23/2021 14:31	Duval		No	No					preserved.	water and land protection.	destruction of natural resources.	no.	
9/23/2021 14:31	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 14:31	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					Preserved				
9/23/2021 14:32	Madison		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a person who cares deeply about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:33	Outside of state / other	oregon	No	No									
9/23/2021 14:33	Levy		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: I would do all of these activities if the dam is breached and natural waterways and actions resumed.	Breach the Rodman Dam and Restore the Ocklawaha River to allow 20 drowned springs to flow again and improve the health of Silver Springs. It is necessary to restore suffering migratory fish populations. And needed for the hundreds of manatees that could better access Silver Springs and other restored springs along the river, at a time when Florida's manatee population is experiencing unprecedented mortality . Florida already has enough money set aside next year to restore the Ocklawaha fifty times over. it's the most impactful springs restoration project available	MANATEES!	Electing an environmentally friendly governor and legislature	You must be kidding. Only the measures proposed will help the river and springs	
9/23/2021 14:33	Pinellas		No	No					Protect the waters for manatees & other wildlife. AND a sign that officials understand that the time is gone for destroying the biosphere.	Manatees are disappearing from Florida. FLORIDA is disappearing due to over development. Duh... it is well past time to even be considering what you are planning.. for the health of the Earth & all those who live on this planet.	Manatees, animals, plants, more destruction of the biosphere that supports all life.	No . This is no longer a time to compromise. Welcome to the 21st century!	
9/23/2021 14:33	Outside of state / other	Pittsburgh PA	No	No					Remove the dam, restore the natural river.	The life blood of the Manatee need more habitat, as well as all your other beautiful natural animals.	Strangulation of the Life of the Manatees and all the other creatures that depend on such a water source for survival and growth.	No.	I am a Doctor. I vacation in Florida in the winter. I snorkel with the Manatees, especially in Crystal River. I fish all over. I do wildlife photography and have been in every nook and cranny of your beautiful state. Plan on retiring there someday. I and my family and friends spend lots of time and lots of money in your state. This would seal the deal for my retirement plans . good stewardship by your state organizations.
9/23/2021 14:33	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it	That the dam is in disrepair and will need millions to rehabilitate it. Since it is in disrepair and we know it has clogged at least 20 springs, just let it go.	I am very concerned about the natural environment this dam has changed. And this would help the manatees.	No	

9/23/2021 14:33	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 14:33	Outside of state / other	San Mateo, CA	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Demolish the dam	manatees deaths have increased. Breach the dam to provide manatees access to more warm water habitat	manatee extinction	None	save the manatees!
9/23/2021 14:34	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River to help our water quality and wildlife, like manatees.	It rivers are restored, natural springs are restored, Silver Springs estuary restored, plus manatees and fish come back.	Water quality declines further causing more blue green algae blooms and fish kills. We don't want to miss this opportunity while we have the funding and public support is high.	No, Not really	The St Johns River Estuary is so important to our ecosystem, we used to live near Jacksonville and greatly appreciated its beauty, nature and wildlife. The time is now to restore the flow of the rivers! Thank you.
9/23/2021 14:35	Duval		No	No					I would like to see manatees have access to the warm water that they need to thrive through the winter months	The fact that manatee deaths are already at a record high this year	that manatees will not have enough food and warm water to survive	Can you find a natural way for the manatees to survive?	
9/23/2021 14:35	Duval		No	No					Breach it and restore the springs	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No	Please, it seems like the logical choice
9/23/2021 14:35	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Picnics	Open up the dam.	The restoration of rivers, waterways, and springs.	Decline of water quality and the creatures that depend upon it.	NO	Although I have not witnessed this: I've been told how the environment was before the dam and the quality of the ecosystem back then. It seems a simple thing to see what is best.
9/23/2021 14:36	Lee		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 14:37	Outside of state / other	Knox County, Maine	No	No					I want to see manatee habitat preserved.		Habitat reduction for manatees	a partial reserve for manatees might be better than nothing.	Please do what you can to conserve wildlife. This is the only planet we've got.
9/23/2021 14:37	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Also hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 14:37	Lake		No	No					Breaching of the dam.	This could restore 20 drowned springs and increase resources for wildlife such as fish and Manatees	We lose manatees to extinction due to our careless actions.	No.	
9/23/2021 14:37	Pasco		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Fivers	20 springs lost including Silver Springs and decline of water quality.	NO.	Return flow of water back to the way nature intended it to be.
9/23/2021 14:38	Duval		No	No					I would like the River restored to its natural flow	We are seeing the flow of springs being decreased and the St. Johns River is being compromised.	Worsening issues with fresh H2O which is the lifeline for humanity.	No	
9/23/2021 14:38	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and allow the Ocklawa to regenerate	The reservoir is clogged with muck, dead trees and aquatic plants	Taxpayer funds will continue to be wasted trying to maintain a poorly conceived reservoir. Plus the dam structure is beyond its useful life and require major improvements or replacement to avoid failure.	Not really. You can't half repair the dam or fix the clogged reservoir.	While I live in Alachua County, We've also seen a house on lake Kerr quite near the Ocklawaha. The restoration of the river would improve the fishing stock and be a major asset to marina county.
9/23/2021 14:39	Outside of state / other	Jersey City, NJ	No	No					restore the Great Florida Riverway while we can still help the wildlife who need this habitat.	Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation	even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter.		
9/23/2021 14:39	Broward		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the long-term survival of manatees. This river system, with over 20 connected springs, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. With the species in crisis and many more die-offs likely if habitat is not restored, we need to do all we can to keep them safe from fatal temperatures.	Common sense.	People in the future will look back and ask "Why didn't you do something to prevent the Manatee's from being wiped out?" How will we all be able to live with ourselves knowing we could have saved these wonderful, magical creatures but we did....nothing.	I'm not sure. I leave it up to people who are more informed than me.	I shouldn't have to spend my free time trying to get government and officials to do their job. Which is: Progress while keeping us all safe and the environment healthy. I do my job just fine by myself. Why don't all of you?
9/23/2021 14:39	Marion		No	Yes				Other: I do not use it.	I would like to see the dam dismantled and the Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state.	The dam serves no function. It does not prevent flooding or generate power but was constructed simply because of the defunct Cross Florida Barge Canal. I remember the beauty of the river before the dam. There were huge catfish and bass and bream aplenty. The algae was non-existent and the river clear.	Blue tilapia have taken over the natural fish of the area. 20 springs are "buried" that could be brought back to life. Silver Springs is diminishing in strength and beauty and this would continue.	No.	I am a fourth generation Marion Countian. My father was a fisherman on the Ocklawaha, as was his father and his before him. I can hardly look at the river now as it is so degraded. The huge catfish are completely gone and most of the bass and bream as well.
9/23/2021 14:40	Outside of state / other	Grants, New Mexico	No	No					The Kirkpatrick Dam should be removed to restore the Ocklawaha River	The creation of this Florida Wildlife Corridor is critical to preventing the extinction of many endangered species in Florida, while the restoration of the river will help hundreds of manatees.	The deep impact on many species especially manatees and other woodland animals, making recovery nearly impossible.	I do not see much area for compromise between no dam and removing the dam, which should have been done many years ago.	I may not be from Florida, but I'm an American who wants Florida wildlife to thrive. I would like my son to be able to see a manatee when he is older and to know we did what we could to help this unique and amazing species.
9/23/2021 14:40	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove Rodman Dam in order to Restore Oklawaha, Silver and St John's rivers as they were in their natural state. It's not nice to fool Mother Nature.	The dam is unsafe, and millions would have tobe spent to repair it, to keep the area from being flooded. At the same time, there are federal and state funds available to contribute to the cost of dam removal and restoration of natural flow of 3 rivers and 20 springs. In turn, these will support improvement/ expansion of the Wildlife Corridor, additional warm water access for manatees in winter, and increased fish.	Continued reduction in the manatee population; the collapse of the dam and subsequent flooding of surrounding area; and additional decline in animals, birds and fish that formerly inhabited the areas in question.	No	I lived in Marion County when the dam was debated and built. I believed it was a gigantic mistake then, and haven't changed my mind.
9/23/2021 14:40	Outside of state / other	Yonkers, NY	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:41	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam and restore natural water flow to improve water quality and habitat	science supports restoration	continued ecological degradation	NO	
9/23/2021 14:41	Alachua		No	No					Free the river please.	The damage done to the ecosystem	The damage done to the ecosystem	Are there ways to preserve recreational use of the reservoir while restoring the river to a meaningful degree?	
9/23/2021 14:41	Suwannee		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 14:41	Martin		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	As a Florida native, the state's unique ecology is extremely important to me. I want the environment to be in good health for my future children. Not only that, tourism in Florida is extremely important to my livelihood and the springs and nature in Florida is a huge attraction for tourists. It is essential to restore as many springs as possible and to keep Florida beautiful and pristine.
9/23/2021 14:42	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	No					Do what is MOST environmentally friendly and responsible.	Protection of protected species	Extinction of protected species	No	Many species are already loosing numbers due to environmental challenges. HUMAN CAUSED CHALLENGES can be modified to cause LESS damage to environment and death to fauna and flora in the area.
9/23/2021 14:42	Broward		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. Restoration of lost springs & estuaries, support of our beloved manatees - THE MORE NATURE IN FLORIDA MEANS THE BETTER ECONOMY - TOURISTS.	we loose the natural appeal of FL, we go down the tubes. I'M A REPUBLICAN LAND LORD (I have recently sold a multimillion dollar Self Storage facility in Palatka). If we keep screwing up nature in FL, we all loose.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a land owner/stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I request that you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, AND KEEP THE TOURIST DOLLARS FLOWING TO FLORIDA. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $30 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. A further benefit, infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration.
9/23/2021 14:42	Outside of state / other		No	No					removal of dam	manatee die off	loss of potential manatee habitat and access to warm water	release of substantial amounts of warm water from reservoir in winter	we need to be proactive in providing sufficient habitat for manatee populations to sustain themselves
9/23/2021 14:42	Outside of state / other	New Mexico	No	No					This dam needs to be breached to allow manatees to survive	The fact that manatees are dying at an alarming rate	The extinction of the manatees	I would have to see what the options are	
9/23/2021 14:42	Flagler		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to it's original site.	Wildlife restoration to the area.	With Florida's ever increasing population more needs to be done for preservation.	No	
9/23/2021 14:43	Hillsborough		No	No									
9/23/2021 14:43	Polk		No	No					Restore to natural conditions	Spring restoration and healthy river habitat. I want to kayak here.	Continued loss of spring access to our residents. We are losing manatees and their habitat at alarming rates. This restoration should focus on both these needs.	No, this is the only and right thing to do.	
9/23/2021 14:43	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	restore the natural flow of the St. John River	Publications by expert biologist and nature conservationist advocating for the restoration disrupted by an ill informed government attempt to build a cross Florida barge canal which would have destroyed the aquifer.	Continued degradation of the environment and wildlife that is dependent upon the natural resources which are directly affected by the river.		Sport fishing is not vital to our economy nor sufficient justification to destroy our natural resources.
9/23/2021 14:43	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam completely removed, beginning with a well designed breaching process that includes the complete removal of the dam and full restoration of the natural hydrology and ecology of the area currently impacted by the dam.	The dam and Cross-Florida Barge Canal are not economically nor ecologically necessary.	The required maintenance costs will continue to be unfunded, thereby leading to a catastrophic unplanned and unsupervised breaching of the dam and significant economic costs to property downstream.	No, the popularly proposed breaching plan does not address the complete removal of the dam structure.	To complete this project will be expensive and take years to complete, so lets get started now, please!
9/23/2021 14:43	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	Leave it alone	It is a tremendous wildlife habitat for all freshwater fish, predator animals like eagles and ospreys that feed in and around water and migratory birds.	We lose a tremendous lake that supports so much wildlife. If drained it will become a mud prairie that will not be suitable for land animals for a long time. All the nutrients in Rodman will harm the St Johns river.	You are asking to drain it and I want to keep it so I feel it's all or nothing.	Stop spraying to kill the good grasses that grow here. Migratory birds feed on the grass, it provides a nursery for baby fish to thrive in and keeps the water very clean.
9/23/2021 14:43	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the fam and restore the natural flow of water	native species depend on Florida's natural water flow to avoid extinction	harming the affected areas may not be able to be restored and species may become endangered	No, the dam must be breached	
9/23/2021 14:44	Lee		No	No					Protect wildlife		Extinction of species and destruction of viable waterways	No	
9/23/2021 14:44	Polk		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 14:45	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking					
9/23/2021 14:45	Outside of state / other	Hendersonville, TN	No	No						We are losing species at an alarming rate and I want protections for future generations!	We lose iconic species such as manatees!	We must do everything in our power to protect watersheds, birds and all of the species here on our Earth	
9/23/2021 14:45	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm
9/23/2021 14:45	Lake		No	No					Breaching of the dam	the restoration of 20 springs and resources for florida wildlife	we have wildlife go extinct due to our careless actions	no	
9/23/2021 14:46	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and reconnect the four rivers to their natural state	The salinity data from the St. Johns	Further deterioration in the eco-system as the explicit result of man made intervention	No	
9/23/2021 14:46	Monroe		No	No					PRESERVE AND SUSTAIN !	It's good for nature and humans !	More nature loss !	but do the right thing fo mother nature !!!!	Use common sense !
9/23/2021 14:48	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Improvements for manatees	Declining manatee population	Manatee extinction	Compromise on development and use of natural spaces	Save the manatees and our other wildlife!
9/23/2021 14:48	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 14:48	Highlands		No	Yes					Wildlife viewing	restore Florida's special river and associated biodiversity	we lost a great river, at least most of it and it needs to be restored	no, the dam has to be completely removed, it was and remains a travesty	we had something very special and did not value it, we need to get it back, now more than ever with growth gobbling more and more of our natural areas
9/23/2021 14:48	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River for manatee & other wildlife habitat.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River to provide a warm water habitat for manatees. Restoring 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will benefit Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Once these creatures are gone & their habitat destroyed it is over.	no	We are losing everything special about Florida. We must now protect what is left at all costs.
9/23/2021 14:49	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Sightseeing	Permanent drawdown to release more water from the springs. Economic impact from kayaking and fishing would benefit the area and small business.	Past articles I have read that prove my point.	Environmental impact to the surrounding rivers and springs.	No	
9/23/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	Fond du Lac County, WI	No	No									Just please save the manatees!
9/23/2021 14:49	Nassau		No	No									
9/23/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	Richardson county, Nebraska	No	No					The eco system as well as the environmental system needs protection.	According to the emails I'm currently receiving, manatees & wildlife are in a crisis. PETA is very concerned & so am I.	Chain of command is the next best step...send letters of complaint & concern to the Florida state senators.	Come back to me later on this question.	None at this time...

9/23/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	Clifton, VA	No	No					Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	More than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be enhanced or restored, improving water quality; providing critical manatee habitat and warm wintering grounds; supporting a variety of mammals (black bears, panthers, bobcats, white-tailed deer) and bald eagles.	The continued damming of the Ocklawaha will maintain the flooding of 7,500 acres of forested wetlands impacting wildlife and depriving the already stressed manatee of an warm winter habitat.	No. Dams are being dismantled around the US, providing improved water quality, enhancing ecosystems and in some cases expanded recreational and hunting/fishing opportunities.	I grew up in Florida and lived there for two decades. The water quality of free-flowing rivers and wildlife were very special to me. As you are aware, the Ocklawaha River is a critical link in the Great Florida Riverway that flows from the Green Swamp through various rivers and springs into the Atlantic. Restoring this link will benefit communities, economies and ecosystems along this 217-mile system. Breaching the dam will provide manatee access to Ocklawaha's springs, the Silver River and Silver Springs - all warm water winter habitats. It will revive 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor and providing needed space for Florida black bears and Florida panthers. Healthy ecosystems and abundant wildlife have positive economic impact, attracting tourists, hunters and fisherman. Thank you for considering these comments.
9/23/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	vancouver canada	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:49	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking	dismantle it	it cuts down like 92% of wildlife	the springs would suffer from it still being up	no	
9/23/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	california	No	No					restore natural waterways- provide sustainable ecosystems for fisheries, wildlife, clean water, and tourism--people will move away from areas that are ugly and not natural	species in danger like manatees and loss of water ecosystems--people will move away from areas that nature is destroyed	irreparable damage to these ecosystems and natural species diversity--people will move away from areas that are destroyed	yes more investment in sustainable water practices among businesses and public	I am a voter and I am involved--my family's tourist dollars will not be used in florida as long as negative environmental practices are in place
9/23/2021 14:50	Outside of state / other	San Francisco, Ca	No	No					Remove the dam to restore manatee habitat.	Dwindling manatee population.	Extinction of the Florida manatee.		We have a responsibility to provide manatee habitat.
9/23/2021 14:51	Outside of state / other	Pleasant valley, NY	No	No					That it not damage habitat that animals such as mannattees need.	Many damns are constructed recklessly so that they damage key, critical habitat.	That mannattees & other animals who rely or use the habitat may suffer, die or go extinct.	Minimize as much harm as possible--if it has almost zero negative effect on the habitat birds, mannattees & some other species rely on. HOWEVER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT should not be disregarded. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECES OF LEGISLATION EVER PASSED. I want greed to stop undermining its original aim & accomplishments which are being deteriotied for NO GOOD OR REAL REASON WHY TOO OFTEN.	Try to help provide animals if effected with another way to access resources they NEED.
9/23/2021 14:52	Outside of state / other	Georgetown, MA	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	No	
9/23/2021 14:53	Outside of state / other	St. Louis, MO	No	No						Environmentally friendly	More environmental damage and the loss of more habitat		
9/23/2021 14:53	Outside of state / other	california	No	No						Safety measures for wildlife, especially endangered manatees.	Florida further ignoring the human altering of the waterways that directly affects wildlife.	Preserving what we have left and making better decisions in the future Breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Thank you for your attention.
9/23/2021 14:53	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Wildlife Photography	Free the River to again have full access to the Ocklawaha River	I made the trip from Welaka to Silver Springs in 1957 in a 15ft Boat with my wife along with a friend and his wife, similar boat. Camped on Silver Springs ground over night and returned to Welaka next day. I would like to see my grandkids and great grandkids make this trip~~Bill Foley Georgetown Florida	I have watched the River these past decades go from about 8mph to almost nothing now, drop a twig in it and it will move but very slowly.	Get the Corp of Engineers to clean up the river from the St Johns to the Dam, The storms have made a mess of it in certain areas. At one time it was maintained for Boat traffic. I still get by on my 20ft Pontoon Boat but very carefully.	I know this would have a large impact on the people living on the shoreline of the Ocklawaha Reservoir and have concern about their well being
9/23/2021 14:53	Manatee		No	No					Breach the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam so 20+ springs can be restored and marine life can migrate	hundreds of manatees and fish would gain habitat by breaching the dam. This has been the deadliest year on record for manatees and their habitat is declining rapidly. restoring springs would be the most cost effective way to help bring back habitat.	water quality declines further. Resulting in an increase of invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae blooms, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. This renders the habitat unfeasible for many creatures, including manatees, which are protected by Florida law.	No. the damn must be breached. It is 50 years overdue.	restoration of the springs will provide essential warm water habitat for manatees, who have faced the deadliest year on record this far in 2021. 60% of manatees rely on warm water from power plants when they migrate in the winter. However this is an unsafe and unsustainable solution. By breaching the damn and restoring the springs, manatees will have a natural, warm habitat again.
9/23/2021 14:53	Outside of state / other	Juneau-Douglas, AK	No	No					Let the manatees FREE!	Our impeding Climate Disaster!	Organic death around the globe!	Zero population growth!	This is it! If you have any spiritual conviction and not just religious words of prentention, you must know that The Divine only asks that we put the effort in to take the first step in the direction of ameliorating the problem then His Will makes every successive step easier!
9/23/2021 14:54	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Open the Dam and let the river flow naturally like before the Cross Florida Barge Canal screw up.	Lack of flow into the St. Johns River needed for rejuvenation, and the many submerged springs in the reservoir where manatees can live during the winter	Stagnation of the St. Johns River watershed in the middle river and loss of manatees.	You could open the gates but that does not help the manatees.	When the Corp of Engineers screwed up the Kissimmee River by straightening and then polluted Lake Okeechobee, they corrected the problem by restoring the natural flow of the river. After the Cross Florida Barge canal was terminated the damage was never corrected and just let undone example of man screwing up nature.
9/23/2021 14:54	Outside of state / other	Athens, Ga	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 14:54	Outside of state / other	Valhalla, New York	No	No						I am an environmentalist.	species depletion.		
9/23/2021 14:54	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	There is significant precedent across the entire country that removal of old dams has greatly benefited wildlife and the nearby environment.
9/23/2021 14:54	Duval		No	No						It's ruinous!	Degradation of habitat for native species.	Anything that helps restore natural environment.	Thanks!!
9/23/2021 14:55	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	1 time			Remove it in order to have the rivers and environment return to their previous states.	Saving trees and other vegetation return when the water is lowered.	Unnatural flooding in areas fed by the three rivers involved.	no	
9/23/2021 14:55	Clay		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing		breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Restore 20 drowned springs of the Ocklawaha, give manatees free access to a healthy habitat, and improve ecological health of the river and springs	declining health of the Ocklawaha	No. the dam must be breached.	
9/23/2021 14:55	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:55	Outside of state / other	Quebec	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:56	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam!	Breaching the dam would uncover many freshwater springs and create shallow water habitats and natural water flow that allows for more habitat for native species such as manatees and for migratory fish.	It would be needlessly costly to upkeep and repair a dam that is past its due, breaching it would help restore the natural order of the area and contribute to increased populations of endangered animals.	No. The dam must be breached.	Granting access to silver springs for wildlife would be a huge step toward habitat rehabilitation. Restoring wildlife populations and local biodiversity has huge impacts on water quality, air quality and overall environmental functionality. Now is the time since funds are available and public interest is high and this year is critical for declining manatee populations.
9/23/2021 14:56	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	restore the Ocklawaha to its natural state by removing the dam and draining the reservoir.	The degradation of the river I've seen with my own eyes. When I was a kid it was so much clearer had such an incredible array of fish it was amazing. Not so any more.	The reservoir is a dead system requiring constant spraying of herbicides in order to be used for recreation. I am concerned that long term that will have dire environmental impacts.	Only if there was a way that the river could be set free and wildlife like manatees could swim all the way to Silver Springs	Much of my childhood was spent on the Ocklawaha. It could be restored. Sportsman would still have access to it and I bet fishing would actually improve if the dam were removed. There is no good reason to keep it.
9/23/2021 14:56	Pinellas		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I grew up in Florida and have seen many bad decisions made and executed. It's time to undo some of them and reestablish the biodiversity needed to keep our planet healthy. Development is rampant and wildlife is increasingly threatened.
9/23/2021 14:57	Outside of state / other	ancisco but I grew up in Palm Beach C	No	No									
9/23/2021 14:57	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the removal of the dam and restoration through natural succession to avoid much of the restoration costs.	A few years of masters research on the Silver River and having to portage over the dam several times.	The continued blocking of the natural movements of striped bass and manatees into the Ocklawaha.	Simply permanently opening the dam would be sufficient.	
9/23/2021 14:57	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Remove the dam	To allow habitats to receive proper nutrition and allow manatees access to other areas of the water way.	Manatee numbers in the area could dwindle.	No	
9/23/2021 14:57	Outside of state / other	Quebec	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:57	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Return the River to it's natural state	The dam and reservoir cost too much to maintain.	Taxpayers spend a lot of money to maintain a giant fishing pond.	Maybe we could just cut spending on the dam. Eventually it will fail and nature will fix the problem.	The people who own waterfront property along the reservoir should be compensated if the water is removed.
9/23/2021 14:58	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		Total breach	Breaching frees the Ocklawaha River to improve spring quality and to mitigate the dredging in the St. Johns River.	The quality of aquatic life in the St. Johns would be imperilled, thus imperiling the lively-hood of those who depend on the St. Johns aquatic life. Our springs would continue decline.	not really	Free our Ocklawaha River; save our springs; save our St. Johns River.
9/23/2021 14:58	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed, restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha.	Numerous studies show the ecosystem in the reservoir suffers greatly as a direct result of the dam.	That the ecosystem will eventually collapse from the pressures of the structure, and services (fishing, water recreation) would be rendered useless to the local population.	No, the dam needs to be removed. It was built during a time where there was less scientific understanding of the environment. Current systems of management such as draw downs are costly, and do not help the environment overall.	
9/23/2021 14:58	Dade		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future	No breaching is long overdue. The wildlife and water quality can wait no longer.	Florida's manatees and marine wildlife are in a crisis. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.

9/23/2021 14:59	Outside of state / other	Quebec	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 14:59	Outside of state / other	Fairfax County, VA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha River dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. It would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to negatively impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No! Breaching the dam is long overdue. Wildlife and water quality can wait no longer.	
9/23/2021 15:00	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Breach the dam	News media	Missed opportunity to restore the waterways.	No	
9/23/2021 15:00	Outside of state / other	Quebec	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:00	Sarasota		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam! Restore the river!!	Dams are destructive to wildlife!	More manatee and other wildlife deaths	No! There is no other solution!	Florida's iconic wildlife and the recovery of mnatees is in peril! It is imperative that The Great Florida Riverway be restored to help the wildlife who need this habitat! PLEASE! Thank you!
9/23/2021 15:01	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers; 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 15:01	Outside of state / other	Quebec	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:02	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 15:02	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave well enough alone at this point	Cost and in my opinion nothing will be no gains that I can see	None		
9/23/2021 15:02	Marion		No	No			2-5 times		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply, or other broad public benefits. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permits and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/23/2021 15:03	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam.	Overall health of the connected ecosystems, water and land. -0 to Q wildlife corridor as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns River systems.	Risk to Welaka residents of a uncontrolled release of the reservoir, and continued damage to the ecosystems caused by the dam.	No, the partial restoration of the Ocklawaha is long over due. This dam is very damaging and does not serve any compelling public purpose, such as power generation or flood control to require this environmental damage.	Manatee need the springs of the Ocklawaha for habitat and refuge. Restoring the cooler larger volume of freshwater flows down stream will improve habitats and fisheries within the St Johns River. Increased flow from a restored river will help combat salt water intrusion and coastal resilience.
9/23/2021 15:03	Outside of state / other	Longmont, Colorado	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor restoration or enhancement will benefit species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir will continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:03	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times		Removed	It's not natural. Manatees and other native wildlife need the river and spring habitat that the dam has flooded.	Manatee recovery. The power plants are going to be offline in the future, eliminating important warm water habitat. By opening up the oklawaha, it will provide more habitat.		
9/23/2021 15:04	Outside of state / other	Santa Clara County, California	No	No					It is long overdue for the Kirkpatrick Dam to be demolished to open the waterway and to restore the Ocklawaha River.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will restore habitat for many species including the imperiled manatee.	Keeping the river dammed will destroy any chance of recovering endangered species in the region.	No. Breaching the dam is many years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a former resident of Florida, I thank you for the opportunity to comment. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife. Please restore the habitat and breach the dam. Thank you.
9/23/2021 15:04	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached. Our natural springs, especially Silver Springs is very much in need of the water flow.	Studies by Federal and State agencies.	Dams are being intentionally breached all over America as we have learned that there were many lost benefits of limited the natural flow of water. This is on the table NOW, lets please do it.	No, we are behind so many other areas of the country who have learned this lesson. The Ocklawaha needs to flow and restore the springs and other rivers.	
9/23/2021 15:05	Outside of state / other	Darien, CT 06820	No	No									
9/23/2021 15:05	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. And, Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:05	Outside of state / other	Lexington, NC	No	No					Let's free up the manatees		Death to manatees		
9/23/2021 15:05	Outside of state / other	MAryland	No	No					Keep it wild and undeveloped	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Loss of wildlife		
9/23/2021 15:06	Lake		No	No					The dam should be removed. It would be great if manatees could return to Lake County.	Water evaporates from the dam. The water needs to flow into the marshes, where it can be filtered and returned to the aquafer	Diminished water supply. Harm to wildlife.	I cannot envision one.	Thank you for protecting our water and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:06	Lee		No	No						Restore as nearly as possible habitat for manatees.	Extinction is forever. Sea grass needs to be restored and water quality maintained or improved.		
9/23/2021 15:08	Marion		No	No						Breach it. Long overdue	Dying springs that should be returned to nature's intentions	No	
9/23/2021 15:08	Citrus		No	No						Breach the damn dam	92% decrease in fish population? What are we doing??	All of the manatees unable to access the warmer water required for survival.. also fish population decrease by 92%??? That's not enough??	Absolutely not this is mandatory for multiple species survival	Financially this would be easy and there really is no reason not to do this. Unless you're inhumane and have zero issue with the wildlife restrictions that you've put into effect consequently endangering many of them.
9/23/2021 15:08	Broward		No	No						Remove it so the river is restored.	We have to think of the health of our environment as well as how Floridians interact with nature. Allowing a free running river would be healthier of the environment, wildlife, and fish. The river would be good for people to enjoy water sports or just to spend time with family and friends in the heart of nature. What would Thoreau done without Walden Pond?	That a damn would continue to impede the free flow of the river and Floridians would miss the chance of having a natural Florida river for their use.	I don't know	
9/23/2021 15:09	Hillsborough		No	No						Breach the dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of Manatee lost access to an essential warm water refuge	No. It is decades past due and would be a waste of taxpayer's money to restore.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 15:09	Broward		No	No					To improve water quality, uses, local vegetation and animal life.	The beauty of the area	Nature preservation	not at this point	
9/23/2021 15:09	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the river and help manatees	Research on devastation of habitat of animals, fish, loss of habitat. Overbuilding by developers.	Death of animals, wildlife, flora fauna	None	The exciting restoration project of the Great Florida Riverway will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

9/23/2021 15:10	Outside of state / other	Morgan Hill, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:10	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is a no-brainer. Breach the dam, restore the waterways to natural condition, stimulate tourism, enhance the economic benefits.
9/23/2021 15:10	Outside of state / other	Las Vegas NV	No	No					Humanity needs something like an Endangered ECOSYSTEM Act. The planetary debacle we have created from resource "extraction" and pollution clearly demonstrates that our attitudes must progress about learning to successfully coexist with our necessary and beautiful Biosphere. Healthy functioning complete ecosystems are a necessity. The "disneyfication" of the planet by those believing their extreme alterations to their habitats are actually so-called "improvements" must be reined in and ecosystems restored to healthy NATURAL states healthy NATURAL states.	ANY scientist who is NOT paid off by those desirous of myopic so-called environmentally damaging "improvements" and so-called "progress" or "development" provides incontrovertible evidence that we are mangling, often beyond foreseeable repair, our ecosystems. ALL OVER THE PLANET.	It's already happening. Polluted air and water, decaying ecosystems, global warming, more severe weather issues, detrimental changes to food and forest production, species loss, biodiversity loss, etc.	Ecology is a new science. We did NOT know better for the first 3/4 or so of last century that our infatuation with our technologies of all sorts had SO many negative consequences. Goals of individual transportation improved health, "higher" standard of living, etc., are still valid, but we, aided by the smaller local decisions by folks such as you, must find ways to move forward toward these goals but WITHOUT all the collateral damage. Your decisions to so will be one of many examples of the more aware changes we must make, thereby encouraging other positive and healthier choices elsewhere. These are ALL choices. Make a mess through disrespect and myopic self-interest, or help humanity move toward a healthier path.	Increasingly, science has demonstrated that both flora and fauna are not soulless or mindless automatons put here for us to exploit, but instead have remarkable awareness and abilities, although more or less different than our own, worthy of respect from a moral standpoint (eg the growing legal trend around the planet toward the granting of rights to individual elephants or chimps etc) as well as worthy of better treatment and preservation from a human survival standpoint. To save our own existence we need to preserve the webs of species that make up the ecosystems we need for healthy food and water and air. Wellbeing is MORE than just money. One needs to live in a healthy functioning natural environment too, and we have undermined that possibility in ignorance for too long. We CAN DO MUCH BETTER. To positively change our attitudes, and thereby habits, is not a lose-lose situation but a WIN WIN.
9/23/2021 15:10	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha.	The reservoir entails unnecessary taxpayer costs to interrupt a functioning natural system which in exchange provides little to no benefits. I'd rather fish the river below the dam than risk losing an outboard trying to navigate stumps in Rodman	Dam remains, increasing evaporation from greater surface water, reducing downstream flow into the St. Johns, causing more salinity to reach further upstream, especially in combination with the JaxPort dredging.	I've seen a proposal from some planning students at UF which would create a much smaller pool in the northern part of the existing reservoir around Kenwood campground. That would allow an area for people who like lake fishing and duck hunting.	I think it's backwards that allowing this mistaken project to go away is not the default position that dam supporters have to make arguments to convince otherwise . If they can't make the case for keeping it intact, then the presumption should be that it be returned to the way God intended.
9/23/2021 15:10	Lake		No	Yes			1 time		Please remove the dam.	It's vital to helping the manatees!	Manatees! The fate of the entire manatee population is at stake!	No.	No.
9/23/2021 15:11	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	See the dam breeches & the river restored to its original path.	Research	Continued cost of upkeep & harm to wildlife, fish	No	The research conducted has definitely demonstrated more benefits to the environment & economy would occur by breaching the dam.
9/23/2021 15:12	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam!!	Mother Nature knows best. Restore it to it's natural state! It also would positively affect the O2O corridor the state and other entities are trying to create.	Continuing damage to the various impacted ecosystems, wildlife, etc.	Nope	Please remove the damned dam!!
9/23/2021 15:12	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Great FL Riverway so Manatees can thrive once again.	Dying Manatees...needlessly	Same as above	No	
9/23/2021 15:12	Outside of state / other	Pocono manor, pa	No	No					please provide protection for manatees.	the way we mess up the natural world is a disgrace	the world will get worse thru our abuse and neglect		
9/23/2021 15:12	Nassau		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees and 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:12	St Johns		No	No					Breach this damn.	Reunite the 3 rivers.	The natural estuaries will die.	NO	
9/23/2021 15:13	Broward		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing	The rivers rejoined				
9/23/2021 15:14	Charlotte		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:14	Outside of state / other		No	No					Breach the dam			No	It's past time to start paying attention to what nature is telling us: stop tampering with rivers and the whole environment. What you have in Florida is special - please restore it - you will help us all.
9/23/2021 15:15	Outside of state / other	Puerto Rico	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	cust to be preserved to save manatees and other marine wildlife.	The negative impact on manatees and other marine wildlife.	Extinction of manatees and other marine wildlife.	No comments	None
9/23/2021 15:15	Outside of state / other	Atlanta, GA	No	No									As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:16	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: visiting springs	I would restore the free flow of the Ocklawaha River within its historic channel to allow for regeneration of an extensive ecosystem for which it is a crucial factor. The St Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver River is a unique historic feature of our state and its restoration will provide numerous recreational and related economic benefits.	Free flow would restore populations of endangered wildlife, by improving water quality and balance in this historic waterway	Further degradation of fresh water springs and animal and native plant populations	No. This dam is a left over anomaly of a failed project and needs to end for continued safety and ecosystem restoration - A drawdown represents a failure of citizens to correct a fundamental mistake	I came to Florida for a career in 1968. I have never had a chance to traverse this historic gateway to central Florida's unique springs all the way to Silver Springs, the largest in the world. Restoration will protect Manatee habitat, remove a dangerous structure and allow regeneration of thousands of acres of damaged wetlands and adjacent pine woods.
9/23/2021 15:16	Outside of state / other	Kansas	No	No					Restore manatee habitat	It's the humane thing to do.	Manatees will go extinct.	No	
9/23/2021 15:16	Orange		No	No									Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. A critical step is breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat. We must do what we can to protect the manatees!
9/23/2021 15:18	Pinellas		No	No					Take down the dam & set the reservoir free; I am originally from Oregon & they have killed the Salmon runs as almost every river on the Pacific coast because of dams: they may generate power & hold back water for irrigation, but they silt up eventually & then of what use are they. You can divert water in the Spring flood (or rainy season if you live in Florida) to catchments away from the riverbed and let the river flow unimpeded.	The proven failures of the long term value of dams built for any purpose, from several collapses of the dam structures themselves or the abandonment of the need for irrigation because of the change in need for what is being grown and their differing water requirements. Almost all dams 50 years or older are slated for destruction/removal because of the environmental damages they have caused.	What will happen to those down stream when the dam fails or is over topped in a hurricane (or series of cyclonic storms in one season), but it will not concern me much because I will not be downstream of the dam in all probability if/when it happens. Every dam is no damn good, except for those built by beavers.	Nope, take down the damn dam & find better ways to create water storage except in a riverbed.	How many dams are there in Florida that benefits the state as a whole? None. All of them are applicable to special interest interest groups whose benefits usually are not in the interests of the rest of Florida, like the Bass fisherman & the Cross Florida Barge canal snafu.
9/23/2021 15:19	Marion		No	No					Opened up to allow the springs to fill	We are in a water crisis!	Our springs and rivers drying up, especially if nestle is bottling water from ginnie		
9/23/2021 15:19	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. In addition, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. As well as, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:19	St Johns		No	No					Removal of the dam to reunite Silver Sprigs, Ocklawaha and the St Johns.	It is urgent that we restore the connectivity of this waterway for the ecological benefit which translates into community economic and recreational benefits. Manatees are dying at an unprecendented rate and we these waterways must be restored to reestablish their vegetated habitats which also provide storm mitigation and life for countless other species.	I would like to submit this for review under the Endangered Species Act as the dam could be directly impeding manatee population stability.	No.	

9/23/2021 15:19	Martin		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:20	Clay		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a person who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:20	Orange		No	No					It should be breached.	Restore the springs and improve natural habitats for manatees, fish and other wildlife.	The continued loss of water and natural habitat for wildlife as well as millions of dollars in taxpayer money required for repairs and maintenance in the future.	No.	
9/23/2021 15:20	Manatee		No	No					Saved and preserved				
9/23/2021 15:20	Outside of state / other	michigan	No	No									
9/23/2021 15:20	Indian River		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 15:20	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		I would like to see the dam removed and the natural waterways restored.	The artificial manipulation of the natural system has resulted in negative consequences for water quality and wildlife habitat. Of particular concern is the inability of manatees to access a natural warm water refuge.	continued water quality and habitat degradation	I am not sure, but open to alternatives.	
9/23/2021 15:20	Alachua		No	No					My husband and I support restoring the original waterway so that the habitat and water supply are restored to a healthier pre reservoir/dam ecosystem	the facts of the benefits of a restoration project have been supported and established by many environmental advocacy groups like Defenders of Wildlife	That Florida will continue down a path that erodes the sustainable water system that all life in our state depends on	Not really, we don't have time to waste considering the damages that climate change are likely to continue to exert on our state as well as the loss of iconic animals like the manatee	Our tourism industry needs to be able to depend on sustainable practices that don't harm our healthy water supply and all the life that depends on it
9/23/2021 15:21	Sarasota		No	No					Restore the river to protect the manatees	The starvation and death of the number of manatees this year alone	Starvation and death at the manatees	No	
9/23/2021 15:23	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Other	* Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	* There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost effective springs protection project in Florida. * Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. * Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. * The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	* We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. * The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. * Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. * Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. * Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. * Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 15:23	Marion		No	No									
9/23/2021 15:25	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Do not use	Breech the dam and allow the river to return ti its natural flow.	My memories of canoeing the river in the 1960s with campers from Camp Immokalee.	Failure to let nature be nature.	No	I am a native of Florida and have memories of the Ocklawaha and other waters dating to th 1940s. I am an avid hunter and fisherman. I have supported conservation efforts across Florida and North America for more than 50 years.
9/23/2021 15:25	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam removed and the river and springs restored.	It would be a boost for ecotourism and native wildlife such as manatees	More of the river being clogged with water lettuce and other vegetation and wildlife such as manatees being affected	A partial breach of the dam	Fishing is very good on the river above and below the dam, so fishing will still be good if the dam is removed.
9/23/2021 15:25	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore it as nature intended.	We are to take care of our environment.	Manmade disaster made worse.	Not that I have heard at this point.	
9/23/2021 15:26	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: kayak near there	I think the dam should be breached along where the original river flowed, and restore that flow for the Ocklawaha.	That the Ocklawaha St Johns and Silver rivers, and multiple springs, would be restored. This has tremendous positive ripple effects beyond the restoration of a more complete ecosystem. It affects water quality, health of the entire river system for the water, plants, animals and people that all live within it. Improving health is vital to providing better resiliency to climate disruptions, and to a more stable economic benefit to the people in that rivershed.	Loss of sufficient natural water flow throughout the system, with accompanying stresses on the systems dependent on them - the forests, fish, manatee, humans, etc. Declining water flow and quality is a real concern on every level. We must restore and protect water. There is also concern about potential for dam breaking and flooding that would damage property and threaten life and livelihoods.	Not really. The idea of a short term measure to drawdown the water to avoid a property destroying dam breach would be ok as a step in a process, but not as an end to itself.	We know the value of intact ecosystems, whether they be watersheds, wildlife corridors or other interconnected systems. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway (such an inspiring recognition) would provide an amazing educational classroom in addition to protecting water, springs, manatee, forests, biodiversity, healthy water cycles to stabilize and cool, economic benefit etc. I have seen jaw dropping examples elsewhere of the capacity of Nature to heal and explode with biodiversity in even the short time of 1-3 years, of flooding reduced, pollinators and plants appearing. - we desperately need to invest this way. We need to invest in the people as well, to give them the financial and mentoring support to be good stewards of these places that they love. It takes eyes on the ground, and the love of a place to keep it in good health. Breaching the dam, restoring the Great Rivers, will breathe life into the entire system. Please support that investment.
9/23/2021 15:26	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the river as much as possible to free flowing natural state.	First, I think common sense that natural is best; secondly, i believe the science will support the ecological benefits.	Poor water quality, economical/liability impact to maintain/repair the dam,	I don't think half measures would make any sense.	I believe the dam could be breached and the surrounding area could be planned/developed into a magnificent recreational area for residents, tourists, fishing/nature enthusiasts, etc., that would prevent anyone from losing access. It could also be managed to produce income, rather than being an expense.
9/23/2021 15:26	Alachua		No	Yes					I'd like to see it removed	https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/	That the ecosystem will not recover	No	
9/23/2021 15:26	Leon		No	No					Breach the dam! My understanding is that this dam has negatively affected the hydrology & critical habitats in this area. Our springs may be our last chance at maintaining water quality long term. We need to restore this ASAP. Breach the dam!!	If the dam is breached, 20 drowned springs would be restored, along with historic fish migration patterns, along with critical habitat for plenty of other species. Our springs are important & are necessary for our long-term survival. Water is a basic need that must be protected.	If we don't restore connectivity now, I am afraid we will damage the area beyond repair. We have a chance now to restore areas important to endangered species. Let's do it before it is too late! Furthermore, proper connectivity keeps our waters clean.	Absolutely not. We need to breach the dam. Nothing else will provide the necessary solution.	Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to us. We love Florida and only want to see the best for our land and our people, and we know you do too. Please, breach the dam.
9/23/2021 15:27	Duval		No	No					removal and restore natural flow of the river way	science and the studies my husband participated in while at FIT science proves restoration of riverway will return to the natural habitats for many dwindling fish and manatee. Florida is missing the eco environment tourism. Old Florida natural habitats will bring in more than Disney for the State of Florida we have to restore to nature.	loss of our natural species will continue missing the benefit of eco tourism and a chance to teach our youth about preservation for the future and our errors of over development of the past	no	it's a no brain decision return to nature
9/23/2021 15:27	Washington		No	No									
9/23/2021 15:27	Alachua		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. The environment, wildlife, and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a resident who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a Florida resident and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife. Just seconds
9/23/2021 15:28	Seminole		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost effective springs protection project in Florida	Hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 15:28	Pasco		No	No					The dam must be breached to help the manatees survive and to restore the ecosystem.	I have paddled the rivers in the area and can see that this is a valuable ecosystem that should be restored.	Environmental degradation and problems for manatees		
9/23/2021 15:29	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

9/23/2021 15:29	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:29	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoring Florida and its native waterways back to the way the were before human impact		Devestation to the natural waterways, fish habitat and population	No	None
9/23/2021 15:29	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of it. It is an ecological, self imposed, disaster.	The fact that every major governmental organization involved with regulating and saving the environment has been recommending its removal for decades.	That once again money speaks louder than facts.	Nope.	If you remove the Rodman dam, more water will flow freely to the St. johns river, and this will help mitigate the damage done by dredging the channel to 50'. At least there will be more back flow to keep the salt water from moving any further south than this new, self imposed, ecological disaster is bringing.
9/23/2021 15:30	Duval		No	No								
9/23/2021 15:30	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other	Tear it down		St. John's will continue its decline.	Yes. Quit putting its affluent into the St. John's. Pipe it to the west and create reservoirs.	Fresh water in the river without treated sewage is much more important to Duval than global warming.
9/23/2021 15:30	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Dam.	We need the fresh water. All of the eel grass is dead in Duval. We need this grass for manatees and fish. The more fresh water the more eel grass.	The opportunity would be missed to restore a critically important waterway that is dependent on by humans and wildlife alike.	No. The dam should have been breached 50 years ago and we must take the opportunity now.	Breaching the Rodman Dam is one of the most consequential things the state of Florida can do for water quality, which is suffering greatly.
9/23/2021 15:30	Orange		No	No				The dam should be breached	The dam restricts the natural flow of the river, cutting off access to manatees, local fish, and other wildlife that depend on a free flowing river. All of Florida's waterways are connected and this dam is contributing to poor water quality in North Central Florida, which impacts all of us.	Increase manatee warm water winter habitat	No	
9/23/2021 15:30	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	With the dam breached, 7,500 acres of now-drowned forest will have a chance to grow naturally again, providing natural habitat for wildlife like manatees and fish species that cannot easily migrate past the dam. This will enable more wildlife viewing opportunities and other recreational activities like fishing, canoeing and kayaking to be available to more people rather than just folks who have expensive fishing boats. It will make access to this beautiful area more equitable.	Endangered manatees will be able to access critical warm-water wintering habitat, and fish species that historically spawned in the upper Ocklawaha will again be able to do so, resulting in increased fish populations.	Further decline of manatee and fish populations, loss of esonomic opportunity for neighboring areas due to increased visits to the restored springs, tax dollars needed to maintain the dam	No	
9/23/2021 15:31	Duval		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The continued huge expense in taxpayer dollars of having to maintain the dam, which provides no public benefits - no flood protection, no water supply, and no power. It has no function.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/23/2021 15:31	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		I would like it removed	Restoration of many springs and waterways	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/23/2021 15:31	Dade		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River. Restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat.	At 61 years old, I am afraid that I may never see the dam removed. This dam was a huge mistake. So much of Florida is a concrete jungle. I believe that this great waterway must be restored for the sake of those coming behind me. If	If some sort of emergency flood control system was left in place.	
9/23/2021 15:31	Outside of state / other	Arkansas	No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We could lose even more manatees in the future. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling camps, and recreation benefits.	none No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	We need to make sure we use every tool to help save manatees and other wildlife from habitat destruction and pollution. The manatees along with so many other wild creatures are dying due to the lack of natural habitats. Without those creatures, the environment becomes imbalanced. Then disease and invasive species come in a destroy the environment even more. Not only does the ecosystem need each native species to thrive, but so does Florida's economy. People travel from all over the country to see Florida and it's beautiful land. If you destroy its land, people stop coming and then the small business owners lose all of their income.
9/23/2021 15:32	Outside of state / other	Maynard, MA	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. This is the first, and most important step, in returning the Ocklawah River to its natural, sustainable state.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. These animals need our protection and assistance in restoring and maintaining their habitat!	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. We cannot risk losing these animals!	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. This must be done!	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. These unusual creatures must be protected and encouraged to thrive! This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 15:32	Pinellas		No	No				help the manatees	help the manatees	more death to the manatees	help the manatees	
9/23/2021 15:32	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	remove the dam	St Johns Riverkeeper			
9/23/2021 15:33	Outside of state / other	Amelia, Ohio	No	No				I would like to see the dam removed.	The restoration of fish and other wildlife migration, as well as allowing manatees to access their former feeding grounds.	I am concerned about the future for manatees due to loss of their feeding grounds.	No	
9/23/2021 15:34	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Engineer parts of the reservoir to hold water for recreation and business purposes. Develop the sunken springs for recreation and fishing.	Wildlife migration is inhibited by the dam.	The expense of maintaining the dam on tax payers, the continued harm to wildlife species.	Leave the dam open except for flood events. Develop a bypass for manatee and fish.	Please consider more than just fishing and a few influential land owners.
9/23/2021 15:34	Sarasota		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed.	By removing the dam this will not only save the vulnerable manatee, but also reestablish migratory corridors for many species of fish and upland wildlife-and improve water quality flowing to downstream estuaries where sea turtles live.	That the imperiled manatees will perish. They are an important part of the entire ecosystem as well as for Florida tourism.	no	
9/23/2021 15:34	Orange		No	No				Breach it and restore the springs	reversing the damage the dam has done to the naturally-evolved water system and connected ecosystems	Water quality will continue to diminish and wildlife will continue to struggle for survival, putting the ecosystems at even further risk	No	
9/23/2021 15:35	Outside of state / other		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:35	Charlotte		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to
9/23/2021 15:36	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I don't use the Rodman dam but I do kayak the Silver And Oklawaha Rivers	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam and open the rivers to their natural state.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be opened , this would open the rivers to the hundreds of manatee that historically used this river as a winter habitat. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined due to the dam and they could make a comeback. The dam is costing millions of taxpayer dollars to repair and it provides no flood protection, power or water supply. Water quality is declining further with weed blockage , which in turn has to be killed with herbicides - this is not good for anything in the water..	That the lower St Johns , Oklawaha and Silver rivers and the 20 lost springs would not be restored and reunited.	No, it's time to breach the dam and stop wasting time . 50 years is enough.	Florida is such a unique state with all it has to offer. If we don't restore it back and stop killing everything we will lose it. We all know what needs to be done, but do we start putting our environment first before money and selfishness? I believe we a know the answer to that but will we actually do it? I certainly hope so.
9/23/2021 15:36	Palm Beach		Yes	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Take out the dam and restore the springs.	Many springs will be restored along with wildlife.	We are missing a huge opportunity to do good for the land, environment and people.		
9/23/2021 15:36	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No				Remove them	Not sure	Environmental impact	Not sure	
9/23/2021 15:37	Pasco		No	No				Supervision & Maintenance	Environment & Nature need protection W/ continuing oversight	A 100% balanced ecosystem w/constant surveillance by biologists & Locals.	no	none
9/23/2021 15:37	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed. This dam has been in place for over 50 years exceeding its life expectancy. In that time it has never once fulfilled its original purpose. I am a fisherman myself but I care more about my children being able to witness this free flowing healthier waterway than I do about catching a big bass.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.	The natural ecosystems will continue to slowly decline as they have been since the dam was built.	No there is not. Freeing the Ocklawaha River is the only outcome I support.	Please do this. Do this for the children that will grow up in this beautiful state. Do this for the people who have never had the pleasure of seeing this waterway in its free flowing natural state.
9/23/2021 15:37	Outside of state / other	Jacksonville, NC	No	No								
9/23/2021 15:38	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	That it be removed	Restoring springs and natural water flow to enhance wildlife	This dam will inhibit wildlife to survive and will cost tax payers money in costly repairs to old infrastructure	No
9/23/2021 15:39	Wakulla		No	No					Breach it.	Knowing that the springs could have proper flow again and that Silver Springs would have a real chance at restoration.	How to we move forward, what other steps can we take for this to happen.	I would need more information to answer this.
9/23/2021 15:39	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Dam removal. Restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha.	Many of our springs have decreased water flow or have dried up.	The springs would continue their decline along with water quality of all bodies of water affected.	None that I can think of.	We are very active with the preservation of Wakuli a Springs and know how important and vital they all our to our well being and future. The time is right to restore the natural flow of the river. The most cost effective and the most beneficiat to our state's ecosystem.
9/23/2021 15:39	Outside of state / other	United States- New York	No	No				Help the manatees survive !	The manatee are dying due to habitat and human boating traffic !	The extinction of the manatees !	I would support any and all petitions concerning this issue.	Save the manatees!!!
9/23/2021 15:40	Duval		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed in order to regain the connection of Silver Springs, the Oklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The fact that the Oklawaha is named one of America's most endangered rivers. We shouldn't let this opportunity to right a wrong go past.	Continued intrusion of saltwater into the St. John's. Blue-green algae blooms. Shrinking manatee habitat.	No. The solution is right before us. Get rid of the dam and reservoir and help restore the natural resources that make Florida what it is.	
9/23/2021 15:40	Palm Beach		No	No				I would like to restore the natural river flow by removing the dam.	Manatees and other wildlife need this natural river for over-wintering. Currently, the dam prevents them from utilizing this warmer water.	Manatees and other wildlife will become critically endangered then extinct.	I don't think alternatives exist, but if other effective river routes could be created, I might support them.	
9/23/2021 15:41	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	I cant think of anything that would really be helpful at all.	
9/23/2021 15:42	Outside of state / other	San Jose,CA	No	No							Save environments for the manatees	
9/23/2021 15:42	Outside of state / other	Delaware	No	No				Restore native habitat	Saving manatees	Lose of manitees and native waters	0	
9/23/2021 15:42	Outside of state / other	Kirkland, WA	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 15:43	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	I favor breaching the dam.	Migratory fish would be able to find further habitat, including Silver Spring	Less habitat for fish and manatees that would flock to old springs that have been covered	Fich ladders, devices to raise manatees.	More habitat for fish and manatees means more fish and manatees. What purpose does the dam serve? Not power or water supply. It is a monument to a 50-year-old boondoggle canal which just interferes needlessly with the natural order.
9/23/2021 15:43	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	Other	Remove it.	Science shows that the Ocklawaha needs to flow freely.	Continued degradation of the river.	No	
9/23/2021 15:44	Leon		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Return to natural as much as possible.	Old maps and charts	Water pollution	Not really	
9/23/2021 15:44	Outside of state / other	Vancouver, WA	No	No				The area needs to be conserved for the sake of the wildlife that depend on it.	Humans are wiping out wildlife all over the world. We need to be conserving as much as we can to support the wildlife that is left.	The death and extinction of more marine wildlife.	I would support any outcome that supports the wildlife that lives there.	
9/23/2021 15:45	Pinellas		No	No				Tear it down	Saving manatees, environmental impact	Continuing a 50 year mistake	Not tearing the dam down. We need to care most about our environment and the animals that need to sustain life.	Please put earth first.
9/23/2021 15:46	Brevard		No	No				Remove	Remove the dam and let the river flow as it used to do.	Manatees will continue to die off until there are no e left.	No	Rodman dam serves no purpose and should be removed. We need to correct our past mistakes!

9/23/2021 15:47	Outside of state / other	Concord, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	https://act.defenders.org/page/33864/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=092321_Great_Florida_Riverway&utm_content=092321=Great+Florida+Riverway&ea.url.id=989705&forwarded=true#:~:text=Keeping%20the%20Ocklawaha,Florida%20Wildlife%20Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:48	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Remove the dam and restore a free flowing Oklawaha.	The dam has damaged the ecosystem including the Oklawaha and Silver rivers, obstructed the migration of native marine life, and submerged springs. It's time to restore the natural flow.	Further damage to the ecosystem including adverse impact to the St John's River which is already deteriorating rapidly.	No	The entire concept of the cross Florida barge canal was ill conceived with obviously no regard to its adverse environmental impact. It's time to undo the damage and restore this valuable River and ecosystem.
9/23/2021 15:48	Outside of state / other	new york	No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 15:49	Outside of state / other	Carrollton, Georgia	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: picnics	Safer for the wildlife and updated to todays standards. Cleaner! more efficient	Global Warming and the environment	Lives on and around the dam and the water passages and containment problems	NO	
9/23/2021 15:50	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: I do not visit the Dam for recreation.	Open the dam to provide clean water to Silver Springs, the St. Johns River, and its tributaries and springs.	Studies that have been conducted for years and I have first hand knowledge because my husband and I camp and canoe on these rivers frequently. We have witnessed the damage to the rivers and springs and wildlife.	More pollution will occur, we will witness more manatee deaths, springs will no longer be thriving and clear, dead fish and threatened wildlife and human sickness from pollution will continue to escalate.	No. It is time to move forward with this issue. It have been debated and studied for years. Now is the time.	
9/23/2021 15:50	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I think there is a need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Not really. Breaching the dam is long overdue as both the wildlife and water need this desperately.	
9/23/2021 15:50	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Open it up get rid of the dam	Wildlife preservation	Lack of sufficient water and clearance of ecosystem	No	
9/23/2021 15:51	Baker		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing					
9/23/2021 15:53	Outside of state / other	South Boston, VA	No	No									
9/23/2021 15:53	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers (Oklawaha, Silver, and St. John's) and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat) and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 15:53	Seminole		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.		Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	We need to keep the manatees save for generations to come.
9/23/2021 15:53	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	I would like to see the dam removed. I would like to see the natural flow of the water way restored.	Natural spring located on the river could be a great draw for tourism and may attract more people to this area.	My concern would be me not being able to get to the sweet sweet natural springs.	Have the lake drawn Down year round. Let the water flow through the dam.	
9/23/2021 15:53	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	removed and return the river to it's natural state	the dam is man made	loss of natural florida	open the damn	
9/23/2021 15:55	Broward		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Benefiting other springs	Losing the springs and our beautiful nature that the springs bring	No	
9/23/2021 15:55	Outside of state / other	Waverly, TN	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 15:56	Leon		No	No									I lived in Ocala during the destruction of the Silver River, 1964-1974. I was privileged to ride down the Silver River before the destruction of that part of the river occurred. I believe in protecting our water ways and forests, esp. our spring fed rivers. That is why I am concerned.
9/23/2021 15:56	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	remove the dam/	we need to restore the natural flow	poor water quality in the Stjohns	no	It has been way to long.
9/23/2021 15:56	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River: Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	I have seen the benefits of breaching/removing dams in other river systems. The science supports restoration. A free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. It is time to correct this mistake that was made to support a cancelled project.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	This kind of reversal has been done in many other river systems with great success. While we lose some benefit to a small group we gain a much larger benefit for the river and for many more people.
9/23/2021 15:57	Volusia		No	No					Breach the dam	Manatees will not have access to warm water for cold winter months.	Manatees will not have access to warm water for cold winter months.	No. This is 50 years over due. Breach the dam!	
9/23/2021 15:57	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 15:58	Dade		No	No					Restore the Oklawaha River to its historic flow by breaching the dam.	Restoration of multiple natural springs and the Silver springs ecosystem will bring manatees and native fish. Also, restoration of the Florida Wildlife corridor for people and nature.	The St John's River estuary would continue to be deprived of its natural water flow and not allowing for improved water quality, restoration of fish and wildlife habitat, and reduction of saltwater intrusion.	No, breaching the dam is long overdue. The freshwater ecosystem of North Florida must be protected and preserved now.	As a 55 year resident of Florida, I have seen the gradual degradation of our State's beautiful natural resources. We must take strong action now to preserve what's left of our beautiful State for future generations.
9/23/2021 15:58	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Record size bass are caught there ALL the time. This is one of the LAST unpaved areas in Central Florida. It is inside a National Forest, so leave it natural. St Johns Riverkeepers has failed in nearly all their attempts in the Jacksonville river basin, they should stay out of this sacred natural area.	Opening it to the enormous growth in central Florida population will totally eliminate peaceful freedom and destroy all the remaining fish, birds & wild animals. Development has already slowed the flow of water from Silver Springs and the Oklawaha rivers	Convert the eastern Oklawaha lock to an overflow type dam to create more of a flow to prevent trapped vegetation	I have seen St Johns Riverkeepers fail at a lot of important projects around Jacksonville, so just stop the emotional tears - there is not a problem, so don't artificially try to create another one
9/23/2021 15:58	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove/breach them	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. The submerged springs can then be effective.	Missed opportunity and avoidable real and opportunity costs	Substantial permanent drawdown would have some benefit	
9/23/2021 15:59	Outside of state / other	Spartanburg, SC	No	No									
9/23/2021 15:59	Martin		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	RESTORATION IS CRITICAL FOR NOW AS WELL AS THE FUTURE ! Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, PLUS Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	THE ECONOMY AND WILDLIFE AND RECREATION ARE ALL RELATED SO: Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	PREFER RESTORATION _ BUT AT LEAST Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed Riverway.	MY FAMILY AND I ARE TAX PAYING stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 479) 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration !!!!!!!!!!!
9/23/2021 15:59	Martin		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	I'm a zoologist and this information is known by any wildlife specialist	extinction of the manatees and other wildlife that rely on a free flowing river system	Moving all the people out of Florida and stopping all motorized boats in the coastal estuarine areas so that manatees have a safe place to live w/o being ripped to pieces by propellers. Also, stop letting sewer and ag pollution enter the waterways.	People's trash is also a problem. Repealing single use plastic and other single use packaging would help enormously.
9/23/2021 16:00	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Breaching	It would support the springs	Many of our springs affected		
9/23/2021 16:00	Outside of state / other	Delaware	No	No					No dams!!!	Endangered manatees need the warm water.	Dwindling numbers of manatees.	No.	
9/23/2021 16:00	Outside of state / other	Phoenix, AZ	No	Yes									Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
9/23/2021 16:00	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Other: to see if it is still there and then to wonder why	Dam down, reservoir drained, river returned to its natural state	environment, economics	environment, economics	partial removal of dam. full restoration of river flow	come on... it is time...
9/23/2021 16:01	Outside of state / other	Camp Verde, AZ	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	I fear the loss of manatees and other wildlife that depend on the river.	No	
9/23/2021 16:01	Pinellas		No	No						I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.	further destruction of the environment and mass death of wildlife	no!	Seems as if Florida only knows how to pollute, kill and poison. Even the humans are dropping dead from Covid. Smartan up!

9/23/2021 16:01	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. This needs to happen.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. These animals are in danger of disappearing, and Florida is their home! Enhancing and restoring 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will benefit many other species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. It would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As an American who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:01	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	A partial restoration of the waterway.	
9/23/2021 16:01	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore natural flow.	Save taxpayer money 4-14 million dollars to repair/maintain a dam that is past it's expected design life. Allow fish and wildlife habitat to return to its natural condition. Wintering habitat in natural springs Manatee habitat would be restored.	Continued expensive dam maintenance requirements.	Not really	
9/23/2021 16:02	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:02	Pinellas		No	No										
9/23/2021 16:04	Hillsborough		No	No					Breached	Breaching the dam to restore springs and return wildlife	Florida water quality and habitat loss.			
9/23/2021 16:05	Outside of state / other	terre haute, indiana	No	No					more protection for the manatees	they are endangered	they could become extinct	no		
9/23/2021 16:05	Brevard		No	No					Breached and full flow restored	Memory of the Ocklawaha River as most beautiful in Florida	Florida leadership is willing to see natural Florida destroyed	Not that I can think of		Florida's state character is that of bountiful nature yet we work to destroy it in the name of money.
9/23/2021 16:05	Outside of state / other	minnesota	No	No										
9/23/2021 16:08	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam	Conservation and Wildlife experts	Continued degradation of a unique biosphere	Just do it		Please
9/23/2021 16:09	St Johns		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	restore it to its natural state and remove the Dam	health of our river as well as ecotourism will increase bringing money to local economy .	Isoec waterway, fish can not return to lay eggs , manatees will not have the area to warm themselves in the winter: more money wasted stocking fish. it will continue to cost money to maintain a pointless Dam. Springs will stay clogged shall I continue?	leave it open and drawn down let nature take care of it little by little.		Rather speak in person.
9/23/2021 16:09	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:09	Jefferson		No	No					That it is restored for wildlife	Manatees starving due to loss of habitat	The death of the Manatees			
9/23/2021 16:12	Marion		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam.	The fish population is down 92%, manatees need the warm water to overwinter, and the dam serves no useful purpose. It is also in need of repair.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee. water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		
9/23/2021 16:13	Outside of state / other	Delaware	No	No						Clean it up and keep it clean	the environment and wild life			
9/23/2021 16:13	Outside of state / other	San Diego, California	No	No							saving manatees			
9/23/2021 16:13	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: passing by enroute elsewhere	The dam should be removed and the river restored.	Fifty plus years ago I went from my home (St. Johns River) to Eustis. I remember the Ocklawaha River and Silver River from this. A few years ago I was in Welaka and noticed how the river had degraded both as to river flow and biodiversity.	Continuing degradation of river flow. absence of grasses, and death of animals that depend on the grasses and bottom condition.	No.		I have lived on and around the St. Johns River for over 70 years. My memories are much nicer than the present. Too many people and too much "improvement."
9/23/2021 16:15	Collier		No	No						I own a condo on Marco Island, Fl with my mother. Though, NY State is my primary residence, I am troubled with the amount of deaths of manatees, Florida panthers and lack of birds. Restoration of all wildlife habitat should be a priority. FULL RESTORATION OF HABITAT. Florida has less and less green space. If wildlife is suffering now, people will soon suffer as well. Florida has become unsustainable for all.	That Florida is on track to perpetuate disasters, without improving the quality of life for all. It should not be a " third world country " of a state.	I want 100% restoration. The degradation to all Floridians including animals is devestating I loath all of the development by humanity for humanity, without considring wild spaces to temain wild for the environment and animals If you don't care anout animals, then you don't care about people.	Do the right thing! Anything,less is unacceptable.
9/23/2021 16:15	Outside of state / other	hite Haven, Pennsylvania, United Stat	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
9/23/2021 16:16	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Have it taken down and let the river flow free. There are manatees (5) that are in the silver & ocklawaha river that evidently got in during the opening. There is plenty of food for them when they are starving in other places and that alone should be why it should come down	It serves no purpose for the greater good of boaters and fishermen with the exception of a few Bass fishermen..	Removal will keep hanging on with no solution Fish in the upper ocklawaha will not survive with the bad fish that FWC want to get rid of.	NO		
9/23/2021 16:17	Duval		No	No					I am in favor of a free-flowing Ocklawaha and the restoration of this natural system by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.			No		
9/23/2021 16:17	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. 🙏🏼 Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:18	Bradford		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Please use answer in #1	Please use statement #5.	Please use statement #10.	Please use the statement given: No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		There is no reason to have a dam on the Ocklawaha. Ecological benefits as well as the economy compel restoration.
9/23/2021 16:18	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Swimming in the lost springs.	I would like to see the the Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Oklawaha restored to its historic parameters	The choking non- native vegetation that inhibits all boating except airboats. And, the poisonous spraying of the aquatics. Costing taxpayers unnecessary $. And, all the dead cypress tree snags....ugly!!!	The death of the native aquatic grasses in Silver Springs run is a red flag that the ecology of the river is dying.	NO!!		
9/23/2021 16:18	Outside of state / other	NYC	No	No										Manatees are just one reason people visit your state. They deserve a lot more love than they are getting. Give them priority.
9/23/2021 16:19	St Johns		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Not to mention that the dam is past its life expectancy-breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	That we miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are CRITICAL (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration!
9/23/2021 16:19	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Other	Breaching the dam to allow full restoration of the Ocklawaha River to its original magnificent and natural state.	There is now full and substantiated scientific evidence of the mass destruction caused by the good intentions of the building of the dam. We have learned there are consequences to altering natural waterways and we should be willing to try to correct this terrible mistake.	That as a seventh generation Floridian, I would be witnessing in my lifetime, the sadness of failing to rectify a serious mistake, however well intentioned it was at the time. We have paid an enormous destructive trickle down affect of as a result of being well intentioned and we have a unprecedentated chance to cure it. Let's do it for our earth and future generations of Floridians!	None		
9/23/2021 16:20	Wakulla		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Emphasis on protecting wildlife native to the area.	The amount of wildlife that have frequented this area has decreased dramatically since the dam was built.	That the ecosystem of this area would fall apart and that would have a ripple affect on surrounding areas.	No.		
9/23/2021 16:20	Outside of state / other	Lake Hughes, CA	No	No					Reworing the Ocklawaha River	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	A dire situation for manatees	No		Please do what is best for the struggling species.
9/23/2021 16:22	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money will be spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 16:23	Palm Beach		No	No										
9/23/2021 16:24	Outside of state / other	Ventura, CA	No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		Thank You
9/23/2021 16:24	Outside of state / other	AZ	No	No					Undam it! Nature knows what she is doing. Man fluks it all up.	If we've learned nothing about the pandemic, let's at least know SCIENCE here supports restoration.	Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. More degradation to our Earth.	I really don't see one. Again, nature takes care of its own. Look at where lands are thriving. It's where no man has gone before.		Please, learn from past mistakes!
9/23/2021 16:25	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Don't use it	The dam and the locks are a needless expense. The area reservoir is unbelievably ugly; the dam is unnecessary; the system of locks are --pardon the expression--like tits on a bull.	The springs that have been covered by this monstrosity should be released to contribute their water and their beauty to the area.	The dam must go----------	NO		This area could become a lovely linear park, with hiking trails and views of the river.
9/23/2021 16:25	Outside of state / other	Kimmundy, IL	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatee refuges & caretakers!	More manatees will die.			
9/23/2021 16:27	Outside of state / other	Russia	No	No					I would like you preserve the flora and fauna of the region	The threat of disruption of the ecological balance	The irreversibility of environmental consequences, as well as regret that people are not listened	The scenario of complete conservation of the nature of the region		

9/23/2021 16:27	Outside of state / other	Berkeley, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Absolutely not. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:27	Outside of state / other	Seattle	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 16:28	Okaloosa		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the habitat	Endangered, imperiled and common wildlife species deserve to utilize the ecosystem properly and the only reason the dam exists is for fishing. right?	To have to keep complaining and we will eventually loose species that depend on the ecosystem.	No	
9/23/2021 16:28	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached to restore the natural hydrology of the area and allow the springs and riparian habitat to recover from the ecological damage caused by the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Kirkpatrick Dam has led to the impairment of Silver Springs fish populations, has covered several ecologically valuable springs, and has blocked one of the only potential migratory routes for striped bass in the entire state.	My biggest concern is that the impairment of Florida's natural resources would continue and that the natural ecology of the state's unique ecosystems would continue to be lost as time goes on.		
9/23/2021 16:29	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: flying over it	I would like to see the dam deconstructed so that silver springs, and the oklawaha is reunited with it's natural flow ending in the St. Johns River	federal and state studies support the breeching of the dam to restore natural water flow that will positively impact numerous hydrologic systems.	we would miss a golden opportunity to restore natural water flow to multiple systems. this would negatively impact the goal of combating salt water intrusion. restoring the water flow will help to restore numerous other ecological systems.	no	
9/23/2021 16:29	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:29	Outside of state / other	Cumberland, Rhode Island	No	No					The Dam should be breached. All across the country dams are being taken down. Manatees and other wildlife need the warmer waters to survive. We humans have taken away so much from our wildlife. Wildlife are natural resources too and should be protected.	Manatees are dying in record numbers this past winter. They are struggling. They need our help.	Ongoing habitat degradation and dwindling species.	No. Do the right thing. Get humans and greed out of the picture and let nature heal.	
9/23/2021 16:30	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is our best opportunity to correct something that was a boondoggle to begin with. Breaching the dam and restoring the Oklawaha River benefits everyone as well as the wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:31	Sumter		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the river to its original flow	The Florida Manatee	Regular flow and access to warm waters by the Manatee.	No. Its time for the dam to go.	Please correct a mistake made many years ago.
9/23/2021 16:31	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No									
9/23/2021 16:32	Outside of state / other	Missouri	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:32	Alachua		No	Yes					restore the river and floodplain forest	There used to be a river and floodplain forest there	That the river and floodplain forest have not been restored	no	fix this mistake!
9/23/2021 16:32	Lake		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:32	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economics lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 16:33	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		to remove the dam and to let our fish and manatee population come back to the Ocklawaha river, also to help the springs that are not showing while the dam is in place.	Silver Springs Alliance has done research by the University of Fla that has proven it will help both sides of the dam.	The Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs will not survive in the future. We need these for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.		If we do not take care of this problem for our springs and waterways who will? Our government certainly doesn't care enough to. They seem to only be listening to the big money people who just want to take everything (water) for nothing but a permit. The government is selling the State of Florida's citizen water away.
9/23/2021 16:34	Brevard		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha river by breaching the dam.	100's of manatees gain essential warm water springs habitat.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Plus it's a waste of taxpayer money to continue the dam.	No.	I care about Florida's environment and wildlife. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees. Their natural habitat needs to be restored.
9/23/2021 16:35	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Remove Kirkpatrick Dam to allow the Ocklawaha River to flow	Restoring the natural flow	Continued damage to the environment	Partially remove Kirkpatrick Dam to allow the Ocklawaha River to flow	
9/23/2021 16:37	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. The death of so many manatees this year is only an example of what is to come if we don't restore our waterway.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. After the additional permit that was granted to Nestle to draw down water in the springs, it is vital that we do all we can to restore the water flow whenever possible and this is the moment to do that.
9/23/2021 16:37	Brevard		No	No					Breaching of the dam and the subsequent restoration of the Ocklawaha River, an important feature of the Great Florida Riverway	We can increase opportunities for recreation and tourism, avoid expensive dam repairs and potential flood damage to property AND give fish and manatees (our state mammal) access to more habitats to help their populations thrive.	Loss of opportunity for economic growth in the area and millions of dollars dedicated unnecessarily to dam repairs and flood damage to property.	No. This is an opportunity to help our economy and our environment.	We can do this! We can do it responsibly. We can make this a win for our economy, our fellow citizens and our environment. We can show the world that we cherish, we honor what makes us special - our beautiful state.
9/23/2021 16:37	Outside of state / other	Brooklyn, NY	No	No					Whatever helps manatees.	Manatees are important.	It would be disappointed if manatees are harmed.	no	
9/23/2021 16:37	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and restore it to its natural state.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue stop wasting tax dollars.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 16:38	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 479) SECOND PARAGRAPH OPTIONS This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 517) MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521) WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration.

9/23/2021 16:38	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 16:38	Seminole		No	No					Free the Ocklawaha and restore the natural flow of the river system and watersheds of the Ocklawaha and St. John's rivers.	Saltwater intrusion into the St. John's river is increasing, killing trees within the floodplain of the upper and middle St. John's river. Restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha into the St. John's would allow natural wetlands to survive and filter pollutants, and reduce the effects of saltwater intrusion due to dredging in the St John's riverway.	Considerably more pollutants will increase in the waterways, Salt water intrusion will affect drinking water supplies, major tree die-offs, fish and marine life mortality events will increase, and algal blooms will affect the quality of life for humans and wildlife alike.		The Cuplet Fern Chapter of the Florida Native Plant society stands with other environmental organizations to advocate for the natural resources of Florida's environment. Protect the river systems and restore the flow.
9/23/2021 16:39	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. The dam should be breached.	Breaching the dam is not only the most economically beneficial solution, but also the most ecologically beneficial solution. It would save taxpayer money as well restoring some of Florida's beautiful springs and ecosystems. Florida is unique when it comes to our springs and wildlife, and we the people are asking our government to protect that. Do right by us and breech the dam.
9/23/2021 16:41	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it, I just wanted to see the monstrosity that is destroying our rivers and environment	Breach it	Save our rivers, springs, fish, manatees, and restore the water as it needs to be.	Money wasted to repair the dam. more damage to the fish and rivers.	No, breach the dam.	There is no reason to keep a dam that has served no good purpose other than hurting the environment.
9/23/2021 16:41	Indian River		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: exploring, hiking & Birding	Tear the dam down and drain the artificial reservoir. Restore the riparian ecosystem of the Ocklawaha River! Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. Instead of relying on power plant effluent to survive the winter. This will also benefit species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, it will restore 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	•Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Restoring the connected rivers will provide for many more wildlife species and small business communities than just another artificial reservoir.	No! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Dam removal & river restoration has proven very beneficial for both wildlife & communities in the Pacific Northwest.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/23/2021 16:41	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 16:42	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	removal	lack of adequate water flow	stagnation of the Rodman pool	mo	
9/23/2021 16:42	Marion		No	No					shut it down it is making our water crisis worse	reading the various scientific papers on Florida waterways	The waterways would continue to shrink and native species will die.	none	
9/23/2021 16:43	Gilchrist		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	The ecological restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	Thousands of acres of forest and wildlife habitat are not restored.	No. Breach the dam.	Additionally restoring the Ocklawaha River is a cost effective way to restore Silver Springs.
9/23/2021 16:43	Outside of state / other	Chino Valley, AZ	No	No									As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:43	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	NO! 50 years and enough damage has been done. Breach the dam now	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:47	Duval		No	No					It is important to the future of Florida's environment that the dam be removed and the natural river flow resume.	God created the earth for us to benefit from, not to exploit.	I'm already very concerned for all of the Florida ecosystems, but the St. Johns River Basin doesn't have the notarity of other environmental assets and needs protection and heightened awareness of how it contributes to the life of the ecosystems.	unknown	Thank you for your efforts to maintain Florida's natural beauty and native species.
9/23/2021 16:47	Outside of state / other	Atlanta, GA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 16:48	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					I just want to see the manatees protected from harm. Florida has been recklessly destroying them to the point of extinction.	The manatees are dying in record numbers.	You people will be blamed by future generations for your gross neglect of your duty to protect this iconic species.	Get rid of the idiots who don't care about protecting the manatees.	
9/23/2021 16:48	Outside of state / other	Ulster County in NY	No	No					Breach the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. It will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Death of more manatees	no	
9/23/2021 16:49	Outside of state / other	Winslow, AZ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:52	Pinellas		No	No					Removal.	I read Ditch of Dreams and believe the dam caused environmental damage.	Continued decline of habitats, decline of manatee and fish population	mo	
9/23/2021 16:52	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it anymore because it should be restored to its wild past.	Breach the Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River remove the harm that has been done to the wildlife, the water quality, and the economy that wastes millions on repairing an old dam.	The number of Springs, estuaries, and natural flow to enhance the Oklawaha and St. John's Rivers will be restored. The dam is past its life expectancy save the millions we waste for repairs.	We lose the chance to restore the natural flow with available State and Federal funds and continue to waste millions of taxpayer dollars to repair a dam that has no broad public benefit!	No we have been putting up with this fiasco for 50 years or more. It is only a matter of time that the dam will fail and damage property downstream.	I care about Florida. I care about the environment and the wildlife. Restoration will benefit communities and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Water quality and flow will be restored especially to Silver Springs. The manatee habitat is enhanced. Thank you for considering and hopefully benefiting our State by Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River.
9/23/2021 16:52	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:53	Broward		No	No					please restore the Great Florida Riverway, for manatees and other wildlife that depend on this habitat thank you	please see above	continued unnecessary loss of manatees and other wildlife	no	

9/23/2021 16:53	Outside of state / other	Brookhaven, GA	No	No					Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Breaching the dam will prevent $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream property owners.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Recreating the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 517).
9/23/2021 16:53	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed as it drains taxpayer dollars and has destroyed the Ocklawaha and covered up many springs, and interrupted the migrations of fish, manatees, and other wildlife.	The knowledge that the river is not meant to be contained in this manner, interrupting many natural processes. The Cross Fl. Barge canal is an admitted environmental disaster, I don't know why we continue to pay for this last part of it.	The negative environmental impacts that will continue as they have for the past 50 years, and the legacy and embarrassment of the Cross FL Barge Canal will continue.	It's really a choice between dam or no dam, there are not any in between options.	The dam is very expensive and a waste of taxpayer dollars. We could be making just as much money from ecotourism as we do from the fishing tournaments. There are plenty of other lakes in FL to fish from that do not require constant, expensive, maintenance.
9/23/2021 16:54	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Boat access to the Ocklawaha River is often impeded by vegetation overgrowth, requiring spraying of harmful chemicals.
9/23/2021 16:54	Outside of state / other	Oklahoma	No	No					Anything that helps your incredible manatees to survive.	You may take manatees for granted, but those of us who have to travel 1,000 miles to see them do not. They have a hard time surviving cold winters and boating accidents. Anything you could do to restore/improve their habitats would be ideal. Many places in Florida (i.e., the Keys) have been overdeveloped or poorly managed-the very things that tourists come to see are being destroyed. It is too late for Hawaii, but not for Florida! Please restore areas for wildlife that many Europeans and Americans travel far and wide to see! It starts with one area-others WILL follow!	It would be very sad to see the docile, sweet manatees lost forever. A lot is done to preserve the killer gators in Florida. No one seems to fight for these peaceful beings. They have no defense against uncaring humans.	Anything that might slow or outlaw boat motors in the waterways of manatees-no wake zones, paddles, require the raising of motors in the zones, some type of cage or protection around motors to protect wildlife, etc. Surely someone in the boating industry could come up with something?	Please help the manatees, or ship them all out of state to places where we would care for and respect them!
9/23/2021 16:55	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. AND 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	The dam deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed impacts species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. - I can't wait to come see the area and the wildlife once it's been done. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as an animal lover & wildlife enthusiast and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:56	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam taken down to hopefully start a natural flow of water.	The area needs to be able to be more resilient to sea-level rise and saltwater intrusion.	lack of waterways for fish and manatees to utilize.	- would like to see a start of restoring natural Florida.	- gal florida wanted it's own Panama canal but this obviously from the start not a great idea. we were slow to learn this from the Everglades. humans shouldn't be so greedy.
9/23/2021 16:56	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times		Remove the dam. Restore the ocklawaha back to natural.	Manatees are affected and the natural flow. Plus the dam will cost more to upkeep	Cost of dam maintenance. Impact on manatees, silver river, natural springs, increased vegetation causing herbicides to be sprayed	No. Remove the dam. Restore the ocklawaha	Please. It would help our environment extremely
9/23/2021 16:57	Outside of state / other	Novada	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 16:58	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would love to see it taken down. The Ocklawaha is my favorite river and I can't wait to canoe the whole thing!	The river and the wildlife that life in it and around it would be much better off if the river flowed free.	That we have to keep fighting to get a damn taken down that should have never been put up and serves no valid purpose.	No	
9/23/2021 16:58	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times		I would like to see the dam breached and the river restored.	The dam is past its life expectancy and breaching it will save an estimated $4-14 million dollars in repair costs. Also, the 20 springs covered by the river will be restored, allowing fish and manatee populations to regain habitat that was lost with the building of the dam.	Water quality will decline further with blue-green algae and fish kills expected to increase. State and federal funds are available now and may not be in the future. We should seize this opportunity while public interest is high.	No. Florida needs to breach this dam. It is way past time!	
9/23/2021 16:59	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No!	
9/23/2021 16:59	Lake		No	No					Removal/demolition of the Dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	Partial removal which still allows for natural water flow and fish/Manatee migrations	It has been scientifically proven for decades the amount of damage dams do to their ecosystem and this dam is no different. Now is our opportunity to reverse this damage and restore the waterways to their natural flow. Not only will it save the ecosystem, it will also save the community millions of dollars in repairs and other expenses relating to maintaining the damage.
9/23/2021 17:00	Outside of state / other		No	No									
9/23/2021 17:02	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other	id like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed. By cutting off water flow it is endangering the ecosystem. It is also a lesson for colonizers to recognize and take accountability for their lack of understanding how nature and harmony within work. By constricting a dam and "controlling flow" you only harm an ecosystem you never took the time to understand. YOU GUYS MURDERED NATIVES who are the watchers of the land. Please just recognize the reality of living in a post colonized world, You are not native to this land. There are KARMIC consequences to destroying nature, that is how sickness and ignorance occurs when you abuse mother earth. We have everything we need if we just protect her! And open your eyes and do the work of UNLEARNING EVERYTHING YOU KNOW. Look up to and protect natives they are the individuals who intrinsically understand empathy and balance. Please it is not too late to undo but you have to realize that everything you've been taught is a lie and tactic of colonization. Please respect and protect the natural water flow. It is, for a reason.	Migratory fish populations are down 92% since the dam was built back into Silver Springs. Please just protect the water and restore it to its natural flow.	Mass fish populations die offs, algae bloom (which affect bodies of water that are constricted). Murky water, bacteria in water, and potential viruses such as covid, though it might not seem like it, when there is an in balance that is man-made that affects nature, harmony with our planet is out of sync and more often you see strange illness in humans and animals.	Please stop building dams, stop doing construction on springs/near springs, it's so disruptive and has long term damage. Please stop allowing anyone to build concrete near springs, it is not natural and risks killing springs and wildlife which relies on the laws of nature. If the dam is not taken down you might as well curse your self and your family...	LAND BACK. GIVE LAND BACK TO NATIVES. Please recognize how in nature harmony is real. When a beaver builds its dam it serves a purpose in nature and changes the flow of the water. Natives also have a purpose here to protect and live in harmony with nature. And colonizers came here and disrupted their purpose and harmony. Creating artificial dams only causes destruction on a scale that you will never fully understand. IT also erases sacred energy of sites. Please keep our planet sacred. We only have one home, mother earth, protect her.
9/23/2021 17:03	Orange		No	No					Restore original water flow	History	People messing with nature	no	Dam should never have been created
9/23/2021 17:03	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	CHEAT SHEET: 1. What would you like to see happen with the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam moving forward? Please use this one or make one of your own. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. 2. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Please use one or make one of your own: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners 3. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Please use one or make one of your own: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	With the terrible year manattees have had it is so important to provide them more habitat. Allowing springs to return will help charge the aquifer. We need this. Thank You
9/23/2021 17:04	Seminole		No	No					Restore the area as close to its natural state by eliminating the dam… this will help with native fish populations, allow the decimated manatee population a better habitat , help with elimination of invasive species and save millions in dam repair and maintenance.	Native fish populations are down by some 90% in the springs.	Further clogging by invasive plants and the resulting loss of habitat for native species and the resulting loss of dollars to the local economy resultantly.	No	
9/23/2021 17:05	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 17:05	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Tourist	Removed	Free the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers	Concern for wildlife and restricted fish migration	No	
9/23/2021 17:05	Collier		No	No					To restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	$15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	The deprivation for hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No.	
9/23/2021 17:06	Manatee		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached	Breaching the dam will uncover the 20 springs currently submerged by the dam. Uncovering these springs is essential to restoring silver springs, providing warm water habitats for manatees, restoring migratory fish routes, and improving wildlife and seagrasses.	Loss of springs. Loss of wildlife especially manatees. The misuse of funds and taxpayers money for repair of a dam that has already exceeded nits life expectancy. Further decline of water quality fueling invasive weeds, blue-green algae events, fish kills, vegetation loss.	There is no other scenario. The breaching of Rodman-Formstack dam is not only 50 years overdue, it should never have been built in the first place. The long term impact of dams on fish, grasses, wildlife, water quality is always devastating to natural ecosystems.	Our Florida wildlife, especially manatees, are in crisis ndue to habitat loss, and food loss. This year alone has been one of the deadliest for manatees, fish, grasses due to algea blooms. As citizines of Florida we have a responsibility to ourselves and future generations to protect all our natural resources.
9/23/2021 17:06	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/23/2021 17:08	Polk		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha river by breaching the dam to restore water quality and wildlife.	150 + million gallons of water per day restored to its natural flow to the Ocklawaha and St. John's rivers.	Thousands of acres NOT restored to nature.	No. It is 50 years overdue!	
9/23/2021 17:09	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Hunting Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore natural river flow.	The system was historically a riverine system	Missed opportunity to restore a unique River system of which Florida has very few compared to number of lakes.	No	Rodman Dam was a mistake clear and simple and it's time to allow for natural River functions.

9/23/2021 17:09	Franklin		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 17:13	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Removing the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River	Protection of wildlife - this is necessary to protect endangered manatees	Loss of habitat and resulting animal deaths	No	Please take these steps to restore the river and land to natural state. We have so little nature left
9/23/2021 17:13	Outside of state / other	Indianapolis, IN	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
9/23/2021 17:14	Seminole		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha to once again flow free. My family owns land walking distance from the Ocklawaha in Marion county and I care deeply about the ecology of that area.	As a biology major and researcher I understand that biodiversity has decreased as a result of this dam by reducing the ability of fish to move freely between the St. Johns River and the Ocklawaha and its upstream springs. This includes the sports channel catfish run and manatee migrations.	Continued loss of biodiversity as well as reduced potential manatee habitat, a species which is repeatedly suffering due to algal blooms and red-tide	No.	
9/23/2021 17:14	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm occurs to wildlife, water quality, and the floodplain forests.	Restoring the flow way for fish and manatees to return to Silver River and Silver Springs.	The ecological system comprised of fish, manatees, water quality, floodplain, springs, and other features continues to decline. Horrible use of taxpayer money to keep the dam intact.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is the chance for our environmental managers (SJRWMD and DEP) to do the right thing and restore the Ocklawaha River.
9/23/2021 17:16	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		Remove the dam	Free river flow. Species connections and access. Springs exposed	Continued enviro degradation. Costs of maintaining out of date dangerous dam. Costs of herbicides on the reservoir	Dam needs to b removed to connect water flow corridor	
9/23/2021 17:16	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see it taken down to allow the movement of wildlife and water throughout the area.	My preexisting knowledge of his dams affect the movement of wildlife and my knowledge of the declining water levels in the Florida springs.	I would be concerned that Florida's decision makers do not value the springs and the organisms that rely on them.	No.	Removing the dam would be a cost effective measure to benefit our waterways and wildlife.
9/23/2021 17:17	Outside of state / other	pennsylvania	No	No						Better management to afford wildlife their survival	Dying wildlife	lack of management is the concern	Like I stated before, better management to protect wildlife	Lets face it, climate change is our biggest problem. All the more reason to reassess management of waterways for wildlife and humans alike.
9/23/2021 17:17	Jefferson		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking					
9/23/2021 17:18	Outside of state / other	Philadelphia	No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 17:18	Outside of state / other	Shrewsbury, NJ	No	No					Preserve it for the manatees!	Emails from environmental groups	Manatee population extinguished		
9/23/2021 17:20	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing		I would like to see the dam preserved as much as possible. I am a Tampa resident with a degree in biology that understands how important Florida wetlands are to the preservation of our fresh water supply and biodiversity. Please do not sell our remaining springs out.	There is a vast, public history of spring deaths in Florida due to corporate and public exploitation including Sulphur Springs, Hornsby springs, and many others. Springs are becoming stagnant ponds. I believe that Gionie Springs will be next, as fresh water is depleted below the level where salt water can mix with the fresh supply.	Irreversible environmental destruction including permanent pollution and loss of biodiversity.	Florida has already lost too many wetlands due to human expansion. Scientists and environmentalists have been reviving lost wetlands like these for years with the hope of bringing them back to (maybe) 30% of their environmental productivity level.	This is a no brainer. Protect our water.
9/23/2021 17:20	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Russell Baker
9/23/2021 17:20	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)					
9/23/2021 17:20	Collier		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. I fear that our water quality in Florida will continue to suck. That we will lose ALL our wildlife and birds.	No. It's past time. ACT on this.	To truly save Florida's biodiversity and magic, we must act now....and aggressively. Tourism and development will also dry up if this state continues to ignore our environment.
9/23/2021 17:20	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam, please. It's time.	Interest group research, government reports, social media, personal experience.	The status quo is not its best self, ie it could be better in many respects.	Anything less than it's natural state is, well...unnatural.	The dam is a relic of a failed idea. Let's finish what President Nixon tried to do a half century ago, shut it down.
9/23/2021 17:21	Outside of state / other	Washington State, San Juan County	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. We have to do everything possible to restore vital habitat and climate cooling ecosystems as soon as possible. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 17:21	Alachua		No	No					Whatever protects it	Rivers and water has been under attack in our state	The loss of ecosystems and natural resources		
9/23/2021 17:23	Palm Beach		No	No					The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	the death of so many manatees this year this river system has to be restored to save them	that the manatees would go extinct	no	
9/23/2021 17:25	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Exploring, my family lived at Rodman		I'd like to see the dam removed.	1. Dam is obsolete - past it's useful life. 2. Economic studies indicate that the higher value is with dam removed. 3. Conservation studies support the dam's removal. 4. Better for water quality and fishing.	Diminished economics; diminished water quality.	Let the dam remain but drain the lake and let the river run unimpeded.	I think the fishing lobby overstates it's case.
9/23/2021 17:26	Pinellas		No	No									
9/23/2021 17:28	Dade		No	No					whatever needs to to help the manatees!!	I have not been informed- however anything that saves the lives of our manatees and our waterways is crucial! Anything that needs to be done to preserve the lives of our wildlife is most important	that we will loose our manatee population and they will become extinct - its already hard enough on them with the waterways filled with boats, and ski jets its bad enough our waters are getting polluted as well and now with this idiot president - all he is doing is talking about Covid sending vaccine to all the world -while he produces money that what we have her and that we could be using for our wildlife and eventually as the idiot he is we will have to pay for all this stuff instead of being able to give some extra money to charity to do what they need to keep our wildlife alive and safe. De Santis looks after our state and the demented idiot socialist president tries to tear us down!	Learn to live with Wildlife we have infringed so much already! They have as much right as we to live here and be safe! We must come to terms with what is best for both- in this case we must protect them!	
9/23/2021 17:29	Outside of state / other		No	No									Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
9/23/2021 17:30	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to a much needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record	Hundreds of manatees will lose access to essential warm water winter habitats	No. Breaching the Dam is overdue	Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost effective springs protection project in Florida today.
9/23/2021 17:31	Santa Rosa		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000 + acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida Black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,000 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats and white-tailed deer that CANNOT easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	NO. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue!! Wildlife and water quality CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER!!	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 17:31	Marion		No	No							Wildlife restored		
9/23/2021 17:31	Washington		No	No						Open it	Wildlife restored		
9/23/2021 17:32	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Removal/breaching of the dam to restore natural flow of waters	$50+ million gallons a day of natural flow would be restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, providing a safe haven for manatees which are being pushed out of their habitats due to lack of food.	That the state misses out on available funding and the project is postponed, thus continuing to harm multiple Florida waterways	No. The dam has caused years of harm to area flora and fauna, it needs to go!	
9/23/2021 17:32	St Johns		No	No					I believe breaching the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam is crucial to Florida wildlife surviving for many decades to come. As a Florida native and taxpayer I don't want to see money wasted to restore this dam, I want to see countless springs restored and thriving the way they were designed by Mother Nature. I want to take my children's children to springs in North/Central Florida in years to come and not be looking at a wasteland of dead fish and no wildlife. Please, don't doom the future generations to come by trying to play God with a dam.	Permanent consequences of fresh, clean water availability. Millions of tax dollars resulting in MORE problems we can't put a bandaid on.	Time is of the essence, this needs to be addressed NOW. I don't want to look back as we blow millions to further ruin our precious ecosystem and say I did nothing.	No	Breach the Dam.
9/23/2021 17:32	Volusia		No	Yes	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Manatees		Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	That the Gentle giants the Manatee's all die off and we are left without them.	No	
9/23/2021 17:34	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. I appreciate your time!
9/23/2021 17:35	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. It's time to restore the river to its natural state and allow it to recover.	$50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. It's time.	I am a fisherman and have enjoyed fishing Rodman on many occasions; however, the environmental harm that has been caused and continues is not worth the limited recreation within Rodman. We will still be able to catch fish on the natural river once it is restored. Please do the right thing, and restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural state.
9/23/2021 17:35	Brevard		No	No					Yes - free flowing waters ...	The natural world needs this. this will open up so much to the animals who are struggling	The continued disrespect and disregard of what needs to happen without financial gain	No	
9/23/2021 17:37	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Seeing the springs when the reservoir is drawn down	Remove the dam as soon as possible, as part of a planned process of restoring the Ocklawaha River and it's floodplain.	Removal of the dam will enhance restoration of water quality and of aquatic and wetland habitats for 3 rivers (the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns) and about 50 springs.	Millions of dollars of public funds may be unnecessarily and irresponsibly spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, which does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or any other broad public benefit.	Absolutely not. The dam should have been removed a half century ago. It's time.	Follow the science, much of it your own! There is abundant evidence that removing the dam will provide vastly more public benefits than maintaining (and repairing) it.
9/23/2021 17:37	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River. This will create better water quality and restore wildlife habitat and migration, which, in turn, will create economic opportunity for the area. The dam is detrimental to health of the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and the over 50 negatively affected, naturally-flowing springs.	Restoration of free-flowing rivers (Oklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns) and the restoration of the springs.	The death of the three rivers mentioned above as well as the springs, which leads to destruction of habitat and change of animal migration (as well as possible extinctions), and the loss of some of our greatest natural resources in the state of Florida. The public will is there, the money is available, and the time is now.	No. President Richard Nixon saw how destructive this project was, so much that he put a halt to it. This is decades overdue.	This system of rivers and springs is a legacy which should be left to future generations. The destruction we have already caused is evidenced by the impact on animal and fish migration, Cypress forest death, and poor quality of water. We know what we need to do, we have the facts, and to turn away from this would be a conscious decision to leave behind a legacy of environmental failure. It is well past time to act. We don't have other rivers, streams, and springs. We have only what was given to us by our Creator. We have damaged, polluted, and nearly put these beautiful resources to death. But we can change that. We can reverse it. Nature is resilient, as is evidenced by what happens during the drawdown. We need to remove this dam so the river can breathe and come back to life.
9/23/2021 17:37	Outside of state / other		No	No									Protect the manatees and other species that inhabit this ecosystem.
9/23/2021 17:38	Brevard		No	No									Please do what's best for the manatees and other wildlife
9/23/2021 17:38	Broward		No	No					to saved the manatees	Animals they don't belong to us to the nature	My desires like many others will be achieved because we are care for the manatees	I always will be support no matter what	Made this to happen

9/23/2021 17:38	St Johns		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. This would also restore 20 Florida springs bringing back manatee and large part of the fish population.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. In addition to water quality decline further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANNATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 17:41	Marion		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 17:41	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record	Hundreds of manatees lose access to an essential warm water winter habitat	No. Breaching the Dam is long overdue.	The Rodman Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost effective springs protection project in Florida today
9/23/2021 17:41	Outside of state / other	Hawaii	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River to protect habitat and food source critical to the survival of endangered manatees	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Loss of habitat and food sources for manatees and adverse impacts for their survival. Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Need to fully restore the Great Florida Riverway. So NO there is no other scenario I can support.	Florida manatees like the wildlife in the Florida Everglades are important to the Florida economy in other ways like ecotourism. Significant dollars come in from visits.
9/23/2021 17:42	Pinellas		No	No					Restore habitat for manatees and other animals	Statistics showing record numbers of manatee deaths this year.	There is no Planet B. Once animals and habitat are gone, they're gone.	No.	
9/23/2021 17:44	Pasco		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No	I've lived in Florida since birth and loved the beautiful springs and nature they support. It's ecosystems are under more pressure than ever now and will soon face a breaking point with the level of irresponsible overdevelopment and lax protections of critical areas. An opportunity like this to restore important environmental conditions is rare and should be taken without a second thought regardless of the financial benefits or losses. Florida's wildlife is immeasurably more valuable than any damn dam.
9/23/2021 17:44	Outside of state / other	ohio	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Roman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 17:47	St Johns		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Wildlife viewing	Take them out	The past	Same old white elephant	Nope	Want the old river back
9/23/2021 17:48	Duval		No	No					It's removal.	Scientific data. Reuniting the Great Florida River System would be incredibly impactful to the health of our water ways and wildlife.	That Florida's ecology will continue to decline because it will.	Absolutely not. It needs to be removed.	Please please remove the damn and reunite the waterways!! This is so important moving forward.
9/23/2021 17:51	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 17:52	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANNATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 17:52	Palm Beach		No	Yes	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove it.	It took critical habitat for manatees. It drowned 20 natural springs.	Loss of recreational areas and wildlife habitat m	No	
9/23/2021 17:53	Putnam		No	Yes			Other: I fish the Ocklawaha and it's tributaries , I refuse to go to roo						
9/23/2021 17:53	Broward		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing						
9/23/2021 17:54	Outside of state / other		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/23/2021 17:54	Lee		No	No					Please Restore the Ocklawaha River to provide habitat for manatees and other wildlife. I own a condo in fort meters and our natural beauty and wildlife diversity are our greatest assets- they must be protected	Animal and environmental welfare.	Manatees continue to decline in population	Any outcome needs to place animal and environmental welfare at the center of considerations	
9/23/2021 17:54	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 17:55	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river $5 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling campy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 18:01	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ockawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. OR	Please take it down!
9/23/2021 18:01	Outside of state / other	Perth, Australia	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching ithe Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. It would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No.	- urge you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 18:01	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		Take it down. Stops free flowing River.	Not needed. outdated, expensive to maintain	Further. Destruction of environment	Partial breech	

9/23/2021 18:03	Volusia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	This reservoir was created as a result of a falled canal through Florida. The canal failed because policy-makers realized the canal would ruin Florida's aquifer and therefore our clean water supply. There are no benefits of keeping the dam, it's not even cheaper. There are plenty of other premier large-mouth bass fishing spots.
9/23/2021 18:03	Duval		No	No								NO	
9/23/2021 18:04	Outside of state / other	Los Gatos, California	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam will provide endangered manatees access to warm water springs. This is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond.	Manatee tourism provides livelihoods to numerous residents of Florida. The greatest long-term threat to manatees is the loss of warm-water habitat that they need to survive the winter.	The outlook for manatees survival will become even more bleak than it is right now and thousands of people in Florida who depend on manatee tourism will lose their means of livelihood.	Find another natural and sustainable way to provide manatees with access to warm water springs (power plant outfalls are unsustainable and dangerous).	I love visiting Florida for it's varied and unique natural preserves and wildlife such as manatees, coral reefs, and the other numerous marine life. Please do whatever is needed to protect these into the future.
9/23/2021 18:04	Brevard		No	No					Removal of the dam	Would lead to restoring the health of the St. Johns River.	Continued deterioration of the St Johns River and tributaries associated with the dam.	I cannot conceive of any.	Removal of the dam is long overdue.
9/23/2021 18:06	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Dam removed and the springs and river improved and conservation lands purchased.	The crumbling of the damn, destruction of springs that promote tourism, opening the river to manatees. Stopping the build up of invasive plants and sediments which decrease water quality	The damn collapses, the springs are lost and manatee habitat not being restored	Dam must be removed.	There will always be fish but manatees need help, we deserve to have our springs back, and the river should be restored
9/23/2021 18:07	Outside of state / other	UK	No	No					Please open up the waterways to Manatees and other wildlife that need it		The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	no	
9/23/2021 18:08	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam demolished.	Restoration of the natural flow of the river will save springs and avoid costly cleanup every few years when it's drained.	That we will continue to waste money maintaining the dam & the water quality/springs will decline	No. The dam should be removed	
9/23/2021 18:10	Seminole		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 18:12	Pinellas		No	No					I am an advocate of restoring natural safe waterways in Florida to their historical place in the landscape. Removing these dams especially ones that impede the living conditions for Florida wildlife are my desire.»	I have no specific information other than man-made structures tend to ultimately harm wildlife in ghastly ways.	For the safety and health of the creatures in the area. Once they are gone they may be gone forever. Florida must stay pristine and a place for natural living by both man and wildlife.	If this dam and reservoir are serving a great improvement in the area then a greater action to monitor effects upon those in the area must be done on a regular basis.	Knowing our history is sometimes a great source of comfort and one aspect of that feeling is one's opportunity to visit areas kept as they were in past natural situations. My ancestors lived in Emeralda area of Lake Griffin and the Ocklawaha in late 19th century. So that area's historical look is very important to me who hopes to visit for research. Seeing the rivers as they were would help my study and present also to visitors a beautiful trip as they take a step back in time with few man-made interferences.
9/23/2021 18:12	Outside of state / other	Olympia WA	No	No					Want Manatees protected	They are dying much faster than typically; they need more space and warmer water.!	Manatees might go extinct	No	
9/23/2021 18:13	Outside of state / other	Lucas County, Toledo Ohio	No	No					Preserve in a natural state Goal for making area handicap accessible		I would never visit area or Florida. Why should I ?		
9/23/2021 18:14	Outside of state / other	UK	No	No					Please make it a haven for wildlife and a place for Manatees to spend the winter	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	no	
9/23/2021 18:14	Outside of state / other	St. Louis, MO	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat.
9/23/2021 18:15	Indian River		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 18:15	Lee		No	No					Removed	The commerce, tourism and environmental	Ruin Florida coasts and wildlife	No	
9/23/2021 18:17	Broward		No	No					restored	manatee loss	manatee loss	no	
9/23/2021 18:18	Outside of state / other	Seattle, WA	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 18:18	Palm Beach		No	No					The dam should be removed				
9/23/2021 18:19	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	No					Maintain its status	Website	Manatees	No	
9/23/2021 18:20	Outside of state / other		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	It would cost millions and Manatee population is as the worst it's been in years it would open up for growth and our fishery and Manatee population	Manatee population is as the worst it's been in years it would open up for growth and our fishery and Manatee population	
9/23/2021 18:21	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see it breached.	Manatees are on a steady decline and relying on the unsustainable warmth of power plants due to the loss of natural springs which they need to survive. Breaching this dam could uncover 20 of those springs and restore natural migratory patterns to both the manatees and fish populations, while also saving taxpayers millions of dollars in dam repairs.	Millions of wasted tax dollars to support a project that is both harmful to the natural environment of our incredibly diverse state, devastating to our already declining fauna and minimally helpful to Florida residents.	No.	We have an amazing opportunity here to save money over time by doing the right thing for our environment, and in turn, for ourselves. Water is becoming less available with each generation as are the wonders of our natural world. Let's consider how many species have been lost in only the last 100 years. If we have the opportunity (especially an easy, cost-effective one) to save species from extinction in the next 100 years, shouldn't we take it?
9/23/2021 18:23	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	Unfortunately, no. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/23/2021 18:23	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other	It would like to see it permanently removed and returned to its natural state.	It serves no real purpose. It backs up pollutants and prevents wildlife migration.	The reservoir will continue being a drain on the environment and the economy.	Either we keep it or we don't , there is no in between.	When the water has to be lowered every couple of years, just to kill off extra vegetation, it is clearing not mimicking a natural system.
9/23/2021 18:24	Outside of state / other	Hollwood, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 18:26	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam to restore springs and wildlife	Ecological restoration	Endangerment and extinction of wild species		
9/23/2021 18:26	Volusia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/23/2021 18:27	Broward		No	No					Destroyed	Saving wildlife/ increasing tourism	Nature suffers again at the hands of man		
9/23/2021 18:27	Outside of state / other	Aegentina, Buenos Aires	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 18:28	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	
9/23/2021 18:29	Clay		No	No					take it down	the rivers that are affected by the Dam have reduced flow and there are springs lost to flooding up stream	loss of habitat and recreation	no	
9/23/2021 18:29	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No					Please remove the dam to help save manatees.	The need for natural warm water locations to help manatees survive the winter.	More manatee deaths and loss of an amazing species.	No	
9/23/2021 18:29	Outside of state / other	Fort Collins, CO	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam and restoring the original and natural flow of the river!	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees in addition to restoring over 15,000 acres of wildlife habitat and extremely important wildlife corridor for numerous species.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future and keeps over 7500 acres flooded and not available to native wildlife.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer and we humans have already created far too much damage to allow it to continue.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment as well as with those across the nation; I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees. We can expect more die-offs in the future unless we increase winter habitat availability. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation especially given the pending removal fossil fueled power in the near future. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs which are currently submerged by high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's wildlife and it's environment.
9/23/2021 18:31	Outside of state / other	Cypress Texas	No	no					What ever is necessary to save manatees	Knowledge that they are in danger	The manatees		

9/23/2021 18:32	Outside of state / other	33408 hwy 190 springville, ca usa	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 18:36	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time		Boating	Dam removed.	Natural water flow.	Continued disruption of natural systems.	Continuously open dam.	
9/23/2021 18:38	Polk		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	It should be breached	The river would still be dammed for no good reason other than bureaucratic inertia	No		The dam is an anachronism As a 73-year-old native Floridian who was born and raised along the St. Johns River, I find this dam offensive.
9/23/2021 18:38	Broward		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Unless of course the Florida legislature wants manatees to become extinct !	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	How many manatees will die before Florida does the right thing? Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees, is the right thing to do. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
9/23/2021 18:39	Outside of state / other	San Cristóbal-Venezuela	No	No				To preserve and protect it all the time				
9/23/2021 18:42	Franklin		No	No								I don't live in Florida but have been there many times. It's an environmental mess but I live in a environmental mess too.
9/23/2021 18:43	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Flow from the dam will provide much needed restoration to valuable and vulnerable ecosystems and could help restore manatee populations in decline.	Continued algal blooms, eutrophication, poor water quality, loss of habitats, waste of taxpayer money.	No this is long overdue	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
9/23/2021 18:43	Flagler		No	No				I want the best outcome for manatees.	I want the best outcome for manatees.	I want the best outcome for manatees.	I want the best outcome for manatees.	
9/23/2021 18:45	Outside of state / other	UK	No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	Manatees would be able to access the habitat that they require.	That the manatees and other wildlife were not able to benefit from the habitat that they need. Manatees are amazing creatures who can attract people to areas for tourism	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please do all you can to help the manatees and restore the environment so that it benefits the wildlife that relies on it
9/23/2021 18:46	Volusia		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please help restore these waterways, and provide the much needed habitats to protect manatees and the many other animals that need them to survive and thrive!
9/23/2021 18:46	Duval		No	No				I would like to see it removed/ breached to restore the natural flow	Federal money is available at the moment to achieve this. Who knows for how long it will be available.	It will breach on it's own or it will cost millions to repair	No	
9/23/2021 18:47	Pinellas		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. It's 50 yrs overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 18:47	Nassau		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 18:48	Outside of state / other	pennsylvania	No	No								As an individual residing outside your state, I merely encourage you to enact proper legislation and oversight to help protect the environment along with our resources. Thank you.
9/23/2021 18:49	Santa Rosa		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 18:51	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam beached and the wildlife corridor restored.	Evidence of studies done by state and federal agencies have demonstrated the cost effectiveness and ecological benefits to the neighboring rivers when the flow is restored between the rivers. Millions of gallons of fresh water will flow to the neighboring rivers improving water quality, fish habitat and recreation opportunities for tourist bringing tourist monies.	Manatee habitat is decreasing leading to huge die offs and starvation of manatees. With this wildlife corridor open manatees will be able to have warm winter homes.	No. Dam safety issues and water quality is too important to wait any longer.	Water quality is a huge issue in Florida. Improving water flow with the millions of gallons of water will counteract the salt water intrusion and decrease algae blooms.
9/23/2021 18:52	Outside of state / other	St. Paul MN	No	No								
9/23/2021 18:52	Hamilton		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 18:53	Volusia	indiana	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Do what is helpful for wildlife. Enough taking from habitat so that a few people can benefit financially.
9/23/2021 18:53	Outside of state / other	raymond, wa	No	Yes			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 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9/23/2021 18:54	Bradford		No	No						More animals and manatees will die.	We need to try to quickly restore the damage humans have done to iamsitive environments!	
9/23/2021 18:55	Broward		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 18:55	Osceola		No	No								
9/23/2021 18:57	Outside of state / other	Australia	No	No				If the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River is breached, it will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The known rate of manatee death and decline.	The continued loss of manatees at a rate which means they are heading towards extinction.	No - the dam needs breaching	Our planet is in crisis through species loss, habitat loss, and pollution (including carbon and plastic) - If we don't start considering the impacts of our actions on natural ecosystems, our only planet may become unliveable! We must start saving species, not watch them go into extinction.
9/23/2021 18:57	Duval		No	No				The dam should be removed .	Information about the need for a free-flowing river for the health of the St. Johns, the springs, and wildlife in the area. A dam needing frequent costly repairs and a body of captive water are not in anybody's best interest at this point. The dam should have been taken down years ago. Now is absolutely the time to finally get it done.	Further damage to rivers and springs , detrimental impact on wildlife, and evidence that Florida cannot make sensible decisions.	No	This really has gone on long enough.
9/23/2021 18:57	Martin		No	No				I would like it restored for the benefit of manatees or other wildlife.				

9/23/2021 18:58	Outside of state / other	Hackensack, NJ	No	No					I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by removing the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. It would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Removal of the dam is overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 18:59	Duval		Yes	Yes		2-5 times			Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this singe project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/23/2021 18:59	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Bird watching and photography	I would like to see the dam breached/ removed.	Breaching the dam would restore both the historic hydrologic and wildlife connection. It would increase fisheries viability, restore spring flows, would increase recreational connectivity. It would also reduce costs associated with the dam and increase ecotourism to the area.	This is an opportunity to utilize state and federal funding to restore this valuable river system and may be lost. This are will provide additional habitat to manatee which are currently experiencing historic threats and not acting will miss an opportunity to assist this species. This is an opportunity yo increase the long term water quality of the basin by removing the impoundment which will only decline as time goes on. Not acting will also result in a lost opportunity to increase ecotourism, canoeing and kayaking and wildlife viewing opportunities. We should not lose this opportunity.	No. The dam and impoundment of this river are a result of an abandoned project. The values associated with natural river flow must be restored.	
9/23/2021 19:00	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached to allow natural water flow to help with spring snd habitat restoration.	Environment studies.	Further degradation of the springs and water system.	No	No
9/23/2021 19:05	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam and return the Ocklawaha to its natural state.	I've lived in Florida for over 50 years and I have knowledge of natural Florida and damage done by the ill-conceived Cross Florida Barge Canal.	Continued degradation of what was one a pristine waterway.	No.	The dam should have been removed when the CFBC project was abandoned.
9/23/2021 19:07	Outside of state / other	NH	No	No						Save the animals!	The animals		Please remove the dam!!! Thank you!
9/23/2021 19:07	Outside of state / other	Attleboro,MA	No	No						Protect all manatees			
9/23/2021 19:09	Duval		Yes	Yes		2-5 times			Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this singe project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.
9/23/2021 19:09	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times			Restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River to the St Johns by breaching the Rodman Dam	The dam limits the movement and migration of wildlife. The St Johns needs the undisrupted flow the the Ocklawaha River, which promotes a healthier St Johns River.	When would another opportunity present itself? Over a dozen lost springs would no longer be submerged, natural habitats would be restored, and vital flow would be restored to the St Johns River. Which I might add is in poor health, additional flow would improve both rivers.	No. Remove the dam.	
9/23/2021 19:10	Leon		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Please PLEASE do the right thing. Think of the wild life, think of our children and future generations.
9/23/2021 19:11	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.		no	
9/23/2021 19:11	Polk		No	No					Breach the expired dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	The health of Florida's spring and wildlife is at stake. Algae growth, manatee death and lack of diverse populations are all massive problems.	No. This dam is overdue to be demolished and natural flow restored.	Please listen to your heart and realize spending millions of tax payer's dollars to prevent natural water flow is not the answer Florida needs.
9/23/2021 19:11	Outside of state / other	New Hampshire	No	No									
9/23/2021 19:12	Outside of state / other	Meadville PA	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue - it's time to take it off life support.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 536)
9/23/2021 19:13	Wakulla		No	No					The dam should be opened.	There are a lot of springs, I think about 20, that would get back to normal if the dam were breached. My understanding is that breaching the dam would also provide more habitat for the manatees.	We would miss an opportunity to do this now when the dam needs expensive repairs.	no	
9/23/2021 19:13	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the reservoir cleaned	natural flow of the ocklawaha river	death of the ocklawaha river and its inhabitants	No!	
9/23/2021 19:14	Outside of state / other	San Diego County	No	No					I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees who have been dying at alarming rates. We can't let these majestic sea clowns starve to death. Restoring 15,000+ acres will additionally benefit other species including black bears, panthers, bald eagles, bobcats and deer.	It will aid in the extinction of the manatee. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. As a species, we tend to wait until an event is a crisis. We are in the midst of a crisis right now and can begin to right the wrongs which began years ago by poor decisions and compounded by poor leadership.	I grew up in the 70's watching all the nature shows and fell-head over heels in love with this planet. I believe we are committing accicide and we have very little time to stop our eventual extinction. We must all work together, especially our leaders because 1 as one person can only do so much, but I by myself do make a difference. Please listen.
9/23/2021 19:14	St johns		No	No					Open the dam.	Springs could be revived that have been drained because of the dam. Manatees can flourish agam.		No	
9/23/2021 19:15	Outside of state / other	Partlow VA	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 19:18	Dade		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	The loss of precious habitat for these I on creatures and endanger animals	We are in the midst of the the 6th mass extinction, lead my the actions of humans in habitat destruction, killing, and climate change. This is all happening on our watch for the sake of profit or human convenience. We need to stop making excuses and be brave to stop this irreversible change.	
9/23/2021 19:22	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 19:23	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					Conservation	Conservation	The loss of a good ecosystem	Not really	
9/23/2021 19:24	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see a breach of the dam to free up the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	That the breaching of the dam would open up the warm water habitats for manatees.	The deaths of manatees would continue to rise and endanger the entire population.	No	I believe that The St. Johns River Water Management District must act quickly and decisively to ensure that these issues are resolved and th at the preservation of our wildlife and environment receive the priority they deserve.
9/23/2021 19:25	Outside of state / other	Brantwood, Mo.	No	No					Make it safe for manatees. All our waterways need immediate attention.				
9/23/2021 19:26	Nassau		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	A full breach of the dam, with eventual removal of the dam.	The dam has outlived its useful life span and is a danger to property owners downstream, is too costly to repair, and is an anachronism to what we know now about wildlife conservation (such as helping manatees), recreation (canoeing and kayaking, especially), and fishing (which would be much improved if the dam were removed).	Millions of dollars will be needlessly spent to repair an unnecessary and unsightly structure that could instead be invested in critical wildlife habitat resiliency, enhanced recreational activities, and property protection.	A gradual drawdown of the lake could be a temporary measure, but no, a breach of the dam is what is needed.	A breach of the dam is supported by so many federal, state, and local agencies, as well as by hundreds of thousands (maybe millions) of individuals, including a majority of local residents for so many good reasons. It is an idea whose time has come (and is long overdue, in my opinion).
9/23/2021 19:27	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would love to see more environmental protections in place to protect the invaluable nature of the area.	Florida's springs and other waterways are being polluted at a fast rate and immediate action needs to be taken before we pass a breaking point.	Our springs and waterways will become unusable toxic wastelands and can potentially kill and harm wildlife and humans.		
9/23/2021 19:29	Manatee		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Breach the damn dam!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	
9/23/2021 19:29	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Stop pandering to special interest groups!	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 19:30	Outside of state / other	Arlington, Texas	No	No					Protect our environment.	????	????	????	none
9/23/2021 19:32	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No									
9/23/2021 19:32	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. And restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 19:34	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	remove the dam and restore natural water flow	the danger to all the animals in florida wetlands and rivers	the extinction of many species	no	
9/23/2021 19:38	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I just went to see what it looked like.	I would like to see all the rivers re-connected and the drowned trees and other things uncovered.	I think this is healthier for everyone, from plants and animals and people and the water itself.	That the three rivers in question will be more and more compromised (polluted, degraded, unable to support plants and wildlife).	I don't know.	
9/23/2021 19:41	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Oklawaha River!	Natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, which will improve water quality and enhance wildlife.	Same old same old, continued degradation of the natural water flow.	None have been proposed, other than full breach and restoration of the natural water flow.	Water flow and quality in Florida are extremely important to our health and economy.
9/23/2021 19:44	Alachua		No	No									
9/23/2021 19:45	Outside of state / other	San Diego CA	No	No					removal and restoration to natural habitat	The river's natural hydrology is restored. Above the dam, habitat for native river species is reestablished as the reservoir disappears. Below the dam, the natural flow patterns that native plants and animals are accustomed to are returned to their original configuration.	life is negatively impacted	no	Please PROTECT ALL THINGS WILD & WONDERFUL!!

9/23/2021 19:45	Alachua		No	No										
9/23/2021 19:45	Alachua		No	No										
9/23/2021 19:46	Dade		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Additionally, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	As a Florida Resident who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 19:47	Outside of state / other	Santa Clarita, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 19:48	Lake		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 19:48	Palm Beach		No	No										
9/23/2021 19:49	St Johns		No	No					Restore the area back to its original state We need the ecosystem restored	Florida Wildlife Federation information	Continued loss of Florida's ecosystem	Restoration of some wetlands to improve our ecosystem	We need the black bears back!
9/23/2021 19:49	Outside of state / other	Outside of state	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Have it breached to create warm water habitat for manatee and expansion/enhancement of wildlife corridors	The impact of the dam on warm water habitats and wetlands (destroyed by flooding) are well known	The continuing decline of manatees to possible extinction and decline of other species that are also struggling.	No - we are at a time where half measures are not working- and are losing us time we don't have.	I live in Washington state where we are also losing precious species due to habitat loss and the call for breaching dams is growing. I traveled to Florida for the purpose of seeing its magnificent wildlife and natural beauty. It would be a tragedy to lose all that as well as creating significant economic impact in regards to tourism. Please do the right thing for the survival of manatees as a species and for future generations who should be able to enjoy them as have we. Thanks for your consideration.
9/23/2021 19:49	Outside of state / other	Hoover, AL	No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam, releasing the Rodman Reservoir and restoring the Ocklawaha River.	The Ocklawaha River, if restored, would be an important haven for manatees.	That the manatee population of Florida will diminish, possibly to extinction.	Don't know.	
9/23/2021 19:50	Pasco		No	No					I think the only and best option is to see this dam removed.	This would provide much needed habitat restoration for our beautiful state. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making the removal of the Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. This year has also been devastating to our manatee population. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	My biggest concern is the water quality continues to decline fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. In addition, the money that would be wasted on repairing this damn. Not to mention the economic and tourism impact restoring the 20 springs could have on the area and state. This would bring much needed jobs and tax revenue to the area and state.	No, removing the damn is a must. Our environment, economy, and future generations are depending on this damn removal.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 19:51	Polk		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would have access to much needed habit at a time much needed when manatees death has been the deadliest ever.		The manatees are dying at a such disturbing rate, we human being must protect all species and specially the manatees because they live right here at our back yard. They can't defend for themselves so our obligation is to defend and protect and give back their habit. Just think about all the fish that will also benefit from it.	Can you imagine yourself dying of hunger because your habit was taken away? Can you imagine yourself dying from frostbite because your environment was taken way and you cannot get warm during winter season, and what about those painful sores in your body caused for frostbite?
9/23/2021 19:52	Outside of state / other	Portland, Oregon	No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	WE need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha river is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. IT will also enhance habitat for other Florida wildlife species like Florida panthers, bobcats, black bears, bald eagles and white tailed deer.	Harming future survival of manatees	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait.	I graduated from the University of Florida and have many family members and friends still in the state. I love Florida's unique wildlife and wildlands and hope to return there to live soon. As a state holder who cares about Florida's environment I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees.
9/23/2021 19:53	Broward		No	No					Repair and restore the dam.	Too many manatee deaths.	More manatee deaths.	No	
9/23/2021 19:53	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove both	It is an artificial zoo/manatee that serves no purpose other than to disrupt a natural watercourse.	That my grandchildren will have no idea what Florida was when we had clean water.	I ponder this but come up with blanks.	Florida has squandered its most valuable resource. It is time to start fixing the problems.
9/23/2021 19:54	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	Yes			1 time		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	$57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	
9/23/2021 19:54	Outside of state / other	Jefferson, NH	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manitees are dying!! we are losing them at an astonishing speed!	Survival of the Manitee	no	
9/23/2021 19:56	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 19:57	Outside of state / other	Houston, TX	No	No						Restoration of the water reservoir	Continuing pollution and less water available		
9/23/2021 19:58	Duval		No	No					Get rid of it	It doesn't do anything	Same crappy river	No	
9/23/2021 19:58	Jefferson		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing	We would like to see protection for manatees. If we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	We have lost so many manatees this year and 60% of them require power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	We will lose these wonderful creatures.		
9/23/2021 19:59	Volusia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/23/2021 19:59	Outside of state / other	clark county, nevada	No	No					breach the dam and restore the ocklawaha	the breach will restore habitat for manatees	manatees and other species in the area would suffer the consequences	NO	
9/23/2021 19:59	Lake		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Manatees and fish populations would have access to a much needed habitat	Tons of tax payers money is spent making unnecessary fixes to a dam that doesn't provide any flood protection, power, or water supply	No the dam needs to be breached	This has been the deadliest year for manatees and breaching the dam would give manatees a very useful warm water habitat in the winter
9/23/2021 20:03	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Removal of the is essential to the health of the Ocklawaha River	Restoration of the river and its 20+ springs	The Ocklawaha River will die	A complete and permanent drawdown	
9/23/2021 20:03	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I support breaching the dam	There are 20 springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. It would restore native wildlife habitat and save taxpayer dollars.	We waste taxpayer dollars repairing a structure that depletes our local environmental resources (fish/ manatees!)	No, the dam needs to be drawn down	Manatees are having a severe population decline and this would be a fantastic way to support Florida's most iconic animal
9/23/2021 20:03	Okaloosa		No	No					Restore to it's original state.	manatees could gain access to warm water springs.	Millions of taxpayer dollars unnecessarily spent.	No, this is long overdue.	I am a native Floridian, 85 years old. I have seen much destruction of the environment. It is time to change.
9/23/2021 20:03	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Should be breached	Nature and the planets health	That money would once again run wildlife.	No	
9/23/2021 20:05	Charlotte			No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: wildlife photography	We would like to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Would be great for manatees who we love and keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would mean that 1000s of acres of forested wetlands would be preserved by the Rodman Reservoir. This would benefit many animals like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	no wildlife preservation, especially panthers and manatees, both of whom are endangered.	NO! This project should have been done decades ago and is desperately needed to protect wildlife and water!	Our water and wildlife is irreplaceably precious! Let's protect the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. before it's too late!
9/23/2021 20:05	Marion			No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Many fish species and manatees cannot migrate, many freshwater springs are covered- water quality is declined.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife $50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-$4 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 10 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I have spent almost 30 years doing tours on the Silver and Oklawaha rivers- watching it deteriorate, as flows are changed, migratory fish and manatees cannot migrate easily, inviting invasive species, water quality destroyed, and nitrates and algae taking over... removing the dam will help restore the ecosystem and the springs, allowing canoers and kayakers to enjoy what once was. Fish will be restored for good fishing, with diversity increased. We have been fighting to remove the dam for decades-the cost of maintaining a failing system is ridiculous- Remove the Dam!!!
9/23/2021 20:06	Duval			No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No	Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.
9/23/2021 20:10	Marion			No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd love to see the dam disabled and enjoy the nature springs that are hidden along the beautiful River	The dams purpose was canceled, the project didn't happen. it doesn't make sense having the dam operating with cost for no reason. People enjoying fishing tournaments is not a reason for the cost of maintaining the dam. Return it to its natural state. The whole project was canceled because it wasn't natural to area and ruined so many things so why keep a dam running? It shouldn't have been in operation when canal wasn't built	That a dam disrupting natures natural environment was kept for no good reasons. Our state isn't benefiting from it, but our waters and wildlife are being hurt by it. We shouldn't have to pay for operating a dam that isn't necessary		
9/23/2021 20:12	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No									
9/23/2021 20:13	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					Restore the waterway by breaching the dam	This portion of the waterway is essential in saving hundreds of manatees as well as aiding in the survival of endangered and treasured species like the florida black bear, florida panther, bald eagle, bobcat and white tailed deer.	The daath of many of these species and therefore further endangerment and possible extinction.	No	
9/23/2021 20:16	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No					Whatever is needed to protect the ecosystem and wildlife such as manatees	The decline of this special species	The manatees would become extinct and other species of birds, wildlife and fish drastically affected or endangered.		
9/23/2021 20:16	Outside of state / other	Marin County, CA	No	No					Restore the Oklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick dam.	Restoration of the Oklawaha River will provide essential warm water winter habitat for Florida manatees and will be the most impactful manatee restoration project in Florida. Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles and white tailed deer will all benefit with the additional 15,000 + acres of the Florida wildlife corridor that will be restored or enhanced.	Keeping the Oklawaha damned, deprives hundreds of manatees from warm water wintering habitat that would improve their chances of survival for the future, and it continues to keep 7,500 + acres of forested wetlands (flooded by the Rodman reservoir) from providing Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles and white tailed deer with desperately needed habitat as a wildlife corridor.	No. Breaching the Kirkpatrick dam is 50 years overdue. Precious, irreplaceable wildlife can not wait. I cannot wait to visit Florida and see the restoration of the Oklawaha River and all the precious wildlife it supports! Thank you.	
9/23/2021 20:16	Marion			No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Removed	Restoring the springs		
9/23/2021 20:17	Outside of state / other			No	No				make sure the dam and the river it feeds are the best for wildlife dependent on it's cleanliness and life supporting operations.	dead manatees, other encroachments from overgrowth and algae, and likely human laziness	you'd likely start an extinction catastrophe for all wildlife depending on the river	as in "no"	how about we prove our worth as good stewards instead of the evident sloth in our management of earth's resources which mean wildlife as much or more than physical resource exploitations
9/23/2021 20:17	Alachua			No	No					It limits migration of manatees and blocks over 20 natural springs.	The St. John's river would turn saltier sooner from sea level rise.	Replace DeSantis with somebody who isn't capricious about environmental issues.	
9/23/2021 20:18	Leon			No	No				Breach the dam. Get rid of it	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	That millions of taxpayers dollars will continue to be wasted.	No.	
9/23/2021 20:18	Alachua			No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River, breach the dam, because everyday it stays in place, it harms water quality, wildlife and the economy.	Millions of gallons a day of natural flow restored to the lower Ocklawaha and St. John's Rivers.	Thousands of acres of forest would not be restored that could improve wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection and cooling canopy to reduce global warming.	No. Breaching the dam is decades overdue.	Water quality is essential for preventing harmful algae blooms, support coastal resiliency and counter saltwater intrusion. It will revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands essential for combating global warming. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

9/23/2021 20:18	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	To breach the damn so it is available for aquatic wildlife migration	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4.14 Million in dam repairs	A huge mossed opportunity for ecosystem health and overall wellbeing for the local community	No	
9/23/2021 20:21	Hillsborough		Yes	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, saving $-$4.14 Million in dam repairs and help hundreds of manatees gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. As well as the earlier mentioned manatees being able to thrive again.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No, what makes Florida great is the wildlife. There is no compromise when it comes to saving what makes Florida great.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 20:22	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	return River to its natural state	that water quality, fish migrations and overall health of the river system will be improved	lake become full of silt and the area is blighted	not sure, I doubt it.	
9/23/2021 20:22	Walton		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Dam removed so wildlife can move freely & be restored	Conservation efforts, better understanding of why removing dam is best for future wildlife	Future generations, continue disruption to wildlife, long term affect	I don't know I would need to know the alternate solution	
9/23/2021 20:27	Outside of state / other	Radcliff, KY	No	No					Destroyed	It is harmful to Manatee's	More Manatee's will die.	Don't know.	
9/23/2021 20:27	Sarasota		No	No					it's time to do the right thing and restore Manatee habitats	we support safe habitats for Manatee and all wildlife	would be very disappointing	support and protect manatee and wildlife, it's the right thing to do	Do the right thing and provide safe habitats for Manatee and all wildlife
9/23/2021 20:28	Outside of state / other	Dayton, OH	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed.	Manatee habitat relies on restoring this river.	Manatees will continue to starve and die.	Not really.	
9/23/2021 20:30	Outside of state / other	Pgh, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 20:31	Outside of state / other	Asheville, N C	No	No					It needs to be restored	Wildlife are suffering and restoring the area would greatly benefit it.	Natural habitat is vital to all forms of wildlife. Balance is the key	Time is running out. To delay or fail short will ensure the demise of many plants and animals.	
9/23/2021 20:32	Pinellas		No	No					* We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	* Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	* Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. * * Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	* No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 20:32	Outside of state / other	Strasburg, Colorado	No	No									
9/23/2021 20:34	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	see it gone for wildlife conservation	taxpayer also a home owner	poison water with lack of wildlife conservation	just implode the dam it worth loss	I'm an avid spring hopper an resident wch supportive of doing and wildlife conservation along with more tourist spending in our state to off set Florida's loss off tourist revenue
9/23/2021 20:34	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					Destroy dam to support river	Need to help manatees	manatees		
9/23/2021 20:34	Sarasota		No	No					The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The recovery of manatees has been a conservation success story until now - we can't let this progress backslide on our watch.	We must do everything in our power to protect and restore Florida's natural areas and wildlife habitat.	
9/23/2021 20:35	Manatee		No	No					Demolish	Financial and environmental benefits	Financial and environmental consequences	No the dam must go	Thank you
9/23/2021 20:36	Outside of state / other	Indianapolis, Indiana	No	No					save the manatees		there would be no more manatees	no	
9/23/2021 20:36	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	The dam is old and needs replacing... there's springs and wildlife that would benefit from free flowing water	It's a waste of money to replace the dam. It's and ecological disaster the way it is currently	No	
9/23/2021 20:36	Outside of state / other	Humboldt County, California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Having watched the degradation of Florida's environment with increasing concern, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 20:38	Alachua		No	No					remove the Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural state	There are many natural springs that could be restored by removing the dam. Fish and manatee populations would benefit. Money would be saved by not needing to continue repairing the dam. It's the FISCALLY, and environmentally, responsible thing to do.	That the government continues to elevate private interests that serve a few, instead of doing the right thing that will benefit the people and land of Florida most.	No. Breaching the dam is the only thing to do. It was built when people could have claimed ignorance to the negative effects the dam would have. It has been public knowledge for 50 years that breaching the dam is the right thing to do. Let's get it done!	Besides the joy that Florida springs and waterways bring to countless Floridians, they also are also local economic drivers, and play critical roles in the habitats of many Florida flora and fauna, including the manatee which experienced its deadliest year on record and is at a critical point in its conservation.
9/23/2021 20:40	Leon		No	No					Breach it	I am concerned about the springs . The Florida springs are very dear to me and I want to do anything within my power to help preserve and restore them.	The ecosystem would wither away.	I'm not sure.	
9/23/2021 20:45	Manatee		No	No					clean water	My itself	death for all mankind	no	
9/23/2021 20:46	Outside of state / other	Pw NY	No	No									
9/23/2021 20:46	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and allow the st johns, ocklawaha and silver rivers to flow freely as they once did.	It would allow wildlife corridors along the river banks and enhance movement of marine animals, including manatees.	The land around the dam would continue to degrade,	No	The dam was built in the 1930s as part of the Cross Florida Canal. The canal was stopped in the 1970s and serves no useful purpose. Maintainence costs have risen through the years to fund structure that is an obstruction to normal river flow.
9/23/2021 20:46	Seminole		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Free the Ocklawaha River flow	The dam was known to be a mistake from the beginning. Restore the flow, don't spend millions to "fix" the dam.	Protect manatees and other wildlife, and water quay.	No	Please restore the river!
9/23/2021 20:48	Dade		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. Plus, the dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4.14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 20:52	Palm Beach		No	No									
9/23/2021 20:53	Brevard		No	No					remove the dam and to restore the river and improve the economy, water quality and wildlife	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	Counting on you to do the right thing to protect our beautiful wildlife.
9/23/2021 20:55	Outside of state / other	Tucson, AZ	No	No					Help to wildlife	Helping Manatees	Loss of habitat for manatees		
9/23/2021 20:55	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	BREACH the dam--Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	NO! NO! NO! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please, let's merge economic and nature benefits to do this
9/23/2021 20:56	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	We are avid nature enthusiasts and would love to see the restoration of the river and improvements such as the ones envisioned by the students of UF to provide outdoor REAL Florida opportunities.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	The continued degradation of the river by invasive plants and fish.	If the area is not developed recreationally, I would at least like to see the flow of the natural river system restored.	We have owned property close to the Ocklawaha River for close to 20 years. We are building near there now. We are avid nature enthusiasts and would love to see the restoration of the river and improvements such as the ones envisioned by the students of UF to provide outdoor REAL Florida opportunities. I was very impressed by the variety of people they considered from duck hunters to kayakers in their minimal develop ideas for both locals and visitors alike.
9/23/2021 20:56	Alachua		No	No					The dam should be breached.	Hundreds of manatees would be able to access greatly needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. Since the dam is past its life expectancy, this would be the perfect time to open this water way up again for the wildlife that desperately need it, and for the health of our springs.	That the state will miss the best opportunity to remedy the problems caused by this dam. Right now state and federal funds are available, the environmental needs are critical for the manatee, water quality and wildlife habitat. And we will be left with an unsafe that will cost millions in tax payer dollars to repair.	No, breaching the dam is long overdue, and will affect the future of our wildlife, and tourism.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees. Unless their natural habitat is restored, there will be more die-offs in the future. Although this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 20:58	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. The dam is far past its life expectancy, causing irreparable financial and environmental damage to Florida's residents both human and animal.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 20:59	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam, restore the ock	Hidden springs	The river is historic, we're taking statue's down which is a shame. let's save the ocklawaha.	No	
9/23/2021 21:03	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	The dam needs to be taken down. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	* We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. * The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. * Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. * Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. * Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. * Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	1. No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. 1. Open ended section to add additional comments Make your own comments here, examples include: MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.	Save the manatees please.
9/23/2021 21:04	Leon		No	No					I support restoring manatee habitat	Declining populations, especially recently	Loss of yet another species		
9/23/2021 21:04	Hillsborough		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 21:05	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	For it to be be removed.	To allow manatees to expand their habitat since this has been the deadliest year on record for manatees.	That the manatee population would suffer.	No	

9/23/2021 21:09	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam. Every day the dam is in place, there is harm to the economy, water quality and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway,	5 rivers, the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St.Johns Rivers and 50 springs are restored.	1000s of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy and recreational benefits.	No. Breaching of the Rodman Dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 516)
9/23/2021 21:10	Orange		No	No				Breach the dam	The amount of springs it's blocking, preventing the manatees to travel, and all the other ecological damage it has caused since the start	The Heath of the springs	No	
9/23/2021 21:12	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	I would like to see the dam removed and the river flow restored.	I would like to see the dam removed and the river flow restored.	Failure of the dam is imminent endangering Welaka properties when the dam fails.	No. This is long overdue.	This dam and the damage it is causing the environment is unnecessary this dam removal could help restore all the involved rivers, and bring in recreational uses to the area. Currently due to weeds motorboats cannot even get on the Rodman.
9/23/2021 21:13	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No				Preserve wildlife				
9/23/2021 21:16	Palm Beach		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Reunite the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns River and historic Silver Springs	Science and Economics - Restoration is vital to improving the environmental and economic health on this riverway and its communities.	Continued degradation of Florida's wetlands, rivers, and waterways. Also, infrastructure failure of a damn past it's 50-year life expectancy.		
9/23/2021 21:17	Alachua		No	No				Tear it down.	With the rising rate of storms damage to man made infrastructure resisting natural water migration patterns will be damaged. Removing the dam will increase ecological health to Northern Florida. The Florida springs have been damaged and having algal blooms.	If we continue to not choose the health of our land and water resources and degrade our community, then what are we doing? What are we sustaining? Our springs are the mirrors to our aquifer which houses our drinking supplies! We would die after 3 days without water!	If you were to implement high income projects towards Springs Water protection and restoration.	
9/23/2021 21:18	Lake		No	No				Make the Dam disappear!!	No natural flow! Impeding river flow	End of the Ocklawaha River.	NO	
9/23/2021 21:18	Pinellas		No	No				Breach it	Manatees need the springs habitat/ the dam will need expensive repairs that will cost taxpayers / restoring the springs environment will help the ecosystem and fish populations	Continued loss of biodiversity due to climate change and habitat loss - our natural wonders make living in Florida worth it.	No	
9/23/2021 21:18	Outside of state / other		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 21:19	Manatee		No	No				Breach the dam	Restores over 20 springs, supports fish regeneration and gives manatees more habitat as they are dying at alarming rates.	We are moving in the wrong direction in the state of Florida not doing enough to protect Our precious ecosystem	No	You have the opportunity to right a wrong and to help the springs
9/23/2021 21:21	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No								
9/23/2021 21:23	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached.	The dam is old and deteriorating, which means that expensive repairs would be needed, as opposed to simply breaching it, which would allow for springs restoration, manatee habitat expansion, and a resurgence of wildlife in the affected areas, both marine and terrestrial.	Water quality would further decline with the reduced water flow created by the dam. This would make invasive weeds, harmful algaes, mass fish die-offs, and impactful droughts far more prevalent and harmful than they need to be.	No - the benefits far outweigh the downsides, and it would be fiscally responsible to taxpayers to breach the dam, as well.	Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I hope you have a lovely day.
9/23/2021 21:24	Seminole		No	No				Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to a much needed habitat and native fish populations could be restored	Hundreds of manatees lose access to warm water winter habitat and taxpayers spend millions in unnecessary repairs for the dam	No	
9/23/2021 21:24	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Also, Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/23/2021 21:24	St Johns		No	No				Breach the dam	Restoration of natural habitat	Loss of an opportunity to do the right thing	No	
9/23/2021 21:25	Outside of state / other	Annapolis, MD	No	No								
9/23/2021 21:32	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Get rid of it	It's not necessary. Has no environmental benefit.	It's a money suck. It harms the health of the rivers.	No	
9/23/2021 21:34	Outside of state / other	Chicago, IL	No	No				Make safe for Manatees				
9/23/2021 21:36	Hillsborough		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Fish and manatee populations are suffering (see additional info in other answers).	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. If that happens, the lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Fish are also affected negatively by the dam. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 21:39	Manatee		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	No	It's time to restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife
9/23/2021 21:40	Outside of state / other	Marina Ca.	No	No		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.!	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANNATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 21:40	Outside of state / other	California	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 21:40	Outside of state / other	Erie, NY	No	No				I would like to see the dam breached	It would reunite the springs allowing for a return of historic tourism routes along the Oklawaha River, such as we had in the golden age of Florida tourism of 1920s-1930s.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No, the dam is 50 years over it's lifespan and needs to be breached.	I would book travel and encourage others to do so as well if the historic springs and biodiversity of Florida was returned.
9/23/2021 21:40	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: To access the Ocklawaha River for fishing/boating/kayaking. We don't need the reservoir. The reservoir blocks the river and wildlife.	The partial restoration plan of breaching 2k ft of the earthen dam at the point where the historic river channel would flow should happen to allow manatees and migratory fish access to the rest of the Ocklawaha River connecting to Silver Springs. There should be a bridge instead of a dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River also restores Silver Springs with native fish biodiversity. There is a lot of bang for your buck when you consider the wide scope of benefits all the way to Jacksonville estuaries that would benefit from freshwater flow of a restored Ocklawaha.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Migratory fish would not have the chance to rebound in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs if the dam is not breached. Also the huge amount of aquatic herbicide sprayed into the reservoir is concerning.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue and should not have been built in the first place. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Give manatees and migratory fish their home back and let the forest grow back!	The reservoir floods the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway named after my grandmother. There are over 20 springs that flow in to the Ocklawaha River but the reservoir blocks them out with stagnant dark water. I would like for the springs of the Ocklawaha River flow and not be flooded by the State anymore so I could go swimming in crystal clear springs anytime on the Ocklawaha with my daughter.
9/23/2021 21:40	St Johns		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 21:43	Outside of state / other	Sussex, NJ	No	No				As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/23/2021 21:44	Brevard		No	No				Restoration of the ocklawaha river by breaching the dam.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	We miss the opportunity to do this while environmental needs are high.	No	
9/23/2021 21:45	Palm Beach		No	No				PLEASE protect the manatees	Protect the manatees	They will go extinct.		
9/23/2021 21:46	Brevard		No	No								
9/23/2021 21:48	Pinellas		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	One single one is tough. Combined though.. Restoration of natural Florida waterways. Restoration of natural wildlife corridors. Restoration of natural springs. Keeping the most beautiful places in Florida intact for future generations	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The closer we get to a proper balance of man and nature, the better the quality of life will be for both!
9/23/2021 21:48	Outside of state / other	Anaheim, CA	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more deaths in the future. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs. These springs are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs. Both waterways present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital link in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 21:50	Alachua		No	No				I would like to see this Dam removed completely so our Beautiful Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs River can return to their natural state and thus provide 100,'s of manatees warm water in a time when they are so endangered.	Currently Manatees have limited access to healthy feeding grounds.	The death of the majestic manatees!	No because there is no real positive reason to continue to care for the durn dam!	
9/23/2021 21:52	Outside of state / other	Santa Fe, NM	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/23/2021 21:52	Broward		No	No				Breach the dam	Beauty of the springs	Loss of wildlife habitat		
9/23/2021 21:53	Outside of state / other	Asheville NC	No	No				Removal to restore natural ecological systems	Manatees are declining	Loss of incredible species diversity found nowhere else in the world	Other measures to mitigate native species loss	
9/23/2021 21:54	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore river.	Restoration of ecosystems	The dam could collapse and cause damage to property or harm to people.	No	

9/23/2021 21:55	Outside of state / other	Phoenix, AZ	No	No					What would you like to see happen with the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam moving forward? We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Is there any scenario short of fully achieving your desired outcome you could support? No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Other comments: As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.				
9/23/2021 21:56	Brevard		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam, please!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	• We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. • The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. • Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. • Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. • Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. • Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No! Breaching the damn is 50 years overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 21:59	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam	Declining fish populations in Silver Springs, manatee access negatively impacted, recovery of the "lost springs"	Millions spent on unnecessary dam repairs. Missing this opportunity to do what is right for the health of these ecosystems.	No, breaching the dam is long overdue	I love paddling the ocklawaha, and camping along the banks. My hope is to pass this love onto my son, on a restored river.
9/23/2021 21:59	Seminole		No	No					Breach the dam and repair the dsmage done to the river. This is long overdue. Should have happened once the cross Florida barge canal was seen for the boondoggle it was.	The river cannot flow free from Silver Springs to the St. Johns. Manatees are starving elsewhere. They need this stretch of river. Silver Springs needs to be connected to the St. Johns for fish and wildlife reasons.	See above. Siltation will fill behind the dam, aquatic organisms will not be able to move freely.	P. of that can be done is removing the dam (not fully restoring the river), then breach the dam and work toward the rest of the goal.	This is long overdue.
9/23/2021 22:00	Pinellas		No	Yes					remove the dam. open the river.	President Nixon stopped the Cross Florida Barge Canal way back. The lake is a weed infested mess. the DAM requires maintenance and money. It should never have been allowed to be built and should be demolished.	The natural River flow and beautiful springs will continue to covered by that nasty lake.	no	let the river run free
9/23/2021 22:00	Duval		No	No					Take the damn dam down and restore the river way.	Rivers support wildlife, the natural environment and are important to our economy. A restored river helps Florida		Best strategy is to free the rivers.	Please protect the value of our environment and restore our rivers.
9/23/2021 22:00	Outside of state / other	Asheville nc	No	No					Breach and remove all trace of the dam		Needless and continued los of manatee and fish habitat	No.	
9/23/2021 22:02	Brevard		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Brach the dam	Restoration of the natural springs and environment that supports fish and manatees • There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. • Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. • Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. • The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	• We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. • The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. • Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. • Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. • Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. • Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Braching the dam is 50 years overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 22:02	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam and reservoir in place , with better management practices for the health of the waterway .	My 40 years of fishing experience on Rodman . The misinformation being put out by various groups about how the dam restricts the flow of water to the St. John's river , which is a complete fallacy . The same amount of fresh water still flows down the ocklawaha river . even more water is released into the st John's river every time the locks are operated . Why is that amount of water never included in any of the water flow estimates ? Rodman would be used even more than it is if the department of greenways and trails would actually clear the channels of stumps like it used to. The last drawdown was completely unnecessary. All it served to do was kill all of the native vegetation that was flourishing at the time , which has yet to recover . I feel Rodman has been intentionally mismanaged in an attempt to reduce usage and help further the proponents of the dam's removal agenda .	Loss of habitat for numerous species of wildlife that flourish in the present environment.	The lock system could be disabled to reduce long term costs	
9/23/2021 22:03	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Save the river for the wildlife, not humans.	Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	You would be responsible for murder of innocents.		We need to make sure we use every tool to help save manatees and other wildlife from habitat destruction and pollution. The recovery of manatees has been a conservation success story until now - we can't let this progress backslide on our watch.
9/23/2021 22:04	Outside of state / other	Eureka, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 22:06	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river so that manatees can access Ocklawaha's natural springs currently submerged by the dam's artificially high water levels.	Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. The restoration would also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.	We risk losing this valuable species in the face of the mass extinction we've instigated. We simply MUST safeguard every single remaining species on Earth because each is inextricable from the next--including our own.	I'm fairly certain we're beyond the point of half-measures to achieve life's desired outcome.	This restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands as the project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor that will allow greater freedom for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife to roam. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to protecting our remaining biodiversity.
9/23/2021 22:07	Brevard		No	No					Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/23/2021 22:08	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed entirely	Manatees need a clear route to freshwater springs currently blocked. Overload of invasive plants that get endless spray treatments with no progress. No access to boat landings. Flooded springs that draw tourism and benefit the economy	Flooding from dam failure. Lost economic opportunities	Wide breach of the dam to allow the water to flow freely	The economic and safety risks are high if the dam is left in place and allowed to continue to deteriorate. My family traveled 500 miles to see the springs during the last drawdown and haven't been to the area since, even though we visit the springs several times a year. The Florida springs generate millions in local tax revenue. Breaching the dam and allowing the river to flow would save taxpayers in maintenance costs, while increasing tourism revenue and business growth.
9/23/2021 22:13	Volusia		No	No					Tear it down!	The dam prevents manatees and fish from being able to travel through minimizing their habitats.	The population of manatees and fish would continue to decline rapidly.	No. Open it back up.	
9/23/2021 22:13	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Basically any outcome seems to hurt Florida agriculture and wildlife. And I want to try to help both as much as possible.	Absolutely. While I understand that breaching the dam would be the most strait forward I would also like to be part of anything to help our ecosystem thrive.	
9/23/2021 22:14	Washington		No	No					Restoration of riverbed to save and protect wildlife				
9/23/2021 22:15	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		Free the damn and restore to natural environment	Environmental impacts	Continued negative impact to natural resources	NO	
9/23/2021 22:16	Outside of state / other	Alabama	No	No					As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 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9/23/2021 22:16	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					Breach the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River, allowing manatees and other animals in the area to survive and thrive.		Manatees will die and other animal populations will suffer.	No	
9/23/2021 22:17	Outside of state / other	Josephine County, Oregon	No	No					I would like to see whatever action taken necessary for the health of the river and all critters living there.	Manatees dying	To lose this species or any other of Gods creatures living there. They cannot speak for themselves. We have to advocate for them.	I cannot answer that. Need more information	I hope you will consider the lives of Gods creatures.
9/23/2021 22:17	Orange		No	No					Closure of the dam and restoration of the natural waterflow.	I am aware of the history of the dam and think that it's past time that it was removed to preserve the various ecosystems it has ruined.	The continued harm on the springs and wildlife.	No. The dam must go. It was a mistake and has caused too much harm.	
9/23/2021 22:18	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by letting water to flow into it form the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most significant way to restore the manatees' habitat in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. This can also benefit species like Florida black bear, Florida panther, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. This also impacts species like Florida panther, Florida black bear, bobcat, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is the only way and it's way overdue. Wildlife should not wait any longer.	This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more manatees killed in the future. Although most manatees died in part by starvation from loss of sea grass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat, which now is mostly provided by warmth from power plant outfalls - an unsustainable situation. Lowering the water level by breaching the dam can give manatees access to Ocklawaha's 20 springs to provide them with natural winter-time warm water habitats. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida River way is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 22:19	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the natural flow of the river and springs restored.	The need to restore a beautiful river back to its natural state, allow for native fish, manatees, and other wildlife to return to natural levels, and save money on unnecessary infrastructure.	Continued decline in freshwater wildlife, endless infrastructure maintenance costs	No. Draw downs, even if more frequent, still don't address the physical blockage that is the dam. It needs to go.	This single action would be one of the biggest, far reaching springs restoration projects to ever help return our waters to their earlier glory
9/23/2021 22:20	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	No					Hurry up and restore adequate food and habitat for sea mammals, such as the manatees!!	All animals deserve adequate habitat to not only survive, yet also thrive. Humans must STOP polluting and destroying our Planet immediately, not years from now when its too late. ACT NOW.	Big money continuing to destroy and pollute our beautiful planet and ecosystems for stupid status and greed, which, (by the way) you can Not survive on eating money. If this continues, it'll spill over, as it already has, into other species. Humans can not live alone on this planet. We are here together amongst diversified species that help to keep the planet in balance. Live with Nature, because it'll provide more fulfillment than money can ever buy. THINK CRITICALLY & ACT CORRECTLY NOW.		
9/23/2021 22:20	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached with the three rivers involved & the numerous springs all restored to natural setting.	The critical need for water restoration to save wildlife & water quality for environmental purposes.	The continued decline in the manatee population which is facing a worsening crisis in the last year. These ancient mammals can not be allowed to become more endangered due to human neglect.	No, now is the best time to act while there is high interest in environmental issues & improving the quality of our natural outdoor settings.	Please act to improve our Floridian state.
9/23/2021 22:22	Bay		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing					As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
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9/23/2021 22:24	Outside of state / other	Maine	No	No									
9/23/2021 22:25	Sarasota		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Removing the dam and returning it to the original state of flow.	By doing so, this would restore several springs which in turn restore the flow of the ecosystem in time which would have a likelihood with support of restoring fish populations as well. I also understand from reading different reports it would allow further extend areas of access for manatees.	This is a perfect time with the support from different agencies and the public to cost effectively restore the area and allow for restoration. The opportunities for collaboration for a successful outcome is prime, not moving forward would be a missed ecological opportunity to restore springs, wildlife and improve the well being of the area for all to enjoy.	We collectively are at a critical juncture in maintaining and restoring these areas. Allowing for a well thought out plan to restore this area by removing this dam judiciously will allow for the area to thrive as it regenerates its ecosystem.	This restoration can be purposeful and in doing so restore the habitat for manatees, restore the springs and the associated ecosystems. This will promote wildlife, support sustainable ecotourism, encourage other forms of business that thrive and continue to offer recreational opportunities ten fold. I appreciate you taking the time to consider our thoughts and our feedback as citizens to support this endeavor. Thank you.
9/23/2021 22:26	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					I am pleading with you to restore inamte habitats before it is too late.				

9/23/2021 22:26	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-$14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Manatees, the gentle giants of FL are dying at an unprecedented rate and need all the help they can get! Save Wild Florida!
9/23/2021 22:26	Outside of state / other	Woodville, Alabama	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/23/2021 22:28	Outside of state / other	Dallas, TX	No	Yes			1 time	Other: Observe/View	To work with/be used/in harmony with wild life that are suffering/dying bc if overpopulation of disrespectful/ignorant activities	The group/article supporting this ovettion	The irreversible harm to to local Wildlife	The irreversible harm to to local Wildlife	Thank you for your time & consideration
9/23/2021 22:29	Outside of state / other		No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. Please provide a healthy environment for the manatees. Thank you kindly for considering my position.	Decline in quality of river and increased deaths of manatees.	Further decline of the river and especially the eventual loss of more manatees.	Accomplish all you can to support these objectives.	Please, please protect the remaining manatees. Florida will never be the same without them.
9/23/2021 22:29	Sumter		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other	Breach	All of it	Wildlife will not flourish.	No	
9/23/2021 22:29	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the dam and restore natural water flow.	Low manatee and fish populations that need additional habitat as well as resorting multiple natural springs that have dried up as a result of the dam.	Endangered manatee populations being negatively impacted.	No.	
9/23/2021 22:30	Washington		No	No					Restoration of manatee habitat	Declining manatee populations and manatee injuries from boat strikes.	Loss of the manatee species from North America. THEY WERE HERE FIRST.	NO	Human arrogance has destroyed the Florida ecosystem and threatens manatees with extinction. Shame on you!
9/23/2021 22:31	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like it to be removed	Doing what is right for our mother earth.	The senseless extinction of more species.	No!	Please do the right thing. We all know what is right and what is wrong. Just think before you act, for the good of the environment and all living creatures.
9/23/2021 22:32	Leon		No	No					Remove the Dam and Reservoir and free the 20 drowned springs.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We would miss the best opportunity to do this. State and Federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical for manatee, water quality, wild life habitat and the dam is UNSAFE.	NO! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. Do the right thing and restore our springs!
9/23/2021 22:37	Outside of state / other	Las Vegas	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in. Someone needs to breach the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	To protect it so the manatees and other wildlife don't face habitat destruction and pollution.	Habitat loss, pollution, and worst of all no more manitees.		
9/23/2021 22:46	Outside of state / other	Rock Hill, SC	No	No					Since manatees need warm water habitat to live, it is crucial that the Kirkpatrick Dam be removed to allow manatees access to warmer water in the Ocklawaha River.	Manatees are dwindling in number and you need to restore their natural range in order to save them. Their natural range includes the warmer water of rivers. Dams prevent manatees from accessing their natural habitat.	If nothing is done to restore habitat, manatee numbers will continue to decline to a point where they are unable to be saved. From an economic standpoint, manatees are a tourist draw. From a moral standpoint, humans should preserve the lives of all species.	To my knowledge, there is no way to partially remove a dam to give manatees access to the Ocklawaha River.	As a native Floridian, the loss of natural habitat makes me sad. My native state has not done enough to preserve wildlife habitat. The Florida where I grew up is mostly gone now, and it is a great loss. Please try to preserve what is left.
9/23/2021 22:47	Sumter		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing					
9/23/2021 22:48	Broward		No	No					For many reasons, to breach the dam and help restore the natural flow of the river and that in turn will help restore multiple important waterways.	As we are finding out more snd more, multiple waterways that were changed/rerouted/damed by us, keeping them the way nature made them is the most beneficial to the environment and those that live in it or in the case here, lived in it. We humans think we know better than nature and we've come to realize maybe we really don't when you consider all the ecological damage caused by interfering and changing natural processes that wind up causing other problems which winds up costing a large sum of money to maintain/fix. The obvious choice is to restore what once was a thriving ecosystem that would benefit all.	My biggest concern is a lost opportunity to help restore multiple important waterways, especially with what is currently happening in our state's waterways. We have out of control growth, out of state corporations taking our state's water to make a profit, causing future unknown negative ecological impacts that we, the citizens of Florida will have to pay to mitigate, in state corporations polluting our state's waters causing past, present and future ecological disasters such as the algae blooms of death. Climate change is here as well. What else can our state's waters and the life that depends on them, endure and survive? It is time to help our states's waterways and the life that depends on them, including us.	No. We cannot afford to not breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. Take advantage of state and federal funds to achieve this outcome wanted and supported by many. Restoring the river will create opportunities to make money, not spend money maintaining an unnecessary dam.	Thank you for reading and considering my input. I truly hope you help to restore life by choosing to breach the dam. We need some ecological and environmental good news in our state. The ongoing devastating algae blooms, continous habitat loss and escalating environmental damage seem to be happening more and more and more. Please please please choose to restore a part of our state that is critically needed right here and now. Choose to right the great wrong and the good will flow from it and benefit all. All life is interconnected and we are all counting on you to do the best thing for all of us. Thank you.
9/23/2021 22:51	Outside of state / other	Calexico,CA	No	No					the dam needs to be taken out.	the high number of manatee deaths.	more deaths of manatees.		
9/23/2021 22:51	Outside of state / other	Sacramento county California	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like motor boats banned from all manatee habitats.	Manatees are are peace loving gentle creatures who just want to live their lives and raise their families without our interference.	The extinction of a species but also the lives of the moms and babies killed by motor boats and the careless humans who are killing	An increase of areas free from motor boats so manatees can have a chance of survival.	
9/23/2021 22:55	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other	Dwmolish for rebuilding the ecosystem and estuaries	The state of my environment	Health of our environment	No	
9/23/2021 22:58	Broward		No	No					I would like to see it breached & to go inactive.	20 Florida springs would be restored by the breach of this dam, creating a healthier and more balanced ecosystem. This would lead the way for healthier land and healthier animals, and could contribute to and help those aquatic species that are endangered or at risk, such as manatees. The dam is also very old and needs to go either way, this was is more productive.	There is a very costly repair project for the dam, both hurting the future of the dreams and waterways that the dam blocks and our ability to put tax dollars towards something more relevant.	No. The dam should have been breached 50 years ago. It's antiquated and harmful to our Florida environs.	This has been a deadly year for manatees and many other aquatic animals, it's within our power to give them some help in the midst of the climate crisis that is rearing it's head.
9/23/2021 22:58	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking					
9/23/2021 23:00	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach it.	Cost benefit ratio in long term: it was a bad idea on a boondoggle plan and it is time to restore the springs and natural water pathways	Denigration of Florida's most unique natural resources - artisan springs need restoration. And manatees need more habitats and waterways	No	Let it fall! This will help communities like silver springs and fisherman can fish elsewhere! Nothing else can do as much long term good as breaching this dam. And why keep pouring repair money into it? it's low payoff and high cost to maintain.
9/23/2021 23:00	Outside of state / other	Orange California	No	No					That whatever is best for the marine life	Marine life is one of the most important ecosystems on our planet and supporting that supports our longevity as humans	That we are moving backwards as a society		
9/23/2021 23:01	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Would like a free-flowing Ocklawaha and the restoration of this natural system by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	I am most concerned with all wildlife and especially manatees. The Great Florida Riverway can provide a much-needed habitat for manatees and so many other species.	The manatees will go extinct.	no	We need to restore Florida's waterways to help save and protect wildlife and our natural resources for now and future generations.
9/23/2021 23:02	Outside of state / other	Pasco, WA.	No	No					Open the waterway to the Ocklawaha River by breaching Kirkpatrick Dam in order to save Manatee habitat.	Restoration of thousands of acres will be restored for wildlife habitat.	Manatees need favorable habitat to survive.	No. When human activity negatively impacts the environment, restoration means breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	
9/23/2021 23:03	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 23:05	Alachua		No	No									
9/23/2021 23:06	Outside of state / other	Hartford	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future.
9/23/2021 23:07	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Please breach the dam for the vast improvement of : wildlife, the fishing and tourist industry, and to clean up Alt. of the tributarins. S ost many others in our large partu Please breach the dam!	Algae on the natural grasses. Releasing the necessary water flow of 50 suffering springs t beautiful o be beneficial tio the wildlife, tourism, fishing ando paddling opportunities of what was 5p pristine years ago. The constricted waterfowl had raped the entire river:! It is no longer Siler Springs, it is the Black Springs! Thank You @	A beautiful , and irreplaceable God made natural reclurce completely destroyed along with All of it'stributarirs . Please take the much needed actions. Thank you! Please pardon the dysfunctional spellcheck	Protect this Wounderous Resource.	
9/23/2021 23:07	Martin		No	No					Remove the dam	Restoring the river would provide warm water winter habitat for manatees	Further losses of manatees and flooded wetlands negatively impacting many species	No	
9/23/2021 23:08	Outside of state / other	Warwick, RI	No	No					The restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/23/2021 23:09	Duval		No	No									
9/23/2021 23:13	Alachua		No	No					Save all wildlife in the best way possible according to ecological science	I am a Florida resident and believe we should preserve all the state's natural wildlife	The growing impact on our natural resources	No	
9/23/2021 23:14	Outside of state / other	Racine, WI is my location	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 23:16	Citrus		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today.
9/23/2021 23:18	Clay		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking					
9/23/2021 23:20	Alachua		No	No					Restoration and let river run free	Ecology-more and more dams are being removed to provide clean water for wildlife and humans	Another example of development destroying the planet and quality of life for all life	No	Decisions have consequences just look at what army Corp of engineers did to Everglades to enhance development
9/23/2021 23:23	Franklin		No	No					I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/23/2021 23:24	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	breach it.	restoration of the ecosystem	continued decline of associated/affected ecological systems	no, the damn needs to go	water must flow naturally

9/23/2021 23:25	Outside of state / other	TX	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 23:26	Outside of state / other	Nevada	No	No										
9/23/2021 23:27	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No					It should be removed.		Dams block fish, manatees, and other aquatic animals from moving and this hurts their populations. In addition the dam is not providing significant benefits, but it is harming many springs and the animals that use them. Removal will cost less than repair in the long run.	The springs and stream ecosystems are maintained in a degraded condition. Local sustainable nature based tourism isn't nearly as available if the dam remains in place.	No	Removal of the dam will hurt little, but will provide a boost for fish and manatee populations as well as sustainable tourism in the area.
9/23/2021 23:30	Escambia		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Breach it for wildlife		Manatees need the River system	Extinction of our wildlife	No	
9/23/2021 23:30	Hillsborough		No	No					Break the dam		Free the manatees	Dead manatees	No	
9/23/2021 23:31	Sarasota		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Florida's economy is HIGHLY dependent on tourism. SOME of the tourism is to enjoy the unique wildlife found in Florida... the MOST unique wildlife are the MANATEES of FLORIDA! Manatees MUST have adequate, safe water to survive!		Please PROTECT the Reservoir because Florida's manatee population is highly endangered & it's imperative WE SAVE THE MANATEE FROM EXTINCTION!	I couldn't bear to see the manatee population destroyed!	NONE.	
9/23/2021 23:35	Monroe		No	No					Remove the dam		Manatees are starving and the removal would allow them to forage further	Manatees continuing to starve	No	
9/23/2021 23:44	Outside of state / other	Chula Vista, California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/23/2021 23:46	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it to restore health and wealth to our waterways!	Free flowing springs generate tourism and are like a strong heartbeat of our state.	Further decline of marine diversity for the plants and animal life that rely on this river system. Loss of habitat. Loss of treasure for future Florida adventurers and advocates.	No		
9/23/2021 23:47	Dade		No	No					Remove the dam to restore water flow	The dam is derelict and too expensive to repair. PLUS we need habitat restoration	Even greater loss of manatee habitat.	No.		
9/23/2021 23:52	Duval		No	No										
9/23/2021 23:55	Hillsborough		No	No					I believe the dam and reservoir should be opened up.	The Florida Spring Counsel	The loss of natural habitat - as our resources continue to be stressed you should do what you can now to make them as healthy as possible for the future	Not at this time		Thank you for asking
9/23/2021 23:55	Palm Beach		No	No										
9/23/2021 23:56	Washington		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	restore the Great Florida Riverway	manatees	death of even more manatees	restore the Great Florida Riverway		restore the Great Florida Riverway for the manatees
9/23/2021 23:56	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					Reunite the rivers and remove the dam.	Protecting beloved manatees and giving them better waters to feed and live in.	The manatees would be harmed even more than they already are-	No		
9/23/2021 23:59	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I do not use it in any way. I have launched my kayak nearby.	I would love to see the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The historic native fish population and manatee population would return if the dam were taken down. This greatly impacts the River as well. Native fish population has decreased by 78% in 1979 and by 92% in 2004 according to scientists.	Native fish populations would not be regained in the Ocklawaha or the Silver River. Exotic blue talipia population would continue to dominate and diminish the survival of native fish. Manatees would not have access to the warm springs of the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers in the winter. Water quality suffers.	No. The dam needs to go. It's long overdue and serves no purpose.		As a child in the 50's and 60's I remember seeing such a large variety of fish from the glass bottom boats while visiting Silver Springs. There were many catfish. You don't see them anymore. They have diminished as well as the striped mullet, which is one of the few species that eat the algae coating on the once bright green eelgrass in the springs. Water quality is suffering as algae is growing.
9/24/2021 0:07	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economics lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 0:09	Broward		No	No					The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	That would be the Florida's concern.	The FL state needs to act and act fast.		Thank you
9/24/2021 0:11	Union		No	No					I would love to look forward to someone keeping their word about helping the environment to preserve the Earth for a few more decades.		My biggest concern is the planet running out of water and the ones in charge pushing the planet further to extinction when I'm not ready to live on another planet.			
9/24/2021 0:11	Dade		No	No										
9/24/2021 0:34	St Johns		No	No					open it for the manatees	the manatees	the manatees becoming extinct	n/a		
9/24/2021 0:35	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching the dam can rejoine multiple springs, help many fish populations, and costs less money than a repair	That we will waste money repairing something that gives no substantial benefit	None. Breach it!		
9/24/2021 0:39	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 0:41	Outside of state / other	British Columbia, Canada	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by removing the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River would restore or enhance habitat for Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, white-tailed deer, and hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed imperils hundreds of manatees by depriving them of essential warm water winter habitat. In addition keeping the Ocklawaha dammed keeps 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continues to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. I fear the manatees and other wildlife, in addition to water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect reduced future survival. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will allow manatees access the Ocklawaha's natural springs, several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/24/2021 0:42	Outside of state / other	Spokane	No	No					I would like to see the dam breached so that the river can flow naturally.	The extremely high mortality rate of manatees, current unable to access the warm water habitat of the Great Florida Riverway because of this dam blocking the Ocklawaha River.	The extremely high mortality rate of manatees would continue, potentially leading to their extinction.	no		I am the daughter and granddaughter of Floridians who were inspired by the state's amazing nature to become scientists. Preserving that nature is our responsibility.
9/24/2021 0:46	Sarasota		No	No						Rivers should be restored to their natural flow to support fish and wildlife	Manatees and other fish cannot access their natural habitats	No		
9/24/2021 0:53	Escambia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 0:59	Outside of state / other	USA	No	No										
9/24/2021 1:03	Outside of state / other	New York, NY	No	No					Breach it.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. Why would we turn our backs on the identity we claim as "The Real Florida"	Not only the continued disruption of a unique natural system, but the creation of a dynamic and framework that rationalizes idiotic decisions like this dam	There is no alternative		The world is watching
9/24/2021 1:05	Outside of state / other		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed	The river needs to be restored, in my opinion dams are not good for the environment in most cases. Many dams were created in the past without needed study as to the full effects of the action. Nowadays scientists are much more informed as to the consequences of altering the natural environment.	That manatee and wildlife in general would continue to suffer, and numbers would decrease, even to the point of extinction.	No, I don't think they could create something like fish ladders for the manatee & other creatures.		I am 73 yrs, live in California where many old & unnecessary check dams are now being removed from the mountain streams & rivers. However, I was born & raised in Florida & have swum with the manatee back when the water was clear & it was not a tourist attraction. They have remained close to my heart, even tho I can no longer be there.
9/24/2021 1:09	Outside of state / other	California	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Running	I believe that we need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. In addition, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. It also would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No, because breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a frequent visitor to the area who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
9/24/2021 1:09	Outside of state / other	utah	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 1:11	Outside of state / other	southern California, Riverside County	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 1:13	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 1:20	Pinellas		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river system	restore to a non man made eco system	it will never be restored	no		

9/24/2021 1:23	Brevard		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the CSO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	I have lived in Florida since 1947 and am sadened by the environmental damage done by the damming of the rivers, digging canals to straighten the rivers, and destroying the wetlands.
9/24/2021 1:28	Pasco		No	No									
9/24/2021 1:31	Polk		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	bring back it's original path	to ensure Florida remains natural	the decay of our natural resources	maybe	
9/24/2021 1:35	Outside of state / other	Ravalli County, Montana	No	No					I would like to see the dam breached.	Manatees are a highly endangered species that need access to the warm springs submerged below Rodman Reservoir, as well as to Silver River and Silver Springs, in order to survive the winter.	The extinction of the manatees.	No, nothing could replace these natural warm water sources to ensure the future survival of manatees.	Breaching this dam will help restore a critical migration corridor not only for manatees, but other threatened species such as the Florida black bear, Florida panther and bobcats, as well as bald eagles and white-tailed deer.
9/24/2021 1:43	Dade		No	No					Restoration to original natural condition	Wildlife integrity	Threatened wildlife	No	No none
9/24/2021 1:56	Outside of state / other	New Mexico	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Would like to see the river restored and the dam removed.	Wildlife habitat restoration, including manatees.	Continuing declining numbers of birds, fish, manatees, amphibians, reptiles, etc.	A reduced reservoir which allows the river to flow naturally.	
9/24/2021 1:57	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see an effort on structure development	The dam	The otters	No	
9/24/2021 2:09	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/24/2021 2:16	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No					I'd like the dam removed.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	An unhealthy ecosystem and the continued decline in manatee population.	Build a manatee canal/ramp so they can get past the dam.	Thank you.
9/24/2021 2:17	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.
9/24/2021 2:20	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Dam removed and natural river flow restored.	The cross-Florida canal project is defunct. The natural river flow should be restored.	Maintenance would need to be continually funded and the dam is ageing. I think cost/benefit analysis would favor removal.	No. The dam should be removed.	I believe more people would benefit from river restoration than currently benefit from the Rodman reservoir.
9/24/2021 2:20	Lake		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like for it to be removed so the vegetation can be restored and our ecosystem can recuperate.	I have seen the drastic decline in the quality of life along Florida's most precious ecosystem.	My fear is that Florida would lost a piece of its magical history as well as the lives of many animals.	Yes, if the damn is removed and the proper measures are taken to preserve the river.	I am born in these swamps and I swim through these rivers. I respect nature to its core and do my due diligence to keep it safe & eco friendly.
9/24/2021 2:24	Collier		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	To survive, manatees need the river restored to provide more access the their winter habitat.	Continued destruction of wildlife habitat and the death of more manatees.	No	
9/24/2021 2:28	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Once the dam is breached, the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs will be restored. Further, more than 150 million gallons a day of natural flow will be restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and millions of dollars in dam repairs will be saved on a dam past its life expectancy.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. $17 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	We will miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the river-way. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $17 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 2:37	Outside of state / other	Jorado Springs, CO 80906 United State	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River, beginning with breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in Florida and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting numerous species including but not limited to: Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Additionally, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to negatively impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is at least 50 years overdue. Critical wildlife habitat and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 3:14	Outside of state / other	Spokane, WA	No	No					Vanities and Florida waterways are an imperative part of a healthy ecosystem that must be sustained for future generations. If biologists have determined that the river way must be returned to its original flow, then breaching the dam makes sense.	Manatees and other wildlife are suffering greatly I need the warm water flow brought through the rivers original pathway.	Manatees and other wildlife will continue to be decimated at an alarmingly rapid rate eventually leading to extinction.	If there's a workaround to allow increased water flow and increased warm winter habitat for manatees.	
9/24/2021 3:16	Lee		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the Dam	Dams are a thing of the past. They actually destroy the environment.	The environment would not be restored. This is harmful for manatees and other wildlife	What would restore the river short of getting rid of the Dam?	
9/24/2021 3:19	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam		Adverse effect on wildlife		
9/24/2021 3:26	Orange		No	No					Breach it and restore/reconnect the springs	Manatees and fish need the habitat	Another deadly year for manatees, further loss of unique Florida ecosystems	No	
8/24/2021 3:30	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam.	Manatee protection research.	Loss of wildlife including manatees.	No.	
9/24/2021 3:35	Outside of state / other		No	Yes					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
8/24/2021 3:50	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles, CA	No	No					I would like the Great Florida Riverway to be restored and serve as a safe space for manatees.	Manatee numbers are dropping at an insane rate and we, as a society, need to try to rectify what we've done wrong.	The loss of yet another beautiful species and throwing the fresh water ecosystems of Florida into further disarray.		
9/24/2021 4:21	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the river-way. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.
8/24/2021 4:27	Washington		No	No					Saving marine wildlife	Manatee rescue	Manatees and wildlife flourishing	Stopping navy sonic experiment	Please save wildlife. Rid of pollution. Stop criminals abuse of wildlife
9/24/2021 4:48	Outside of state / other	Montgomery County, TN	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
8/24/2021 4:51	Outside of state / other	Louisiana	No	No					Be removed and give more freedom to manatees	Manatees are endangered species that need all the help they can get	A bad outcome for manatees and other important species	I don't think so	
9/24/2021 4:58	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 5:09	Volusia		No	No									
9/24/2021 5:24	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam breached to restore ocklawaha for the wildlife that relies on that area dam free to thrive.		That the springs will continue to diminish (as many are) and cause problems with our fresh water supplies and the lives of many struggling species that rely on the springs in that area.		
9/24/2021 5:26	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Return the freeflow of the ocklawaha and conserve, clean and repair the waterway	I've grown up on the Ocklawaha and have seen the yuck and muck build up	Stagnation of the river	Not sure	
9/24/2021 5:28	Clay		No	No					Take them down and allow nature to return.	The loss of the springs and natural flow of the river.	Sad to see that decisionmakers do not listen to environmental concerns.	If not complete removal of the dams, perhaps a breach to allow for normal flow.	It's the right thing to do.

9/24/2021 5:37	Outside of state / other	Pittsburgh, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 5:44	Washington		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
9/24/2021 5:50	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	Fishing	Remove the dam and allow the river to flow freely to restore our river system to its natural state	The quality of the water in the St Johns River is getting worse and worse.	Fishing and other wildlife will cease to exist in the st. johns river area	no	
9/24/2021 5:52	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/24/2021 6:04	Jackson		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Please protect this area for manatee habitat.		Danger to manatees		
9/24/2021 6:31	Alachua		No	No				I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Strengthening and restoring our rivers and springs and providing more habitat for our hard-hit manatees.	Continued damage to our wildlife and natural ecosystems, all while wasting public tax dollars on a project that ultimately is not good for the state.	No. This dam must be shut down.	We cannot truly plan for FL's future without giving serious priority to the quality of our waters. My family has been in this state for 3 generations now and it breaks my heart to hear my grandmother's stories of the beautiful FL that once was. Obviously, we can't ever get that back, but we do have a real opportunity here to benefit future generations by undoing the mistakes of the past. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 6:12	Palm Beach		No	No				As a life long Florida resident and natural environment enthusiast I would like the see the dam removed and the water flow restored to the springs.	Ecological impacts to birds and fish	Lack of eco tourism	Restoring partial flow, smaller dam	
9/24/2021 6:12	Bay		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	FL relies on wildlife for a host of issues and they need our help	Loss of wildlife		
9/24/2021 6:21	Brevard		No	No				The Dam needs to be removed to allow for the natural flow of the river.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would benefit numerous plants and animals, restoring the flood plain which is natural to this area. Many native and endangered fish and plants would benefit.	Continued expense to maintain a Dam with no purpose, as well as herbicide treatments, resulting in perpetual cost to the taxpayers. Continued loss of native plants, fish and other wildlife, as a result of loss of water quality.	No. The removal of the Dam is long overdue.	
9/24/2021 6:21	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Permanently drawn down and restoring the Ocklawaha.	Opens migratory pathway for fish such as American Eel and allows manatee to move freely without the possibility of being crushed in the lock.	More costs (financial and environmental) down the road to shore up a monument to man's stubbornness. This dam has no real purpose except for those who live on it and like living on the waterfront.	No	Look, this is one of Florida's oldest environmental issues. Let's do something right and restore this gash on the Ocklawaha.
9/24/2021 6:22	Leon		No	Yes				Remove the dam and restore the river to the benefit of the natural environment.	One only has to too look at other river systems that have been damaged by impoundments in Florida. The Jim Woodruff Dam on the Apalachicola River is one of the best examples where the hydrological changes have diminished the flooding of the river floodplain and associated creeks. In addition, the reduced flow has altered the water quality and habitat of Apalachicola Bay and adjacent barrier islands.	Continued degradation of the Oklawaha River/ floodplain and associated fish and wildlife habitat	no	
9/24/2021 6:22	Hillsborough		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter.
9/24/2021 6:33	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove it. Allow for free flowing waterway.	The environmental impact. Restoring the waterway will bring back more tourism than the few that come for fishing. The dam has limited the potential for the area, including the financial impact for the area. This is a win-win.	Poor environmental conditions continue and worsen for an economically suppressed area.	The environment must be reistored so the area can thrive.	
9/24/2021 6:33	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone.	No one has any idea what will happen, it could turn out completely different than they are expecting.	Putnam County will be the one who will be stuck cleaning up the mess if the "do gooders" are WRONG!	No, just leave things alone.	Funny how you always see people from other areas of Florida or the USA who are convinced that they know more than those who live and play in Putnam County. They need to mind their own business and simply go away.
9/24/2021 6:37	Clay		No	No				Breach the Dam!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	
9/24/2021 6:40	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove that darned dam and let the river run freely.	Ecological and economic studies that PROVE the value of removing the dam.	That the SJRMD is catering to a few influential people and ignoring the data, and the majority of people who want the dam removed.	No. Remove it!	
9/24/2021 6:41	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Oklawaha and floodplain forest	Floodplains and springs would be restored would remove a barrier to the Osceola to Ocala Wildlife corridor Would improve the Oklawaha, Silver and St.John's rivers Recreational fishing would be enhanced Monies would be saved that would otherwise be spent on the repair of the dam	Water quality would further decline Flora and native plants would be lost Loss of springs	No. This issue has been discussed, debated and considered for TOO long. It's time to take action on a failed plan from decades ago.	
9/24/2021 6:42	Brevard		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Take down the locks and let the river run free to restore the flow.	The river has all but dried up downstream due to the dam and man made canals and locks and nature is suffering because of it.	No concerns	No	Let the river run free again!
9/24/2021 6:43	Outside of state / other	Alabama	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Preserve manatee habitat!	Death statistics for manatees	extinction	no	Save the manatee!
9/24/2021 6:44	Volvucia		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please add my voice to the REMOVE SIDE OF THIS DEBATE	Nature is best when left natural.	The natural watershed will continue to be an unnatural drained area.	No	
9/24/2021 6:48	Pinellas		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 6:57	Outside of state / other	Washington, DC	No	Yes		1 time		Boating Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Destruction of a vital ecosystem.	No	
9/24/2021 6:57	Outside of state / other	Phoenix, Arizona	No	Yes	2-5 times				Please restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation				
9/24/2021 6:58	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Please remove the dam and restore the River				
9/24/2021 7:02	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed.	Water quality, fish, manatees and wildlife	More manatees have died this year than any other year. Water quality in Florida is diminishing and we are pulling drinking water from springs nearby. Open the dam to help preserve the area.	No, please remove the dam. It's the right thing to do for the environment and the residents that live there.	
9/24/2021 7:02	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Have the dam breached and the natural flow of water that my grandfather and great-uncles talked about with reverence.	The restoration of a key piece of the St. John's River system and restoring migration routes for native fish and manatees. 2021 has been the most deadly year for manatees. It's time to take action while we still can.	Economic loss. Having the dam breached would allow the natural beauty of the area to blossom and attract an economic uplift to the area.	No. Breach the dam.	
9/24/2021 7:03	Seminole		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Manatees will have more places to roam.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 7:04	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	• 20 lost springs and 2 Silver Springs ecosystem are restored • Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river • 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife • $50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers • $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy • Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	• Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized • Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. • Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase • Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. • The 160-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an undistructed riverway.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, would ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, tought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration
9/24/2021 7:08	Volusia		No	Yes	2-5 times		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove them both and restore the river . keep access to the river at that point and turn it into a nice state park				
9/24/2021 7:18	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam gone so that the river can come back to its former glory, complete with curves and springs, and fish and manatees will be able to move freely and the river above the dam will stop dying.	That the dam is in such poor condition that it would be cheaper to take it down than to leave it.	That we lose the natural beauty of the Oklawaha forever.	No/	Ff the dam were taken down, the fiscal consequences to the surrounding area would all be positive because a. fishing would be just as good or better than it has been with the dam in place and b. the river would attract more visitors more often because of the enhanced recreational opportunities and those visitors would stay longer than competition-entrenrs and spend more money locally.
9/24/2021 7:18	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Please bring our springs back to life. It's one of Florida's gems. We've already robbed enough. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 7:19	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/24/2021 7:21	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Removed. Open the waterway	Manatees need access.	Manatees will become more endangered	No open the waterway	Manatees need help.
9/24/2021 7:23	Calhoun		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Please do what is best for wildlife	The air I breath. The benefits of a healthy ecosystem. My faith	All the consequences we don't even know are coming	No	Please do what is best for nature. It will save us all
9/24/2021 7:23	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha	Restoration of several springs and reestablishment of throughways for fish and manatees. Increase flow will clean the river and provide food for the desperate population of manatees. It it is time to re-veld natural areas that no longer support their original mission. And it is expensive for the use of otherwise needed public funds.	A continued diminished quality of the St. Johns River.	No	Incredible natural areas like the Oklawaha are rare . We made a mistake with the Cross Florida Barge Canal and did damage to the system. It is now time ta fix that mistake. Thanks for your consideration.
9/24/2021 7:27	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	No					Freedom	Lack of freedom	Deaths of sea animals		
9/24/2021 7:29	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove it to allow the natural flow of the river	That is the way that the river was originally and it would allow access to 20 hidden springs and natural feeding and migratory habitats for animals, which will be big for tourism/economic growth and Florida's environment at the same time - a true win/win	We continue to lose access to the lost springs and manatees, which are currently losing numbers, remain strained with less access to these areas	No - let's tear the dam down	We should look at doing something to throw a bone to the bass fisherman who want to keep the dam, while keeping in mind that removing the dam helps all of Florida both economically and environmentally, and not just pacify a small powerful special interest. I personally will volunteer to show those guys how to fish and enjoy the river and springs way more than they do now once the dam is removed.
9/24/2021 7:31	St Johns		No	No					That it is either partially or totally removed to allow the River to flow naturally.	Striped bass are not able to travel to the ocean and breed and beautiful Florida springs are buried under the blocked water flow.	The state of the dam further deteriorates and becomes dangerous to people trying to access this area for recreation.	Partial removal	Since the canal was a failed venture and research showing the best resolution was paid for by Florida taxpayers, this just needs to be taken care of ASAP. A few fisherman who oppose removal should not overrule what is best for the River,wildlife and the state.
9/24/2021 7:32	Putnam		No	No					Prioritize the natural land and allow it to do its thing: provide important habitat to the ecosystem which in turn protects humans.	Natural wetlands, springs and other earth water systems are critical to absorbing natural disaster AND in the same breath provide healthy habitat to all the living ecosystem around it . It's DUMB to continue to ignore the interconnectedness of humans ' wellness and survival to the naturally occurring earth . Track the data people . 12 year olds in biology class getting a 's, b's and c's understand this. Why not policy makers ?	Continued long term destruction of all life including humans.	Idk	Thanks!
9/24/2021 7:32	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	There are 20 springs that no longer flow because of the dam. The recreational and economic potential of those springs is too high to waste tax payer money on maintaining a defunct dam. Furthermore, the manatee mortality crisis in its current state is hideous. The water quality is poor and the vegetation is completely choking everything up. It's easily the most disappointing water way in Florida, for any recreation other than sport fishing. Breaching the dam will allow the waterway to be useful for manatee watchers, swimmers, fishermen, and kayakers, and be attractive option for recreation once again.	The absolute wasted potential of those springs and the complete waste of tax money into maintaining that dam.	There is only one smart choice here that widely benefits the public instead of catering to a single group. Breach the dam.	I recently graduated from UF. In one of my classes we held an academic debate about the Rodman dam. There were many people who were pro-keeping the manatee in the dam due to sense of place and supposedly better fishing. After hearing the actual research on the reservoir and how it is doing and hearing about the springs hidden beneath, every single one of my classmates changed sides. No one supported the dam after that debate. Similarly, I think that anyone with enough understanding and research under their belt and without bias in the form of personal monetary gain/loss would agree, it's time to breach the dam.
9/24/2021 7:33	Orange		No	No					Destroy the dam and restore the natural river's flow.	20 springs are unable to be experienced by nature lovers and critical manatee winter habitat is lost.	A chance to correct this travesty again will be a long time coming.	No.	The purpose of the dam was never realized and natural conditions should be returned to.
9/24/2021 7:33	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam breached to restore the natural flow of the waterway.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	I grew up in Palatka and spent many days around the dam and on the reservoir and Ocklawaha river. The thought of seeing the river restored to it's natural state brings me a lot of joy. Putnam county deserves to benefit from it's natural wonders and restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha and the drowned springs would be a boon for the local tourism economy.
9/24/2021 7:35	Walton		No	Yes	1 time		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 long overdue.	Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.

9/24/2021 7:37	Seminole		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it and restore the Oklawaha	Rivers are best left alone. Dams are unnatural and harmful to the natural environment. It was built to create a canal across the state, it never happened, remove the dam.	The Oklawaha remains unhealthy.	no	
9/24/2021 7:38	Pasco		No	No					For it to be dismantled.	It would give us back 20 springs and much needed wildlife habitats	There wouldn't be more area available to manatees when this has been the deadliest year for them. The rivers flowing would give them safer retreats	No.	
9/24/2021 7:40	Duval		Yes	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking	I dont go to Rodman often because it is terrible. Behind the dam is a dangerous lake where loose trees float and can damage your boat. Below the dam, I have put in to kayak. It was wonderful, but the dam itself is an eyesore. I'd go much more often if it wasnt such a wide open unappealing lake. The Ocklawaha River itself is the gem.	The Ocklawaha River in its natural position is more beautiful and appealing for fishing and recreation than the artificially wider segment impacted by the dam. The invasive spraying needs, logs and debris that get caught behind the dam plus the lack of canopy from the wider segment - AND the chance to see 20 new springs. That is what I want to see. I'd pay to visit.	We will invest millions to repair the dam that continues to hold Putnam County back from seeing economic tourism dollars - if invested in restoration instead.	Partial restoration seems to be middle ground. Full restoration removes the entire dam and all of its locks and parts. Partial restores the river without removing all of the structures. I'd be upset if we dont do all we can to allow migrating fish and manatee to reach Silver Springs naturally. But, that is up to you.	Please think about the economic potential for Putnam County as a homebase for tourism to the Ocklawaha River in the cost for restoration. If you can create jobs and fund a multi year tourism plan for the new "found" springs (etc.), it would help gain support for doing what needs to be done. This dam has reached the end of its life.
9/24/2021 7:42	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the removal of the dam and the restoration of the Ocklawaha natural flow to the springs- it supported	Manatee deaths in 2020. Restoring the river would provide habitat manatees.	The dam will be restored at great cost both financial and ecological.		
9/24/2021 7:44	Seminole		No	No					Removal of obstacles which prevent the natural flow of waters.	The FNPS presentation.	Continued and extended destruction of the natural wetlands.	Possibly, that would depend on the projected outcome.	
9/24/2021 7:54	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breached. The dams serve no public purpose and damage our natural Florida ecosystems.	There are 20 submerged springs, an absence of natural fish migratory routes, and a lack of manatee habitats.	The continued and ongoing environmental damage as well as the massive waste of taxpayer funds to repair a worse than useless dam.	No	I grew up in Marion county and my family still lives on Lake Kerr; less than 10 miles from Rodman dam. Since the mid-30s, five generations have fished on the Oklawaha river and, after the misguided cross Florida Barge Canal was finally abandoned at Eureka, at Rodman as well. I have lived my lifetime with this wasteful, damaging structure and damaged Florida rivers and springs. It should have been removed 50 years ago and our natural waterways restored. It's more than time to do so now.
9/24/2021 7:54	Baker		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Other	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Support wildlife and manatees	Manatee loss	No	
9/24/2021 7:55	Levy		No	No					Breach the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam	Would be a very beneficial springs protection project for the Sate of Florida . Also would benefit Manatee habitat that's needed for their protection	Taxpayer money will be wasted on dam repairs when the economy in the area would be helped with the springs recovered and manatees in their natural habitat	No	Florida springs are a special gift in this state and help with groundwater quality , recreation, and beauty for all . A spring recovery project would benefit all citizens of the state and attract visitors helping the economy . Spending taxpayer money to repair this dam is not sustainable for present and future taxpayers. Thank you
9/24/2021 8:00	Escambia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoying the springs during the drawdown	I would like to see the dam be removed. It's not in use and it's preventing the natural flow of the water and migration of many species.	The knowledge of how dams affect natural biological processes and the fact that tannic water is covering 20+ springs for no reason.	The Ocklawaha's full potential as a river would not be reached. The issue of floating aquatic plants is still occurring even though the drawdown was support to "help" that without the use of herbicides.		
9/24/2021 8:04	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam to be removed and the river restored to its natural flow.	The vegetation that builds up and then causes the the dam to be opened every few years is costly and harmful to the environment	The concern is for the welfare of the river. If the river is not restored, we will continue to have to use taxes to support a dam that is harmful to wildlife and ecosystem functions	No, the dam needs to be removed.	
9/24/2021 8:05	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach the damn	Revitalization of over 20 springs and wildlife	Seeing natural Florida disappear forever		
9/24/2021 8:05	Outside of state / other	Chicago	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 8:07	Alachua	No	No						Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 8:15	Alachua		No	No					breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.		The chance will be missed and tourism will suffer	
9/24/2021 8:18	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breached so wildlife can flourish.	Wildfire preservation.	The effect it has on our marine and wildlife that are already in danger .		
9/24/2021 8:22	Outside of state / other	Harris County TX	No	No						Restore the waters to the river. Manatees can be saved.	Loss of the manatees. We were very lucky to visit back in the 1980's.	Not really. We are losing them because of greed and politics. Time to start listening to what nature needs instead of what people need	
9/24/2021 8:24	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam open, free the river!				
9/24/2021 8:27	Duval		No	No					Break the damn dam	Stop screwing with nature			
9/24/2021 8:27	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Dam removal	Adverse impacts on water quality and wildlife are well documented	Stagnant water, loss of habitat related to free flow of water, continuing the harm done by the dam	no, because there is no good reason to maintain the dam in place	Please help restore water flow and circulation in our rivers, stream, estuaries, marshes and lakes. Humans have done so much damage, it is time to take action to restore when and where we can. Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam are THE PLACES TO TAKE ACTION NOW.
9/24/2021 8:29	Dade		No	No					Remove	Wildlife restoration	Loss of biodiversity	No	
9/24/2021 8:30	Dade		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 8:31	Dade		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I support partial removal of the dam structure and return of the river to its original banks so that restoration of the wildlife corridors can be achieved.	The entire purpose of the dam was ill-conceived and rightly-terminated, and the remnants of those bad decisions should be mitigated by removal of the dam. Removal of the dam, whether completely or using the less costly "breaching" option, would allow restoration of an important part of the ecosystem. The human value of restoration is significant as it would provide new and improved opportunities for fishing, hunting, and especially eco-tourism.	Water quality would continue to decline, and a crucial piece of wildlife corridors would remain impeded further endangering the survival of listed species. Failure to remove or breach the deteriorating dam would also increase future and on-going maintenance costs for no net benefit.	Instead of complete removal of the dam and supporting structures, breaching the dam would provide a more cost-effective method of mitigating the harm caused by its presence and remove the possibility of gross failure of the dam in the near future.	thanks for the public comment period and i trust the the WMD will make the right decision to benefit residents of Florida and the eco-tourists we want to encourage.
9/24/2021 8:32	Outside of state / other	Montgomery, IL (Kendall County)	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/24/2021 8:38	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam	Restoration of natural wildlife habitat	Disregard to the environmental implications of keeping the dam	No. breaching the dam is the only solution I see .	
9/24/2021 8:38	Pinellas		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Defenders of Wildlife has made me aware of this situation.	Loss of manatees	If there is a scenario that allows manatees to reach the warm waters of the Ocklawaha River for protection during cold spells when the open waters become to cold for them to survive.	
9/24/2021 8:38	Palm Beach		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As one who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 8:40	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Oklawaha by breaching the dam.	Army corps of engineers approved location and process for breaching the dam.	Death of cypress tree forest by drowning. Build up of sediment in Rodman basin. Loss of a revenue and international recognition which would be gained by restoring the river.	I don't see any. By restoring the river/ breaching the dam all interests: environment, fishing, economic, will be served.	
9/24/2021 8:41	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: hiking, camping	remove dam, restore waterway	hydrologic balance	environmental degradation	No	
9/24/2021 8:42	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Breach the dam and stop poisoning the water with herbicides. Return it to it's natural state.	The dam serves no useful purpose, and a lot of money is spent on "maintenance". More people would benefit by having a free flowing River with all it's springs for recreation. With the natural habitat restored, wildlife would abound.	Continued destruction of a precious Florida resource.	No	Please just do this. It's been too long. We shouldn't have to fight so hard to restore and protect our natural areas!
9/24/2021 8:44	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	• Thousands of acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic riverine floodplain; an incalculable springs; and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. • 6,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. • Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. • Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. • Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. • Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. • Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. • At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. • An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding money to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its	• The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. • Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. • The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. • Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. • The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. • Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harbwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Please take the critical step of breaching this dam. Saving our Fl natural spaces and ecosystems is my #1 priority for all public matters.

9/24/2021 8:46	Highlands		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	• Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. • Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. • Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. • Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. • At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. • An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. • The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. • $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure. • Economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida demonstrate the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, and annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been on a downward trend since records began in 2004 as water quality and fish production have continued to decline year after year. • When accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. • Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. • The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. • Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
9/24/2021 8:47	Lake		No	Yes	1 time		Other	Ice a way		Compels flow n water	Natures fish	No	
9/24/2021 8:48	Lake		No	Yes	2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach the Kirkpatrick dam	The impact on water quality upstream and down as a result of increased flushing, decrease of salinity down stream, and opportunity for wildlife like manatees and other species to move to new habitat.	Continuing degradation of water quality upstream and down.	Breaching is a compromise from complete removal.	All user group needs should be considered. As well as the economic benefits from many uses. In addition to the value of a functioning natural area, benefiting water, wildlife, and a biologically functioning region.
9/24/2021 8:50	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam.	Restoration benefits to the natural waterways.	Continued damage to the natural waterways and we continue to limit warm shelter and food sources for the manatees.	No.	
9/24/2021 8:53	Pinellas		No	Yes	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam!	Allowing manatees access to habitats, recovering 20 drowned springs.	Millions of dollars in dam repairs for a dam that harms ecosystems and wildlife habitats		Breach It!!! Save the Spring State!!
9/24/2021 8:54	Hernando		No	No				remove the dam	PAPS position paper	Continued deterioration of the river	partial removal	
9/24/2021 8:54	Dade		No	No				Dismantled to save the manatee habitat		Manatees are dying	More manatees will die	Maybe	None
9/24/2021 8:54	Pasco		No	No				Start restoring the waterways being destroyed for profit. Water SUSTAINS LIFE...WITHOUT ALL LIFE WILL PERISH INCLUDING POLITICIANS HELLO	Water sustains life	All life will perish	Politicians not caring becus its all about that bribery/lobbying money going in their pockets	
9/24/2021 8:58	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Oklawaha River by decommissioning and removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam	Environmental studies that have shown the harmful affects.	Stagnation, overgrowth		
9/24/2021 8:58	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman Kirkpatrick dam	Restoring the drowned springs and restoring fish populations and natural migratory patterns	The continued decline in water quality - algae, invasive plant species choke out the natural habitat	no	We must do more to protect and preserve our springs for the sustainability of natural, beautiful Florida. This is an important step in the right direction.
9/24/2021 8:59	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Removal of the dam.	The economic impact from an increase in springs related tourism along the ocklawaha will be larger than the economic impact from maintaining the reservoir for fishing.	We will miss one of the biggest opportunities in generations to dramatically improve water quality, restore habitat for threatened wildlife, and significantly improve quality of life for residents in the region.	Opening the dam during the winter and closing it in the summer would provide some of the environmental benefits and keep a smaller reservoir for fishing and boating.	
9/24/2021 8:59	Outside of state / other		No	No				Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The fact that Florida manatee populations are suffering from multi-pronged stressors, it is imperative that we attempt to mitigate any and all hazards that adversely impact their collective ability to thrive.	The loss of manatees in their native Florida habitat.	Strong actions that strongly support restoration of manatee habitat.	Please act now to protect this iconic, extremely vulnerable species.
9/24/2021 9:00	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Passive recreation, photography, picnicing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to connect Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Science supports this position. Freeing up the Ocklawaha would improve the health of many Florida springs that are under assault from development, introduction of nutrients into once clear and healthy waters and support jobs, ecotourism and more diverse recreational experiences.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are the critical issues. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer. This is fifty years overdue.	Thank you for the opportunity to offer citizen input. I am a US Citizen, taxpayer and Florida permanent resident.
9/24/2021 9:02	Santa Rosa		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat
9/24/2021 9:03	Union		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy so breaching it would save millions in taxpayer money to constantly repair it. The dam has negatively affected wildlife. Fish populations in Silver Spring declined by 92% partly as a result of the dam. Manatees would gain access to habitats that they desperately need. Breaching the dam would also restore 20 drowned springs.	This might be our only chance to do this while public interest is high and it is still within budget. As stated above, the economical and environmental costs would be great if the dam is not breached.	No. This is 50 years past due.	We need to do this, now while we still can. I can't stress enough the costs that keeping this dam would incur on our economy and environment. The springs are essential to our healthy environment in Florida. Also, keeping a dam that is way past its life expectancy is costly to taxpayers. Marine wildlife populations such as manatees, fish, and others are also suffering as a result of keeping the dam.
9/24/2021 9:03	Pinellas		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 9:03	Outside of state / other	Atlanta, GA	No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring this river will provide manatee habitats for hundreds of manatees. Manatees have been dying at an alarming rate due to human interference, and restoring the river will provide critical habitats that are necessary for their survival.	No; this is the only way to ensure manatees can have the habitat they need to survive.	Thank you for allowing the public an opportunity to speak out regarding this matter.
9/24/2021 9:05	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating	The dam needs to go. The pool is not nearly as attractive or productive as the wild Ocklawaha. It should be breached to allow boats and fish to travel freely up and down stream.	Decades of science about the loss of species and damage to the 100 mile estuary in the St. Johns River.	That we will continue to see the dam become a deeper money pit for repairs and maintenance.	No. The dam was a bad idea to start with and even Nixon could see that. Florida needs wild rivers and wetlands to sustain everything from our quality of life to our drinking water. The dam, and any legislators who support keeping it, need to go.	The science is undeniable that a natural river is better than a snag-filled pool behind a dam that serves no purpose other than damaging an ecosystem.
9/24/2021 9:08	Outside of state / other	Bristol, CT	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 9:09	Alachua		No	Yes			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 9:09	Osceola		No	Yes			Wildlife viewing	I am an avid birdwatcher and after visiting the Ocklawaha River on a birdwatching boat tour I became fascinated with the story of the Cross Florida Barge Canal. Upon seeing the dam and the reservoir I was dismayed that something so ugly and destructive to the river had been allowed to remain. I want to see the dam removed and the river to flow as it should. I think we know in 2021 that this is an environmental disaster for the river and politics should not stop the dam from being removed. Thank you.	I also followed the Kissimmee River restoration and to think that people once thought that ditching the river would benefit wildlife was proven wrong 100%. Restoring the Ocklawaha river would bring back the wildlife and fish habitat that was taken away all those years ago. We know better now.	That the ignorance of the past on water management issue would be allowed to remain.	No	Let the river run free.
9/24/2021 9:09	Suwannee		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of natural Florida which will restore our springs and allow our rivers to flow naturally - creating a healthy ecosystem.	Spring flow	Further degradation of Florida's fragile environment.	No	
9/24/2021 9:11	Duval		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife $57 million in damages.	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/24/2021 9:12	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	Fishing	Remove the dam	Restoration of natural water flow	Increased salinity and loss of nursery habitat in lower St Johns	Not that I would feel comfortable with	My experience going back to the 80's is the restoration of natural systems results in positive surprises. The increased salinity has destroyed a lot of natural habitat north of the Buckman Bridge.
9/24/2021 9:12	Dade		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/24/2021 9:14	Outside of state / other	New Hampshire	No	No				If the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam projects can help protect/preserve manatees, by all mines they should be utilized to do so. These magnificent species reminiscent of prehistoric animals must be assisted to continue surviving on the planet.	the number of deaths of manatees in the past few years indicates the species are endangered and must be protected in order to survive.	The manatees will become extinct.	No	Protect/preserve. Humans are the cause of species extinction so humans must be the solution to resolve the deaths of the manatees.
9/24/2021 9:14	Columbia		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 9:15	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like the Kirkpatrick Dam breached, open or removed so that the natural three-rivers - St. John's, Ocklawaha and Silver Springs could flow naturally like they once did.	Water quality, wild-life habitats, and the release of many natural springs.	Increasing degradation of water quality, including the loss of natural springs, and wildlife habitat loss.	I join with thousands to seek a free-flowing river system that once reigned in northeast Florida. My forebear, Robert Forte, was one of the original ferry operators across the Ocklawaha in the 1850s. I have a vested interest in restoring these river systems to their original and natural state.	
9/24/2021 9:16	Clay		No	No				It is essential to restore the Ocklawaha River and remove the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Manatee's are severely stressed and need increased protected warm water habitat to survive. In addition there would be benefits to multiple wildlife species in this area.	If the dam is not removed, the manatee's would be denied the warm water habitat they desperately need and restore beneficial habitat for other species as well.	No, increased pressures, environmental degradation and climate change make the habitat restoration essential.	
9/24/2021 9:16	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No	
9/24/2021 9:17	Sarasota		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
9/24/2021 9:19	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	I would like to see the dam breached so that the downstream estuaries in the lower St. John's river basin can get the necessary freshwater that is lacking from overdevelopment if the river.	Scientific data from the Jacksonville University MSRI	the decline of the estuaries at the mouth of the St. John's river		
9/24/2021 9:20	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Manatees need access to the drowned springs and fish migratory routes need to be restored.	We need to seize the opportunity for funding to help the wildlife. Also, millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair which had no public benefit.	No, this is overdue.	Please please see why this is important to local people who care deeply about the place they live and recreate. Please use your positions to uplift our concerns and make change.
9/24/2021 9:22	Broward		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future.
9/24/2021 9:22	Alachua		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	The springs and rivers, along with the wildlife, is what makes Florida beautiful and special. No reason to hold back with a dam, that's costing millions in repairs, when the land can flourish. Why is the restoration and protection of our springs ever a question that needs to be asked?
9/24/2021 9:26	Dade		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 9:28	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Let the Dam be taken away	the Dam interferes with the natural flow of the water	That everything would remain the same		
9/24/2021 9:29	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	Other	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Time and again, studies illustrate that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. With climate change exacerbating many impacts seen from shocks and stressors, restoration to natural functionality would serve wildlife, water quality and quantity, and utilize natures green infrastructure to manage increased rainfall events.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support inland and coastal resilience, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 9:31	Marion		No	No				I would like to see it breached to allow free flowing water..	It would open up more springs which are essential to the health of our springs as well as the health of the mantees.	would cost millions of state funds to repair the dam plus if it is not done it would mean more fish die offs and invasive species populations increasing	NO!!	
9/24/2021 9:31	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Remove it	Get river back to normal	Fisheries	No	
9/24/2021 9:32	Outside of state / other	usa	No	No									
9/24/2021 9:33	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Removal of enough of or all of the Kirkpatrick Dam so to permit the Ocklawaha River, its tributaries and wetlands to return to a state as close to natural as possible.	The return of the Ocklawaha's natural flow and water levels would improve the access to and quality of natural habitats vital to fish, bird and mammal populations, including manatees. The natural water levels would also expose and improve flows from springs now covered by the reservoir.	Continued decline of another Florida waterway. I have grown up in Florida and in my lifetime I have seen first-hand the decline of water quality, destruction of wildlife habitats and declines in wildlife populations. The decline in the environment in just one lifetime is striking.	No.	As SJRWMD knows, the federal government, by executive order, halted the Cross Florida Barge Canal project in 1971. The halting of the project was a recognition of the project's misguided goals, its significant adverse environmental impacts and its lack of relevancy due to contemporary transportation/commerce modes. The Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam have no purpose and their lingering adverse impacts on the Ocklawaha/Silver/St. Johns River basin should be ended. Please breach the dam.
9/24/2021 9:33	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 9:34	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time		I would like to see the Oklawaha River restored to its natural channel by breaching the old Kirkpatrick dam	7,500 acres of floodplain forest will be restored and a total of 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for wildlife and recreation.	Wasting money on repairing an aging dam when we could substantially increase the Florida Wildlife Corridor for the benefit of the people here now and for preserving the natural beauty of Florida for future generations.	No, this should be done now. There is no sense in postponing the benefits of restoration.	Even the governor has recognized the Wildlife Corridor is critically important for Florida. This is a substantial opportunity to support it.

9/24/2021 9:35	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Also, An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
9/24/2021 9:36	Duval		No	Yes					return to nature	human powered bulldout	death	no		
9/24/2021 9:36	Brevard		No	No										
9/24/2021 9:36	Broward		No	No					Help provide warm water habitat for the Manatees	Manatees need more access to warm water to survive the winters	More loss of Manatees, which are severely declining due to loss of food and warm water they need to survive the winters	Anything that can be done to help the manatees survive, their numbers are declining rapidly	Manatees are special, they need to be protected or we will lose them forever	
9/24/2021 9:38	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam	Bringing back the springs, improving the fish population/diversity and helping manatees to find food and shelter	More decline in wildlife, more pollution of springs with algae, never getting closer to the original beauty and usefulness of the water and wildlife of all the (should be) connected waterways	No	It would save taxpayer money, it would bring back the beauty and diversity and economic usefulness of the connected waterways all the way from Silver Springs to the Atlantic. The ocklawaha would return to its free-flowing natural state	
9/24/2021 9:39	Duval		No	Yes				Other: It was a sight see boat trip over 10 years ago and I was appalled at the environment.	in favor of restoration of this natural system by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	restore this river way for people and wildlife while fortifying the 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville	Restoring the water system back to it's original state	no		This water way has been a debate for my entire life (I'm 70!). It has been a very politicize debate and it's typically about money and politicians in power. This should not be about money and power but about the health of the water way environment. Water affects people, animals, fowl and fisheries. Please remove the dam and improve the health of Florida's water ways.
9/24/2021 9:39	Pinellas		No	No					Destroy it! Help breathe life back into Florida's springs!	Our fish population is down 92% our eco system is so important!	Death to the ecosystem that would effect so many people's lives. And Florida would lose majority of its visitors with the furthering decline of our Springs, which would effect the Florida economy!	Blow the damn!		
9/24/2021 9:39	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: I wanted to see what the dam looked like and how busy it was there.	I would like to see the dam removed and the free flow of the river returned so that I can travel from Conner/Grahamville area all the way to Jacksonville or the Atlantic without going through a dam or lock.	My wife's Great Grandfather was a river boat captain on the Ocklawaha River. His boats where named Helcat and Sharp Shooter. He used to take freight from Conner Landing to Palatka. It would be nice to be able to travel this route unhindered. The recreational value would be beneficial to the people recreating and also to local businesses that would benefit from people buying gas, groceries and camping supplies.	The water quality of the Ocklawaha will continue to degrade without free flowage.	No	Please remove the dam. I have seen dams removed on rivers in Maine and the health of the river has improved. More fish and a bigger variety of fish have been found in places upriver from where the dam was removed. The Kennebec river is cleaner and healthier than before the dam removal.
9/24/2021 9:41	Outside of state / other	Chandler, Arizona	No	No										
9/24/2021 9:42	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	The dam's benefits to bass fishing do not outweigh the cons ans costs that this dam continues to cnsate.
9/24/2021 9:45	Outside of state / other	Oceanside, CA	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter	Extinction of Manatees	I'm not aware of any		
9/24/2021 9:46	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 9:48	Hernando		No	Yes		1 time			Restore the River including removing the dam	Years of research verifying environmental damage from the river alteration and the dam.	Continued reduction of ecosystem benefits,			
9/24/2021 9:49	Osceola		No	No					Breach the dam.	Breaching the dam would restore habitats for fish and manatees.	The health and safety of Florida's manatee population.	No.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.	
9/24/2021 9:49	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Other	Remove the Dam and allow the manmade reservoir and river to return to its natural equilibrium.	The Dam's intended purpose died decades ago in conjunction with the barge canal, it continues to be an unnecessary monetary drain on State/County finances, and it interferes with the natural flow of the river.	A manmade, unnatural, and unnecessary ecosystem will remain in place and thereby continue to cause unnatural manmade environmental interference for no reasonable long-term purpose.	No. The Dam should be removed and thereby allow the environment to return as close as possible to its natural state prior to human intervention for economic reasons.	I am an avid long-time Florida fisherman and hunter who, after purchasing annual hunting and fishing licenses for 20+ years, invested in Florida's environmental conservation by purchasing a Lifetime Sportsman License in 2002. I have thoroughly enjoyed fishing on the reservoir over the years, however, as an outdoorsman who tries to look at the "bigger picture", does a good amount of research and endeavors to consider all points of view, I cannot come to any other conclusion other than the Dam should be removed. Respectfully Submitted.
9/24/2021 9:51	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating	Remove the dam	Look at the vegetation that clogs the channel. And the flooding.				
9/24/2021 9:51	Marion		No	No					The Rodman reservoir dam needs to be breached	The springs and aquatic species are dying.	The Springs, manatees, migratory fish would die.	no	We have lived in Ocala for 43 years and have made visiting the springs an essential part of our life. Please do what is necessary to keep the springs and the aquatic species inhabiting them healthy.	
9/24/2021 9:52	Outside of state / other	Green Bay, Wisconsin	No	No					Restore the Great Florida Riverway. For all wildlife, water, air, (and people) especially manatees.	protection of habitat	Once habitat or an animal species is gone, it's gone for good. We MUST start to treat the Earth like we need it, which we DO. Please do not cave in to big money, big business, and lousy politicians.	Not sure	Thanks much.	
9/24/2021 9:55	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	stop thinking short term economically! long term smart economic planning should prioritize healthy natural resources in our area.	worked in local economic development for 10 years.	
9/24/2021 9:56	Outside of state / other		No	No					The dam needs to be removed to restore the natural habitats and flow to the river and estuaries.	Removing the dam will reestablish corridors for many species of fish and other life as well as expand foraging area for the suffering manatees who have been no longer able to feed and explore upstream since the dam was put in place.	Florida manatees and the Ocklahawa River are incredible important to local and global biodiversity. It is unacceptable for the dam to remain. My concern would be for all the wildlife that is greatly suffering as as those fed by the rivers estuaries.	I must be firm on this and say that I will not stop supporting efforts until this dambis removed.		
9/24/2021 9:57	Seminole		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Just leave it alone		We could ruin something that's really important	No	Leave it alone	
9/24/2021 9:57	Putnam		No	No					Take the damn out and let the water flow freely	Free flowing water the way nature made it	And just more government not letting happen with the people one	Open the damn for three years and see how nature reacts to it	Thank you for your time	
9/24/2021 9:58	Lee		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	In a world where our land is continually being gobbled up by commerce couldn't we at least set some of it aside for nature and wildlife?	Remember how beautiful it once was.			Why spend millions to replace the dam when it could just be removed.	
9/24/2021 9:58	Broward		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	This is our last chance to protect our wonderful wildlife from further annihilation. I am devastated to constantly read and hear about the death of our wildlife and sea animals.	The death numbers and the realization that the numbers are climbing and will do so until they are all gone. We have reached a point of no return. More destruction, more people and more growth does not equal progress.	Nature will not be able to rebuild what is lost. Technology can't solve it either.	Sadly, it is an all or nothing game.	The environment should get a permanent win for once. It needs to be preserved and we are not doing a good job protecting the earth and the animals who have lived near for centuries.	
9/24/2021 10:00	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	1. What would you like to see happen with the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam moving forward? Possible answer: Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term Water is life, water is Sacred. There is no other appropriate choice but to restore Florida's natural waterways.
9/24/2021 10:02	Outside of state / other	Buenos Aires, Argentina	No	No			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 10:02	Alachua		No	No										
9/24/2021 10:03	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Free the Ocklawaha River	Restore the habitat. It's the environmentally responsible thing to do.				
9/24/2021 10:03	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove so that natural ecosystem can begin to be restored. At minimum, the dam should be breached.	Reports of damage to the ecosystem, cost of maintenance of the dam, and reports of limited wildlife migration due to the dam being in place.	Continued depression of the springs and the potential for the dam to fail in a way that would be harmful to the river and surrounding area.	None.	Recent studies have shown there are social and economical gains that can be gained by removing the dam. The failure by state and federal agencies to properly maintain the dam is unforgivable and represents a danger to to wildlife, habitat and to the people of the area.	
9/24/2021 10:05	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed. It serves no purpose and never has. It is a remnant of a failed project from over 50 years ago.	Removal would restore and directly connect the Silver, Ocklawaha, and St Johns Rivers. These rivers were once an inland transportation waterway. Also, having grown up in Marion County, I cannot help to see the damage we have done to our spring system, especially Silver Springs. I would love to see the restoration of the springs that were submerged form this environmental mistake! It would be nice to see parks,, such as Juniper Springs created sometime in the future for tourism and recreation, if possible.	Taxpayers money will be wasted in restoration of a dam and lock that again serves no purpose when it can just be removed. The opportunity for marine wildlife to travel upstream continues to be blocked. Silver Springs continues its rapid and noticeable decline, and a Florida heritage and icon is lost for all future generations.	No, not really. The damn is a waste of resources both in dollars and manpower. These funds would better be served in a cool spring on a hot day, glass bottom trips down the Silver River. I now have teenage children that couldn't see the beauty in these resources because they have been compromised. What will their children see if we don't protect and restore these waterways? Thank you again.	Thank you for considering my views. Again, having grown up in Marion County, I can see the physical changes that have taken place to these great waterways. When we were children, we were able to enjoy these great resources. A swim in a cool spring on a hot day, glass bottom trips down the Silver River. I now have teenage children that couldn't see the beauty in these resources because they have been compromised. What will their children see if we don't protect and restore these waterways? Thank you again.
9/24/2021 10:06	Marion		No	No					remove the dam	returning the area to its natural state		partial release of water if that's even possible		
9/24/2021 10:11	Outside of state / other	New York	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration through opening the dam.	I'm concerned about restoring ecosystems. This would benefit the endangered manatees by provoding them with wintering habitat.	Further decimation of manatees and continued degrading of biodiversity.	No, we are running out of time to protect endangered flora and fauna.	Help to restore Florida's beauty by reestablishing and preserving vital ecosystems.	
9/24/2021 10:15	Dade		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam breached.	The dam is in need of repairs in the range of 4-12 million dollars. Taxpayer money will go to this if it is not breached.	That the ecosystem which was flooded on one side of the dam or left high and dry on the other will absolutely never recover.	No, the dam breach is the only option which restores the ecosystem and relieves taxpayers of the burden.	2021 has had most manatee mortalities on record. Breaching the dam can help restore manatee ecosystem.	
9/24/2021 10:16	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Equally important to that, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 10:17	Indian River		Yes	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Conservation of Florida waterways have reached a critical moment, the tipping point has been reached. We have unprecedented fish kills, manatee deaths and algal blooms. The time to restore flow and hopefully alleviate these dire outcomes is now.	

9/24/2021 10:20	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Nature/area exploration	The removal and demolition of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Too much of tax payer dollars are wasted on the restoration of the dam, it needs t cease now! Also lettingeoven more time pass where fish and manatees are not able to take their traditionally migratory paths and we further disrupt environmental chains in the area.	The opening of 20 more springs could bring so much more economic benefit for the communities in their surrounding areas as well as restoring natural environmental scapes that should be allowed to flourish naturally ! Dave the springs! Remove the dam!
9/24/2021 10:20	Marion		No	Yes			Fishing	I would like to see the ocklawaha river restored to its original condition without the dam	lack of the ability of all springs associated with this area of rodman reservoir to sustain themselves	continued demise of the springs	no	
9/24/2021 10:21	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like the dam to be removed and the original hydrology of the area reosired.	The fact that a huge amount of wildlife habitat was destroyed, with the only justification for continued damage to be the support of the fishing and boating community.	That a few user groups get precedence over far more user groups.	The dam either gets removed or it doesn't. One option makes ecological and economic sense, and one does not.	
9/24/2021 10:22	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Breaching the dam to restore the Ocklawaha and improve the water quality for the river systems and help the manatee with access to warm water springs.	20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem restored.	Water quality declines further with increases in toxic algae, fish kills and loss of aquatic vegetation which could help feed the manatees.	No. It is time now (actually long overdue) to restore the lost springs and improve the water quality for the large over 200 mile riverway system involved.	There are many benefits for breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River. We are in dire need of protecting the freshwater resources in Florida for humans as well as wildlife needs. Manatees need access to warm water springs and healthy aquatic vegetation which will also mean clean water for fish and other wildlife. Protection from a possible catastrophic dam failure after a hurricane or other cause will be an added benefit.
9/24/2021 10:22	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	Other	Remove the dam restore our natural flow of water	Restoring the flow would increase manatee population and benefit our delicate ecosystem	More environmental damage	No. Restore our waiters to their natural flow	
9/24/2021 10:24	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Viewing. It is an unwarranted riverway obstruction.	First breaching of the obstruction to provide more natural water flow and wildlife and recreational traffic flow and then removal of all of the obstruction as feasible.	Probably the detrimental effect on the spring flow and visibility of the nearly two dozen springs that are functionally and visually impaired by the now unlawful, unwarranted, unnecessarily expensive Rodman/Kirkpatrick obstruction.	My concern for the continued detrimental effect on the spring flow and visibility of the nearly two dozen springs that are functionally and visually impaired by the now unlawful, unwarranted, unnecessarily expensive Rodman/Kirkpatrick obstruction.	As a partial solution, breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick obstruction to provide more natural water flow and wildlife and recreational traffic.	I believe that breaching and ultimate removal of the anachronistic Rodman/Kirkpatrick Ocklawaha River obstruction would be a net win-win for nature and all concerned.
9/24/2021 10:28	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removed or breached to let the Ocklawaha river run free.	Studies show the natural river fish have declined a lot and no manatees can travel past the dam.	Loss of fish etc. for the future generation.	I would have to see what was in the plan.	
9/24/2021 10:30	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Boating	I would like to see the restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by removing the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite connection between Silver Springs, Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Enhancing the water quality of the lower St. Johns estuary and restoration of wildlife migration patterns.	Significant water quality declines in the lower St. Johns River and estuary.	Unfortunately, no. Removal of the dam is really the only way of ensuring a significant impact on water quality.	
9/24/2021 10:31	Sumter		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to its natural flow.	The dam currently blocks fish such as the striped bass and manatees from going upriver as they naturally would.	We will waste more money on dam upkeep and the natural fishery that was once there will not be restored.	I don't see how it could be done in a fiscally responsible manner without breaching the dam.	In the short term breaching the dam would affect the bass fishery in the area but in the long run the striped bass and other opportunities will cancel this out.
9/24/2021 10:32	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Please remove the damn and restore the normal flow of the river. Please!!	It would return the normal flow, expose all the Springs, get rid of all the invasive plants.	Our beautiful river will stagnate.	No	
9/24/2021 10:32	Outside of state / other	Chicago, IL	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	* Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 🐳 * 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	* Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. 🐳 * Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 10:34	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like it to go away. The river is incredible -- it needs to run free.	The condition and wildlife use of the river and its tributaries both upstream and downstream of the reservoir	The access to native aquatic wildlife species will continue to be mostly blocked. The reservoir and backwater areas will remain a giant weedy mess.	No	
9/24/2021 10:39	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman and Kirkpatrick Dam	20 drowned springs would be restored by breaching the Rodman and Kirkpatrick dam	Manatees and other important native wildlife would continue to struggle to survive as their natural environments are continuing to shrink	
9/24/2021 10:40	Clay		No	No				I would like to see waterway restored by taking down dam	Common sense and historical findings. It appears the purpose of the dam is obsolete and benefits of rethinking this far outweigh any maintaining of the status quo	More damage to the ecology. This is Florida and with all the population growing it is that much more important to restore and restore what makes us unique	I would trust the leadership if all info is honestly considered.	
9/24/2021 10:40	Pasco		No	Yes			Other: I was part of a support team for friends completing the Coast to Coast adventure race.	Complete removal of the dam and restoration of the reservoir area, however, I realize that might be very costly. If not complete removal, then removal of enough of the dam to restore the river to as close to pre-dam conditions as possible	It is seldom possible to undo environmental impacts created by humans to the extent possible through complete or partial removal of this dam. We should take this opportunity to undo the impacts and restore the natural habitats.	A missed opportunity to undo the environmental harm done and dam failure in the future.	From what I have read, partial removal is the best path forward. Why consider a different scenario.	
9/24/2021 10:42	Putnam		No	No				Remove the dam	Restore the natural flow of the rivers	Dead wild life.	Allow the dam to free flow	
9/24/2021 10:44	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please remove it!	Returning the Ocklawaha River and its ecosystem to its former glory!	saltwater intrusion and habitat destruction		For the River!
9/24/2021 10:44	Pinellas		No	No				Breach the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River.	Three river (St Johns, Ocklawaha, Silver) would be restored supporting many native species. 20 lost spring and the Silver Spring ecosystem would be restored Manatees would return to the springs Native fish would return to the rivers St Johns River estuary from Welaka to Palatkha to Jacksonville would be healthier. Dam repair costs avoided. Adds diversity of job opportunities. Ecotourism increases: bird watching, snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, fishing, etc. Avoids flood damage to property owners downstream of the dam, especially Welaka. The dam is at end of life.	More algae, less native fish, more costs to repair aging dam. Lose economic value of having more springs to visit, more river miles to explore.	No. Breaching the dam is already a compromise, compared to removing it and filling in the canal.	
9/24/2021 10:44	Pasco		No	No				I would love to see the springs flow normally and not have them drowned out by the dam.	It would be nice to have the natural springs flow.	The springs will be browned out and the spring will not be known about or protected.	No, the springs should be let go	
9/24/2021 10:45	St Johns		No	No				I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Breaching the dam would give visitors like me a reason to go there as the ecosystems are restored.	Currently, we have momentum with the Florida Wildlife Corridor as land acquisition and conservation easements are being implemented via Florida Forever. If the Ocklawaha is restored, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	That if we do not support the goals of the very popular Florida Wildlife Corridor, thousands of acres of forests will not be restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a native Floridian, I have sadly watched the degradation of much of our natural resources, much of what makes Florida so special. This restoration could have enormous impact by improving water quality and flow, supporting coastal resiliency, and strengthening the vital wildlife corridor I've mentioned here. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 10:45	Orange		No	No							No	The dam is old and doesn't benefit anybody.
9/24/2021 10:45	Outside of state / other	Houston texas	No	No								
9/24/2021 10:47	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove dam and restore the river	Affected water quality.	Continued degradation of the Oklawaha.	No. It's way past time to do what is right for the river and environment.	
9/24/2021 10:48	Lee		No	No					In favor of restoration.			
9/24/2021 10:49	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No				Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River	It will benefit Florida people & wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will restore manatee habitat, provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees and restore over 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor to benefit Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed threatens the survival of manatees and blocks this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/24/2021 10:49	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing	Knock the dam down	The fact that 2 governors aaproved the removal.	Further water contamination all the way to the Harris COL.	The dam is the main barrier that has to be removed	
9/24/2021 10:52	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing	Free the river	I live here	The river will die	No	Free the ocklawaha
9/24/2021 10:53	Brevard		No	No				To please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees AND 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 10:55	Outside of state / other	Stanardsville, Virginia	No	No					I would like for you to take into serious consideration the severe impact that this project will have on the manatee population. Manatees have been struggling against starvation from seagrass loss, and the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Currently, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future. This is unacceptable.	The loss of a great number of manatees. We must strike a balance between protecting wildlife and satisfying human needs. That means getting creative.	No. I just want a lot more thought to be given to creatures other than humans. Far too often, animals are sacrificed for human "progress" and "needs." I want to see that stop.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
9/24/2021 10:56	Outside of state / other	98117	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 10:58	Outside of state / other	Orange county, CA	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your time.
9/24/2021 10:58	Outside of state / other	Teaneck NJ (Bergen County)	No	No					Please restore & maintain it to help the manatees & other wildlife that depend upon it to live .	That all the wildlife kingdom , all the plant kingdom , all the animal kingdom on land, in the air & sea, are God's Children too. & they deserve life, respect, safety & love	The fall of Mother Nature & Father Sky , unfortunate cruelty to wildlife .	A beautiful day in Nature & the Wildlife , Plant & Animal Kingdom .	
9/24/2021 10:59	Palm Beach		No	No								
9/24/2021 10:59	Bradford		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	I would like to free the Ocklawaha River and allow it to do it's job of replenishing our rivers and springs.	Restoring the Ocklawaha uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.	We are on a serious track of losing 20 springs if the Ocklawaha River is not set free. We thought it couldn't happen but it is. They are all critically low. We should be ashamed!	No. It is unfortunate but it needs to go.	Every river has a job- it maintains thousands of creatures, wildlife and plants. Sometimes we ask it to give more and install power plants and offshore oil rigs. This is wrong. The Ocklahawa needs to be restored to its natural setting so it can support the ecological system that will make it healthy again.
9/24/2021 11:00	Outside of state / other	Portland, OR	No	No				Breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam in order to restore the Ocklawaha River.	This will restore essential warm water winter habitat for manatees, which are currently in a crisis. This would also benefit many other species, such as Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. We must do all we can to protect our already at-risk wildlife.	That we deprive hundreds of manatees of essential habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No; wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.
9/24/2021 11:00	Broward		No	No				I'd like to support its removal to allow Manatees the access and restore the natural springs	Water quality and wildlife support groups	I believe the Manatee population is already experiencing major decline and this is an important step to help reverse that.	I do not believe that mitigation will work to restore natural aquifers needed for springs to flourish, only removal.	
9/24/2021 11:01	Marion		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 11:01	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached.	Breaching the dam would help to restore fish populations and steward Manatees into vital winter waters.	A waste of taxpayer money in repairing a dam that has cause significant environmental damage to the natural state of Central Florida.	No, the dam has been destructive since its inception.	The springs and waterways of Central Florida have been something I've cherished my whole life. I grew up with them and preserving the wildlife and natural state of these areas is so important.
9/24/2021 11:03	Outside of state / other		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	

9/24/2021 11:03	Polk		No	No					Full restoration of a free flowing Ocklawaha River which I am led to understand is best accomplished by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam.	It is my understanding that breaching the dam would restore approximately 7500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's forested floodplain and restore many miles of the natural river channel as well as 20 freshwater springs. Additionally, imperilled native plant species would be able to expand their range into the restored spring systems. Also, this would give manatees an opportunity to, once again, regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. It is also my understanding that breaching the dam would result in a substantial increase of natural water flow to the lower St. John's River which would be expected to assist in impeding salt water intrusion from expected sea level rise. Also breaching the dam would save taxpayers significant money required for repairs to a dam that has exceeded it's life expectancy and which probably never accomplished it's intended purpose. I understand that anglers and boaters will oppose breaching the dam; however it is my understanding that economic analyses performed by researchers at the University of Florida have demonstrated that the economic impact of ecotourism on the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman Reservoir.	This would be a missed opportunity to restore an important part of the natural Florida ecosystem which is needed to maintain the climate and other amenities which draw residents and tourists to our state.	Based on the above mentioned reasons favoring breaching the dam, I don't see any.	Based on my understanding of how this dam came into being, breaching it would be tantamount to undoing a past mistake.
9/24/2021 11:03	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Removal of dam and restoration of natural water flow	Removing the dam would improve bass fishing (see Dead Lakes Dam removal on the Chipola River), reduce management costs, improve water quality, and improve habitat for endangered species like the indigo snake.	Environmental and fishing instability, ugly harmful dam remains in place for no good reason.	Keep the dam but restore the flow by creating a new open canal right next to it...	Please remove the dam
9/24/2021 11:03	Sarasota		No	No					Take into consideration the needs of Manatees	They're starving and suffering	Endangered Manatees		
9/24/2021 11:04	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					please restore habitat for manatees and other wildlife				
9/24/2021 11:05	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River via breaching the Rodgman/Kirkpatrick Dam. This project which was never completed as planned has cut off natural water flows of the river, impounded areas that endanger wildlife and plants and trees, and stifle the natural fish and plant and fresh springs that would ordinarily be part of the river system Water quality is affected and the whole natural system of the area is damaged.	Three rivers would be brought back to their natural life and restored... the Ocklawha, the Silver and St Johns River and 50 springs would also be restored! Historic fish and manatees will return to sections of the river that were blocked by the dam once the river is free flowing. Millions of dollars spent to build and now repair the dam that was wrong in the first place would be saved.	Flooding, ongoing repairs to a failed dam, loss of habitat, springs, wetlands, for fish, manatees, and birds.	No. The dam is impeding free flowing rivers and needs to be removed.	The time to do this is now. There is public support for removing the Rodman dam and we should take this opportunity to protect Florida's valuable freshwater rivers and the wildlife they support. Recreational use will be improved by opening free flowing access to the three rivers.
9/24/2021 11:07	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed.	Lots of things. A useless dam. The need to improve fish movement and Manatee habitats. This dam doesn't do anything except block needed water to other places.	Just more environmental chaos. Why is that dam there, anyway?? When I was a child, Silver Springs was a beautiful place full of life, and now 98% of the fish there are gone.	No	Breach the dam.
9/24/2021 11:08	Outside of state / other	rings, but former resident of Monroe	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/24/2021 11:09	Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. 🌊 Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No, because breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality absolutely cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment & wildlife.
9/24/2021 11:09	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	That manatee and fish populations would continue to decline, affecting ecosystems and resulting in further damage to wildlife/water quality	No. The dam is old and should be breached.	Not only would it help the manatee/fish populations, it would increase tourism and educational opportunities
9/24/2021 11:11	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other: Not in the lake, but in river that flows	Remove the dam. It's recognized by most as a mistake. Let the river run free and the beautiful springs that are there be seen.	Fish population would benefit if the dam is removed as well as a better habitat for manatees. The ability to see the 20 or so springs would make the area a destination for both in state and out of state visitors. This would be financially beneficial to the area. The dam serves no purpose except to block the flow of the Ocklawaha because of an ill-conceived plan of the canal. Provides no flood protection, drinking water, or electricity. And cost money to maintain.	I would be highly disappointed that the state would fail its citizens again not to restore the Ocklawaha, lower St. Johns and Silver Rivers to a better natural state. The springs are jewlos. Don't miss the opportunity to save maintenance cost an increase tourist dollars.	No. Absolutly not. It's a 50 year MISTAKE.	Please, lets not miss another opportunity to free the springs, restore the environment to a place that is beneficial to fish, wildlife and more for our citizens. And removing the dam would be the single most beneficial thing to insure that our manatees would continue be with us. Let's not have a specie die out on our watch. ST. JOHNS RIVER MANAGEMENT DO THE RIGHT THING TEAR DOWN RODMAN DAM.
9/24/2021 11:11	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times		I'd like to see it gone!	The loss of springs, the water clarity, the access for wildlife migration. Recreational diversity.	Continuing the current cycle of degradation of what was once a paradise!	Not frequent, and lower drawdown levels, for longer periods.	The current situation is a mess. It's useless except for bass fishing, and that would still be possible, if it were removed
9/24/2021 11:12	Brevard		No	No					Breach it to restore natural habitats	It would save tax payers around 5-15 million in repairs/upkeep. I can't think of any other programs that would make the shot callers look like heroes as they restore springs, fish, and manatee habitats while saving 5-15 million all together or to spend elsewhere.	Hey continue to waste millions on something that doesn't provide flood protection, power or water supply, or really anything for the population at larges benefit. Additionally there's once again the natural habitat consideration. How much money would local tourism be losing by not uncovering 20 springs and bringing in fish and manatee populations; Some estimates say $50 million in the next decade! So save 5-15 million... and make 50 million.	No, just breach it and be done with it. We don't need any half measures when it comes to saving tax payer dollars and restoring the beauty and natural habitat of Florida.	
9/24/2021 11:14	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	break the dam	manatees dying at too rapid a pace	wildlife messed up all over the area	not really-remove the dam	
9/24/2021 11:16	Outside of state / other		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the springs!	Info from the Springs Council citing 92% loss of water/functioning since dam creation.	That Florida will continue to lose valuable ecosystem integrity. Florida will lose ecosystems that are crucial to its functioning for not just animals and plants, but for humans as well.	Just remove the dam.	
9/24/2021 11:16	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I hate seeing it because I know what it has done to our fisheries	Get rid of it! It has killed our natural springs and is in need of repair	Engineering has damaged the natural flow of our waters	The damn will fail and our natural waterways are destroyed	No!!!	
9/24/2021 11:17	St Lucie		No	No					The problems with the Okeechobee run off have been destroying the Florida I grew up in and love. The impact to the manatees has been horrific. They have been starving to death because the algae blooms kill off their food. Anything to help them is needed right now. It is an emergency.	The proof of how the death toll keeps rising, because no one can ever seem to fix the Lake Okeechobee problem. Maybe this dam will help the manatees.	The loss of more precious wildlife. Money wasted.		
9/24/2021 11:17	Duval		No	No					Breach the Dam and restore the springs.	The cost to maintain this old Dam vs the benefits of removing it. Taxpayers should not pay to maintain this Dam when it does not provide flood protection or any real benefits. If it is removed, there will be great economic income gained by restoring 20 springs. This is a situation where $$ and the environment can both benefit!	The continued loss of manatee habitats, losing public interest while pending the publics money.	No.	Please consider doing the right thing for floridas taxpayers and floridas wildlife.
9/24/2021 11:19	Lee		No	No					Open the dam and drain the reservoir	The safest, least expensive way in the future is to let Mother Nature take over.	Continued maintenance costs and engineering problems	No	The Cross Florida Barge Canal is no more and this portion of it should be returned to its natural state. There are so many benefits to be gained.
9/24/2021 11:19	Brevard		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the river is the most impactful manatee restoration project - 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored benefitting many species	Manatees will be deprived of winter warm water habitat harming the chances of survival for manatees and many other species	No - this project is already 50 years overdue	
9/24/2021 11:39	Marion		No	No					We	unsustainable and unnatural situations for wildlife and our reservoir.	manatees and other wildlife	yes and all that would help in some way!	
9/24/2021 11:39	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating	Breach the Dam to restore the springs.	spring advocacy groups.	The health of the Florida springs	I don't know enough details.	
9/24/2021 11:39	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I have see what happens to the area during the lake draw downs.	I have see what happens to the area during the lake draw downs.	Degradation of the lake and lost of forest for carbon sequestration.	?	
9/24/2021 11:40	Duval		No	No					Dam removed	The restoration of the river to improve water quality	Continued water quality declines	No this is long overdue	
9/24/2021 11:41	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	To see the dam removed or breached.	The dam and reservoir are an unneeded impediment to the Oklawaha River.	That the dam will never be removed.		
9/24/2021 11:44	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored, and Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a native Floridian, I've seen the issues that have been created by neglecting our natural habitats. The Everglades is a prime example. This is a wonderful opportunity to do the right thing.
9/24/2021 11:44	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No,should've been breached 50 years ago	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 11:48	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: I would only visit this area during the drawdown. While the dam blocks the natural cycle it is of no interest to me.	I want the Ocklawaha restored to a free-flowing state to revitalize the St. Johns River basin and the rivers, springs and lakes that are part of it. Dismantle the dam	Science informs me that the environmental benefits will be enormous - not just to wildlife but to the people who depend upon the ecosystem services, including fishermen. The cost of maintaining the dam past what will be it's predicted life cycle is coming out of our pockets. It's a situation of diminishing returns that do not justify the expenditures.	Loss of the springs that we can see. Loss of the springs we now can't. Ecotourism will suffer (and so will fishing because of degraded habitat). More manatees will starve and fish that need the migration routs will decline. Water quality in the St. Johns will decline all the way up through Jax.	Breach the dam. It's not worth the risk of failure, which could indeed happen, and cause irreparable harm to communities that such a failure could impact.	Policy and decision-makers need to pay attention to the science, not a small well-funded coalition. The math justifies itself and respects the needs of ALL your constituents, not just the big boat owners.
9/24/2021 11:52	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: enjoy the open space with the quietness	return to the natural flow. natural meaning as it was	the benefits to wildlife especially the manatee communitie.	the degradation of all wildlife in the area and also into the Ocala park system.	Sorry I really believe that the past has shown us that this obstruction has been and will continue to harm Floridas	I wish that you all shine a wider light on this destructive dam and see what it is causing to the environment and the loss to not just long-time Floridians and wildlife here but to the country.
9/24/2021 11:56	Escambia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Manatees are experiencing widespread decline across FL as a result of human disturbance and habitat loss (sea grass beds). Preserving/converting space for them is vitally important to keep this species thriving.	Loss of additional habitat, loss of nature, loss of species/biodiversity. I really enjoyed my time wildlife-viewing and would love to see it converted for species.	NA		
9/24/2021 12:02	Clay		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/24/2021 12:03	Nassau		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to correct one of Florida's greatest mistakes and return the ecosystem to a thriving wonderland for people, plants and animals, sparking increased tourism, combating climate change and preventing extinction of endemic Florida animals.
9/24/2021 12:04	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River and restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	Studies by federal and state agencies show that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers. Twenty lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem would be restored, historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat would be reestablished, and it would return a $50 million net benefit over 10 years, remove an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increase regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%.	That water quality will continue to decline, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. This is our best opportunity to reverse the damage. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	I'm a millennial with young children and a fisherman husband. I want my children and children's children to be able to swim with the manatees like I did growing up. 2021 has been the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration would provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and give them access to Silver Springs. My husband wants to see the return of migratory fish species. We want improved water quality and flow, coastal resiliency, and a stronger wildlife corridor. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. It will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Thank you for considering the community's interests as you make this important decision.
9/24/2021 12:06	Madison		No	No					I would like to see it dismantled.	I believe the loss of the springs, manatee winter protection and access to warm waters, revitalize drowned springs.	Damage to the environment, money wasted on a project that is was never completed.	I don't know.	
9/24/2021 12:07	Marion		No	No					It needs to be breached to save our springs!	Finding out the harm that the dam has been doing to our springs is detrimental	Death to our springs!!!!		Get rid of the dam
9/24/2021 12:08	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Dam. Harm is don to our water quality, the wildlife and our economy every day that dam remains in place.	Historically native fish and manatees return with the return of a free-flowing river.	We would miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Springs are beautiful, clean rivers; manatees and fish; wildlife and their habitats have historically been some of the most precious and unique treasures of Central Florida. In the face of ever-increasing population and the loss of our wild spaces, it's more vital to all of us today than it ever was before to do whatever we can to preserve, restore and protect what we love so much about Florida before it's gone forever.
9/24/2021 12:10	Outside of state / other	Washington State	No	No					Not	Defenders of wildlife who I have sponsored for decades	The effects on the natural environment which is disappearing at an alarming rate due to our short sightedness	No	Time to start behaving more responsively as the stewards of our planet.
9/24/2021 12:10	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is well overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 12:10	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 12:10	Outside of state / other		No	No					Save manatees!				
9/24/2021 12:14	Escambia		No	No					Breach dam to help manatees 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. Many have died off this year due to loss of grasses to feed on.	More loss of manatees	No, it's time to preserve Florida. California is always on fire and we should take care of our great State because it's our responsibility to share it with future generations	Thank you
9/24/2021 12:14	Volusia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 12:14	Hillsborough		No	No					Demolished to help the ecosystem	Population decline of fish in silver springs of 92%	Continuing decline of marine populations due to the dam leading to ecosystem instability.		
9/24/2021 12:17	Outside of state / other	Two Harbors, Minnesota	No	No					I would like the waters to remain open.	To be a place for wintering manatees.	There would be additional pressure put on the survival of manatees.	New proposals would have to be made that would benefit the manatees.	Please support manatee survival.
9/24/2021 12:18	Marion		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed so that the Ocklawaha River can return to its natural state.	Historical accounts of the area prior to and following the construction on the Dam.	The health of the river and future impact on the surrounding wildlife.	I would be open to hearing reactive solutions from environmental experts.	It's time to get rid of the Kirkpatrick Dam.
9/24/2021 12:20	Polk		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	To have the dam removed and the river restored to its original condition as much as possible.	Pre-dam documentation of the beauty and environmental richness of the river as compared to the slackwater silt trap that it is now.			Florida has put a considerable amount of effort into restoring the Kissimmee River. It's time to do the same for the Ocklawaha.
9/24/2021 12:22	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam	* There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. * Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. * Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. * The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	* We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. * The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. * Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. * Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. * Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. * Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No breach the dam.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

9/24/2021 12:23	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River as one of Florida's best wild rivers. Removing the dam is essential.	Removal, as soon as feasible.	I grow up in Palatka and visited the Ocklawaha River many times. I was there when President Johnson began the project by giving a speech in the rain and blowing up a dirt pile with dynamite symbolizing the start of construction. Many people knew even then that this would end up damaging the environmental integrity of the springs that supplied the river. The damage to the River and springs in now clear.	Continued environmental impacts to Florida springs and waterways.	Removing the dam is the best option.	We have talked about this long enough, done enough environmental impact studies, and put off making the right decision too long. We know well enough the damage the dam continues to cause. Remove it as soon as possible.
9/24/2021 12:23	Outside of state / other	Summerville, SC	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. As a someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the great
9/24/2021 12:31	Outside of state / other	San Diego, CA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Only by breaching the dam will wildlife and water quality see the needed improvements.	
9/24/2021 12:33	Martin		No	Yes			More than 5 times		open it up	water quality across all of florida			This needs to be done
9/24/2021 12:36	Outside of state / other	Annapolis, MD	No	No					I was born and raised in Miami and plan to return to Florida when I retire. We need to restore the Oklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water cannot wait any longer.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will not only help the manatees survive, it will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Restoration will also reunite rivers and springs to benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees. Unless their natural habitat is restored, we will see more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis is caused mainly from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Sixty percent of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter -- an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds it, will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. The restoration project will also revive more than 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. I remember learning about manatees in elementary school in Miami and thinking it was funny that mariners of old thought that they were mermaids. I would be devastated if my beloved "swimming sweet potatoes" disappeared from the Florida landscape, especially when we have the means to save them. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important matter.
9/24/2021 12:38	Outside of state / other	Tallmadge, OH	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 12:39	Volusia		No	No									
9/24/2021 12:45	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 30 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/24/2021 12:46	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating		Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Once back on the lower Ocklawaha (Outlaw Hodges Run) reverseable springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. • An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. • The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. • $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure. • Economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida demonstrate the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, and annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been on a downward trend since records began in 2004 as water quality and fish production have continued to decline year after year. • When accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit analysis determined restoration would produce a cumulative net benefit of $47.2 million over the first 10 years, versus a cumulative loss of $5.3 million with repair and maintenance of the dam. • The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. • Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. • The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. • Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration. The survey concludes with the option of providing additional comments (at your own discretion if you wish to elaborate on anything or add personal reflections or considerations). Remember that you do not need to be a local resident, or even a Florida resident, to participate in the survey! Take an expansive view of ecotourism and recreational usage by including Silver Springs, the Ocala National Forest, the St Johns River, and important land conservation projects like the Etonah Creek/Cross Florida Greenway Florida Forever project. Ultimately, we all have a stake, environmental and economic, in whether Florida finally restores a free flowing Ocklawaha River.	The science and economic analyses are clear. The dam should be removed.
9/24/2021 12:47	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the restoration of the flow of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The dam has been causing substantial environmental damage to the river and associated natural communities. The interrupted normal flow of the river has caused reduced opportunities for ecotourism revenue in the counties affected.	As pointed out above, the natural communities that have been affected by the dam are losing their ability to to perform their functions. This would include maintaining diversity of flora and fauna, sequestering carbon from the atmosphere, ensuring nursing areas for fish, mitigating effects of extreme rainfall events (floods), and unsustainable other extremely important functions. In addition, fishing in the reservoir is not as profitable as it once was, and ecotourism would be a much more profitable source of revenue to the local communities, such as hiking, kayaking, camping, and fishing along the restored river.	My biggest concern is that we are causing the deterioration of natural communities without economic return. Restoring the dam would cost many millions of dollars, which will result in further deterioration of the natural reasonies in Florida.	No. There should be no compromise in saving the river and associated natural communities. For that, the dam needs to be breached.	
9/24/2021 12:47	Columbia		No	No					Return to natural state	The wildlife that already is being removed from so many habitats that could flourish in this location if given back the opportunity	Another piece of water that important animals need being ruined	No	
9/24/2021 12:51	Pasco		No	No					I think the only and best option is to see this dam removed.	This would provide much needed habitat restoration for our beautiful state. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making the removal of the Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. This year has also been devastating to our manatee population. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	My biggest concern is the water quality continues to decline fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. In addition, the money that would be wasted on repairing this dams. Not to mention the economic and tourism impact restoring the 20 springs could have on the area and state. This would bring much needed jobs and tax revenue to the area and state.	No, removing the damn is a must. Our environment, economy, and future generations are depending on this damn removal.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 12:52	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No									
9/24/2021 12:56	Alachua		No	No					I would like to to be breached	20 springs would be restored by this one project. And the fish and manatee population would be positively impacted if they had access to their habitats.	The health of the springs. And if they decide to restore the dam that is a lot of money being spent without any significant public benefit (power generation, flood protection, water supply, etc)	No, the dam should come down.	
9/24/2021 13:01	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Eliminate or breach the dam	Eliminating the damn helps fish and wildlife populations grow and thrive. This is healthy for Florida and for the living things that could populate the springs created by eliminating the dam. How much are we spending on maintenance on the outdated damn anyway?	My biggest concern is we waste money on something that doesn't serve our best interest.	No, wildlife, like public tax dollars, are valuable. We could save both by eliminating the this dam.	Do what is right. This dam is obsolete. The wildlife that could benefit from the dam being breached could benefit so much and add to our quality of life. Think of the new possibilities.
9/24/2021 13:02	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I have visited		To restore the Ocklawaha River by removing the Rodman Dam.	Restoration of natural waterways, habitats, fisheries, migration patterns (including warm waters for the manatee). The St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville would be healthier. It was foolish to dam this river in the first place and should be removed.	Now is the time to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. We are spending Millions in taxpayers' money to unnecessarily repair the Rodman Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other public benefit.	No.	This dam never should have been built, and should not be maintained for another year. The only benefit is to the bass fishery. I am an avid bass fisherman, and I think it should be removed. It's not safe, its expensive and it doesn't do anything good or valuable. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 13:09	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I request that the dam be breached.	The restoration of the natural springs in this area is essential to the state-wide restoration of Florida's wetland ecosystems. Restoring and preserving these ecosystems will not only provide services that we rely on (i.e., natural water purification, resilience to storms, decreased flooding, restoration of the aquifer, etc.), but it will also result in direct income. These springs will attract wildlife tourists and the opportunity to fish will still be available.	There should be no scenario in which the dam is not taken down. Breaching this dam will aid in larger-scale attempts to preserve and protect Florida's natural habitats, habitats that are unmatched across global ecosystems and that attract people from all over the world. If Florida values these visitors and their dollars, then it has no option but to prioritize the natural systems that sustain its income. The breach of this dam is integral to that plan and it has to come down.	No. This dam needs to be taken down.	
9/24/2021 13:10	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing		Breach the dam and restore the natural flow.	The restored health of the Ocklawaha when draw-downs are made.	Continued deterioration of the Ocklawaha basin and health of tributary springs.	No	
9/24/2021 13:13	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing		Restoring the Ocklawaha river to its' historic glory.	Flooded forests	artificial lake instead of a free flowing river	no	
9/24/2021 13:13	Palm Beach		No	No					Save the springs	Manatee and habitat restoration	Springs not thriving		
9/24/2021 13:13	Outside of state / other	Brown County, Green Bay, Wisconsin	No	No					I share the concerns of the Defenders of Wildlife organization. The action needed to restore the Ocklawaha River is by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I care about Florida's environment, I trust the Defenders of Wildlife organization and their recommendations. I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/24/2021 13:14	Osceola		No	No					Breach the Rodmon/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Manatee return	Lack of habitat for fresh water wildlife	No	
9/24/2021 13:14	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Breach the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the damn is long overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and a key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 13:14	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored	The possibility of the positive effects such action would have on St Johns River	Maintaining as dam and reservoir as is hurts the environment going forward, and hampers tourism of the river and springs.	I don't know	
9/24/2021 13:18	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam…	To restore the hidden springs along the flooded section and migration of Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon.	Continued environmental degradation and reduction in wildlife populations, including the above mentioned fish. Ongoing expense to rebuild and maintain a dam that was a mistake to build in the first place. During the dam draw down, it is sad to travel the channel to see the massive graveyard of cypress stumps. The flood plain must have been magnificent before the dam was built. If given the chance, the floodplain trees will not regrow to their former stature in my lifetime, but this can occur over many decades for future generations to enjoy.	NO	I appreciate the opportunity to comment. The breaching of the dam for natural restoration is the most cost effective option. It will increase the habitat quality for wildlife, conserve water during global warming, and continue to provide recreational opportunities. Unlike the very costly restoration of the Everglades which will always be on "life support," this restoration will save money and can occur with minimal intervention or maintenance over time.
9/24/2021 13:19	Dade		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it breached to restore the natural water flow and habitats that are currently drowned by it	The knowledge of the habitat restoration that can be achieved in the restoration of natural water flow	The further decline of wildlife populations who are at risk from habitat destruction due to human development	No, the dam is old and repairs would be needlessly expensive	As a wildlife biologist who has done work in Freshwater Ecology, I am aware of the importance of natural water flow to the habitats and wildlife along this river. Breaching the dam and allowing this restoration would be a huge step in the right direction for the restoration of these habitats and the future of the wildlife who rely on them, providing their benefits for our children for generations to come.
9/24/2021 13:19	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: To access the Ocklawaha River for fishing/boating/kayaking. We don't need the reservoir. The reservoir blocks the river and wildlife.	The partial restoration plan of breaching 2k ft of the earthen dam at the point where the historic river channel would flow should happen to allow manatees and migratory fish access to the rest of the Ocklawaha River connecting to Silver Springs. There should be a bridge instead of a dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River also restores Silver Springs with native fish biodiversity. There is a lot of bang for your buck when you consider the wide scope of benefits all the way to Jacksonville estuaries that would benefit from freshwater flow of a restored Ocklawaha.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Migratory fish would not have the chance to rebound in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs if the dam is not breached. Also the huge amount of aquatic herbicide sprayed into the reservoir is concerning.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue and should not have been built in the first place. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Give manatees and migratory fish their home back and let the forest grow back!	The reservoir floods the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway named after my grandmother. There are over 20 springs that flow in to the Ocklawaha River but the reservoir blocks them out with stagnant dark water. I would like for the springs of the Ocklawaha River flow and not be flooded by the State anymore so I could go swimming in crystal clear springs anytime on the Ocklawaha with my daughter.
9/24/2021 13:21	Manatee		No	No					Breach the dam	It will help restore 20 other springs and allow for more ecological areas of growth	More springs die out and there's a body of water not being used to it's fullest potential because man kinda put up a dam	To breach the dam	
9/24/2021 13:21	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	Absolutely not.	
9/24/2021 13:24	Collier		No	Yes		2-5 times	Other: canoeing the Ocklawaha River and Silver River		Please remove Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. This has been planned for years and we have been waiting.	Removal of the Dam will restore the Ocklawaha River and forested areas. This action is needed to provide the manatee warm water habitat and for numerous wildlife species such as panthers and bear. It is projected to be part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. And I understand that it is part of the planned Great Florida Waterway. We've known for decades that the Kirkpatrick Dam was a mistake for the ecosystem, the watershed and the wildlife.	Loss of the flowing waterways, tremendous harm to manatees and other wildlife that face eventual extinction thru loss of habitat.	No. Please remove (or breach) the Kirkpatrick Dam. Please.	

9/24/2021 13:25	Broward		Yes	Yes				Other: I own property on the Rainbow River. I rely on Florida to protect our people and wildlife throughout the State. The Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam is a piece of the big picture of conserving and restoring the health of our State's entire ecosystem.	Breach the dam and restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha River.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Negative effects on wildlife and water conservation continue to worsen.	No. The Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached.	This dam was a part of the boondoggle that was once the Cross Florida Barge Canal. Once that was abandoned, the Ocklaway River should be restored.
9/24/2021 13:32	Outside of state / other	Maine	No	No					Restore the Oklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Continued devastation of ecology and wildlife of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No
9/24/2021 13:32	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Breach the dam	Fish and manatee populations are down, and breaching the dam would provide habitats for them. It could also improve the water quality.	Loss of wildlife	I have not heard or read any proposals short of breaching the dam that I could support.	
9/24/2021 13:34	Hillsborough		No	No					I'd like to see it removed to help the springs around it	Saving the springs and all the wildlife that inhabit them	That the springs will continue to be destroyed	Maybe. Depends on what it is	Save our springs and help the manatees
9/24/2021 13:41	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I do not use it.		It to be breached. It should never have been built.	A drastic drop in fish populations through the springs	That we continue to fail our state by trying to control it's natural resources.	No. Restore the natural flow of the water. There is no benefit to leaving the dam in place	
9/24/2021 13:44	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times			Breach the dam	For the health of wildlife. ecosystem resiliency in the face of climate change, saving money	money to repair dam. wildlife species population. downstream spring impact	no. breach the dam	
9/24/2021 13:45	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River/Great Florida Riverway by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The cost of maintaining the reservoir/dam is too high in terms of the economy, harm to native wildlife, degradation of water quality, and damage to natural ecosystems.	Three rivers (Ocklawaha, Silver, St. Johns) and 50 springs would be restored, and millions of dollars would be saved in dam repairs and potential flood damage costs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	As a Floridian born and raised who cares about our unique environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 13:47	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/24/2021 13:51	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Unless you propose a 24/7/365 wildlife shuttle system to move wildlife across the dam/flooded areas.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 13:51	Bay		No	No					Restoration & preservation! I want species to propagate!! I want wildlife to be free to roam! I want to visit!	Expanding the wildlife corridor is essential to preserving species!	loss of species	no	
9/24/2021 13:54	Brevard		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	• 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. • 8,000 acres of dressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. • Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. • Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. • Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. • Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. • Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. • At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. • An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. • The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. • Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. • The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. • Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. • The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. • Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration. The survey concludes with the option of providing additional comments (at your own discretion if you wish to elaborate on anything or add personal reflections or considerations). Remember that you do not need to be a local resident, or even a Florida resident, to participate in the survey! Take an expensive view of ecotourism and recreational usage by including Silver Springs, the Ocala National Forest, the St Johns River, and important land conservation projects like the Etonian Creek/Cross Florida Greenway Florida Forever project. Ultimately, we all have a stake, environmental and economic, in whether Florida finally restores a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	
9/24/2021 13:58	Dade		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ockawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 14:01	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Swimming in Canon Spring during the last drawdown	I'd like to see the dam breached and the river flowing naturally again.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	I hope to live to see a free flowing Oklawaha River again and to see the St. John's River re-connected to the Silver River and Silver Springs by the Oklawaha , as it should be. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 14:07	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: Research	The George Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached and the water levels at the Rodman pool should be lowered so the Ocklawaha can recover and the balance between the Ocklawaha River, Silver Springs and St. Johns River can be restored as an interconnected water system.	Over a half century of scientific reports provided by Florida Defenders of the Environment, the St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Florida Springs Institute.	The dam has been in place for over a half-century, even though the Cross Florida Barge Canal was halted in 1971. We cannot let another 50 years go by with a disastrous dam in place that serves no purpose and is devastating to the Ocklawaha's natural riverine ecosystem.	A partial breach of the dam would be preferable to no dam removal. Restoration of the Ocklawaha could still proceed under this scenario.	
9/24/2021 14:09	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Free the Oklawaha!	Free the Oklawaha!	The further devastation of this beautiful treasure.	No,	Free the Oklawaha!
9/24/2021 14:09	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ockawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 14:11	Alachua		No	No									
9/24/2021 14:14	Charlotte		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 14:16	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing	Not to toar it down. My family grew up fishing and camping up and down the river. Safe place to bring your children to fish.	Living along the river. Camping with the kids. Why again destroy the eco system which will take years to return to normal. Destroy businesses and fishing places that a whole new generation can enjoy.	Putting people out of business, destroying property again family homesteads taken away again. Destroying eco systems just to put the river back	Yes, leave it be.	We made mistakes in the past let's not do it again. I know some have good intentions to restore the river but once again in a whole new century with a lot more people now than in the past. The aftermath would be a disaster more than what we bargain for.
9/24/2021 14:16	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Picnics	Breach the dam	20 drowned springs would be restored. It is the most beneficial and cost effective springs protection in Fla. Historic migratory fish routes would be restored which is essential to Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much needed habitat when they are dying at record numbers. Dam is past life expectancy so millions to be saved in repairs	Missing the best opportunity when state and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical, and dam is unsafe. 20 lost springs, millions spent in repairs when the dam does not provide flood protection, power water supply, or any broad public benefit. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockage, blue green algae, fish kills, and aquatic vegetation. Manatees loose access to essential warm water habitat.	No, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	This is the best opportunity to help the environment, people economically, save taxpayers money, help water quality, and save wildlife.
9/24/2021 14:17	Outside of state / other	GA	No	No						Take down harmful Kirkpatrick Dam.	Help all FT wild animal habitat but especially manatees.	Manatees need warm water in wintar other than power plants.	Improve the Great Florida Riverway.
9/24/2021 14:18	Walton		No	No						full restoration of the natural water system -- as much as possible	The dam was produced as part of a larger project THAT NEVER came to fortition, NOR should ever.	That the native wildlife (all creatures and plants) may never be able to reproduce.	After the dam is destroyed, past the flood plain forest, the water may be prevented from flooding populated areas.	I fully support the Free the Ocklawaha River Coalition for Everyone. FORCE. Thank you so much for giving us public folks the opportunity to voice our concerns.
9/24/2021 14:19	Pinellas		No	No						It should be re-engineered to allow for restoration of the Great Florida Riverway.	Scientific research has concluded this dam contributes to the degradation of the natural environment.	Further degradation of the natural environment.	Of course	
9/24/2021 14:21	Lake		No	No					Remove structures that prevent the previously traditional migration of sea creatures to their habitats and provide actions restoration of the past natural habitat in that region.	There are many scientific studies that show that endangered manatees and other wildlife that rely on that river system have been negatively affected by the construction of the lock and the dam.	Florida is in the throes of major development. Along with that has come the destruction of the land and waterways that have historically been part of the natural environment, to the detriment of the environment that has traditionally supported so many now-threatened and endangered wildlife and plant species. We have a chance to restore part of the native scene, and protect the natural heritage of our state. If we as developers don't protect the native environments, we will lose what this state contributes the beauty of our natural world here. SAVE THE MANATEES! and so many other species that are important. Work on decreasing the pollution from developed areas that damage these water systems.	It's time for all of us to focus on the needs of our natural world. Continued human development is taking a toll on what has supported so many species in the recent past. Let this action to remove the reservoir and locks stand to show that we care about the welfare of all aspects of our state.	
9/24/2021 14:31	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	I would like to see the dam breached to allow water to freely flow up the ocklawaha again	All the data that suggests it's what's best from an ecological standpoint	The continued decline of some of Florida's most natural beauty.	No.	
9/24/2021 14:33	Duval		No	No					Restore the natural flow of the river	Science.	Ecological degradation	Nope	Think about the animals that would benefit
9/24/2021 14:33	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ockawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 14:36	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam	Science about the benefits to the river and its inhabitants	Continued burial of beautiful springs under water	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 14:39	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing					
9/24/2021 14:39	Outside of state / other	new york	No	No									

9/24/2021 14:40	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 14:40	Hernando		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the original watershed to its biological diversity and hydrological functions.	The fact that the original reason for building it as part of the Cross Florida Canal was abandoned years ago so this part of it that was competed will never function as intended; why sustain an unnatural revision to the original watershed when the dam can be removed and the waterway restored?	Loss of biodiversity and beneficial restoration of this watershed when no apparent reason exists to not remove the dam and restore this area to its original condition. No one has provided any reason to suggest that it cannot be successfully restored.	No	Thank you for pursuing this; it is way overdue.
9/24/2021 14:42	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see Rodman Reservoir preserved in its current state. It's an amazing and important wildlife refuge. It is single handedly saving the manatee in this area. It is a world class fishery. I operate as a guide on Rodman and personally guide on it over 300 days per year. I also have 3 other guides that I share business with and it is vital to our way of life which would be destroyed if the lake were gone. It's so important to do many businesses here! It would be a travesty to displace all the wildlife that depends on it also. Please help us to preserve our way of life!	It is a world class fishery that is supported by the Florida Game and Fish Commissions TrophyCatch Florida program where the data is recorded on the number of Trophy Bass it produces and it's also one of Florida's most visited state parks. All of this is easily confirmed. It is a vital part of the economies of Putnam and MarionnCounties which are typically lower end financial counties.	That many people that rely on The Reservoir for income. Fishing guides, bait stores, gas stations, hotels local air BnB's couldn't recover from its loss. Also all the wildlife it would displace. It is there now and nature has adapted marvelously. It needs to be retained and made a wildlife preserve. In a time where manatee deaths are at an all time high. It can't be denied the amount of manatee that are surging because of it!	No	
9/24/2021 14:44	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha, Silver and St John's rivers and springs by breaching th Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Historic fish and manatees return as a breach creates a free flowing river and underground fresh water springs.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water, winter habitat.	No	
9/24/2021 14:44	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam	The positive impact on the ecology of the Silver and Ocklawaha Rivers and on the local economy.	The basin will continue to deteriorate, losing more wildlife.	Partial removal of the dam.	
9/24/2021 14:44	Orange		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching the dam would allow for the recovery of plant communities in the the lower Ocklawaha's floodplain as well as many freshwater springs and natural river channel that were drowned after the dam was constructed. Aquatic plants could regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams historically feeding the Ocklawaha.	The Ocklawaha basin water quality and ecosystems would continue to degrade. Threatened and endangered species would continue to face an open water barrier to movement along the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor by instead of a restored floodplain forest.	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue. No compromise measure would achieve the environmental and economic benefits of restoration. The cost to the environment and to taxpayers to keep the dam can't be justified.	
9/24/2021 14:45	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times	Other: Nothing	Take it down and help bring back our springs and manatee/fish populations	The fact that fish and manatee populations are down 92% since this dam was built	Manatee extinction and also manatees starving because there's not enough food elsewhere	No	
9/24/2021 14:47	Franklin		No	No					Open it for natural use	Loss of habitat for native species	No	
9/24/2021 14:49	St Johns		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 14:52	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: I would like to use the river but the reservoir has drowned so much of it	The dam needs to come down. it's impeding the natural flow of the river, hurting species like manatees and migrating fish and drowning springs. We've had the means to do this, the studies show it needs to be done. Why we aren't doing it is a strange political mystery.	There are free flowing springs and a gorgeous river that have been drowned. It makes very little sense. The # of fishermen who use the dammed reservoir are a fraction of the people who would visit a restored river and springs.	That we would continue as it is now for even more wasted years instead of restoring the river	No - the dam needs to come down.	It would be an amazing thing to see the Ocklawaha restored and for so many to enjoy the springs and the vegetation, the river banks, the floodplain forests - all of it.
9/24/2021 14:54	Seminole		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 14:57	Pinellas		No	No				Authorities to listen with regard to saving our environment and protecting manatees wildlife and natural habitats	long term negative implications to the environment wildlife and natural reservoirs	the future of these natural habitats for all wildlife		
9/24/2021 14:58	Columbia		No	No								
9/24/2021 14:59	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	As a resident along the St. Johns River system on Lake Beresford, I implore you to breach the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam NOW.	Not only do the scientific studies by the Feds and state support this, but it cost effective and will benefit the ecology.	The water quality will continue to degrade and will cost even more in years ahead to improve.	No	The benefits from breaching the dam and reservoir will not only improve the water quality of the Great Florida Waterway, but benefits will flow downriver from Welaka clear to Jacksonville.
9/24/2021 15:01	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed and to be able to enjoy the river the way God had intended it to be.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No, I'm order to achieve the environmental and economic benefits, the dam must be removed and the river restored.	
9/24/2021 15:02	Columbia		No	No				I would like the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees need it the most. The manatee population is rapidly declining and breaching the dam would create safe homes for the manatees.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 15:05	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam to restore the Oklawaha River to its original flow. Do it for our endangered wildlife, outdoor recreation, and most importantly, water quality.	We can restore 150 gallons a day of natural water flow while restoring 3 rivers: Oklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, not mention saving millions on continual repairs to a dam that should not have been built.	We would lose out on state and federal funding at a time when environmental needs are critical for our dwindling manatees and our water quality. Let's stop wasting money on dam repairs and be proactive on restoring our natural rivers.	Not really - No. Temporary fixes aren't working. Drawdowns are not enough and repairs will grow ever more expensive and frequent.	As a long time resident of Florida (1957), I have witnessed so much of our natural spaces, clear waters, pristine beaches be destroyed. Now is the time to pull back the Oklawaha to it's original state and let our wildlife, water, and residents enjoy all that true nature has to offer.
9/24/2021 15:09	Volusia		No	Yes				Fishing				
9/24/2021 15:14	Outside of state / other	Tuscarawas county Ohio	No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it like it is	Most beautiful place to fish and see wild life and manatees	Loose a piece of beauty	No	Have been fishing for trophy bass for over 30 years
9/24/2021 15:14	Levy		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Continue as is	This reservoir is a world class bass fishing destination. The statistics accumulated by the Florida's TrophyCatch program will show the amazing numbers and health of the bass population. Also, consider that the numbers may be unstated. I personally know fishermen who catch trophy bass in Rodman but choose not to specify location when registering their fish. Other than fish, the waters and surrounding area support amazing amounts of wildlife.	The wildlife habitat I've described will be significantly reduced or dispersed	I can't think of any	Any action that would effectively "drain" the reservoir even if returned to the free flowing river defies logic in my opinion
9/24/2021 15:14	Alachua		No	No								
9/24/2021 15:15	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached thus restoring a free flowing river from Silver Springs to the Oklawaha and then to the St. Johns River.	It has been recommend by state and federal studies over the years to restore it to its natural flow. It would increase fresh water to the upper St. Johns River, reducing salinity, increasing the diversity of fish species as well as increasing manatee access. It would restore forest and wetlands to help filter water. It would increase tourism and financial support for local communities. It would increase underwater grasses that support fish and manatees.	That we would miss an opportunity that is 50 years in the making. The dam is in bad repair and it makes no sense to continue to support a dam that was created for the Cross Florida Barge Canal that fortunately President Nixon scrapped. It didn't make sense then and certainly doesn't make sense now. As a boy 60 years ago I remember how clean and pristine Silver Springs was with huge green river grass growth and large areas where you could see the bottom. Now there are 2 small areas that are clear at the Springshed and the minimal grass has a brown sludge on it. River restoration would help not only this spring but uncover 20 "buried" springs. Without River free flow these issues will remain unaddresses.	No	This is a decision whose time has come. Breach the dam.
9/24/2021 15:17	Hernando		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove them: free the Oklawaha River	Environmental education - a degree from Florida State University	The continued disruption of the Oklawaha River	No.	
9/24/2021 15:20	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Observing native plants and wildflowers on a field trip	Remove the dam and restore the river and springs area to flow naturally and become wildlife habitat	Information from environmental biologists who have studied the possibilities of restoration of the area and scientists at the St Johns Water Management district	The continued costs of maintaining the dam	No	This issue has been continued for too many years as a political issue and restoration needs to be based on scientific evidence for allowing the river and its springs to renew their natural course
9/24/2021 15:20	Marion		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Keep it the way it is!	The reservoir is a huge source of freshwater, has become a safe haven for manatees, fuels the local economy through fishing and ecotourism, and is a wildlife refuge to many species of fish, birds, reptiles, etc	My biggest concern is that we are even talking about the future of the dam. My desire would be that it stays and this conversation never happens again!	There is no scenario. It's keep the dam or don't keep the dam. I say keep the dam.	
9/24/2021 15:21	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Keep it just like it is !. Don't change a thing	The wildlife. The manatees that call Rodman home.	The loss of uniqueness to Rodman. it's a sanctuary for fisherman and wildlife alike. It truely separates the commercialized St John's River from the true natural habitat that thrives in Rodman. If you open it up… it will be just another creek or Avenue for party boats and casual boaters. Keep it natural!!!	No. Keep it just like it is	
9/24/2021 15:21	Outside of state / other	Hooksett nh	No	No					save it always	protecting the environment is important	no more green space		
9/24/2021 15:25	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times			Stay as is	Outstanding fishery	Loss of habitat		
9/24/2021 15:26	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Stay the same	Paradise	Wildlife		Save the Rodman
9/24/2021 15:27	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached, helping tp restore the Ocklawaha River	Buried springs would be allowed to exist. Manatees could return to the area. It is very important that we restore 15,000 a ras of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	This is the one time chance to restore the natural flow of this beautiful river. If the dam is restored and money is foolishly spent on the maintenance of an outdated structure, all of us in Florida lose.	No. The only desired outcome is breaching the dam.	Please, please, please listen to old Floridians who love our state for its natural flora and fauna, and allow the Ocklawaha to flow again!
9/24/2021 15:30	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Break the dam, release the river.	The history and ecology of the area. The dam was fatly to begin with, and what better time than now to restore the flow of the beautiful springs now sunken beneath the lake.	Continued inflow of invasive plants and animals harboring in the reservoir.	No.	Please, be brave and do the right thing.
9/24/2021 15:32	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha river back to the way God made it.	The fishing is no longer what it used to be. Restoration may require initial upfront cost but the dam will soon need extensive repairs and will require continual maintenance that will be a perpetual drain on taxpayer resources. Restoration will provide a more diverse mix of species, greater wildlife connectivity and and a greater range of recreational activities for all.	I would be concerned an inordinate amount of resources would be spent to maintain an area that has less ecological and recreational value than a restoration scenario.	I would support creation/retention of open water areas if technically/economically feasible. I would also support retaining parts of the barge canal as a boating access point to the St. John's River. I think upstream sections of the barge canal could also be retained and graded/planted as wetland filtration and a way to keep the lower aforementioned canal access to the St. John's from stagnating.	I hope all interest groups are considered when making decisions on the future of this resource, whether is is fishing, hunting, boating, kayaking, wildlife viewing etc. I would like to see a restoration design where access and allowable uses are incorporated for all user groups. I know that some fishing groups do not support restoration because they are afraid of losing a valuable resource, but I do believe in the long term restoration will be a greater benefit to fisheries.
9/24/2021 15:41	Polk		No	Yes		1 time		I would like to see the Dam removed or breached in order to (1) restore 1,000s of acres of conservation lands and habitat and (2) save the taxpayers of Florida millions of dollars in Dam repair costs.	There are so many reasons to breach/remove the Dam that it is difficult to pick just 1. Here are a few reasons: (1) restore plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor, (2) restore 1,000s of acres of wetlands and floodplain of natural, (3) provide warm waters for Manatees, and (4) improve water quality in the St. Johns and Ocklawaha rivers.	The ongoing environmental degradation caused by the Dam - poor water quality in the St. Johns and Ocklawaha rivers and the lack of natural corridors and habitat for animals and plants, including a number of endangered species.	No.	The benefits of removing/breaching the Dam far outweigh the true costs of both repairing the Dam and the harm that it does to our plants and animals.
9/24/2021 15:41	Brevard		Yes	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/24/2021 15:42	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing, leave it alone	Personal experience	Loss of jobs, detrimental to wildlife	No	
9/24/2021 15:43	Pinellas		No	No				Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	• 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. • 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. • Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida • Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. • Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. • Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. • Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. • At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. • An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. • The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic	• The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. • Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. • The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. • Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored.• The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. • Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
9/24/2021 15:44	Outside of state / other	Tennessee; I own land in Lafayette Cou	No	No					I want the dam removed and the water flow restored as closely as possible to its original state.	There is a vast body of environmental research establishing the harmful effects of dams on local ecology, wildlife, and aquatic life.	The continued degradation of the environment.	I think either the dam is there or it is not, so I have to say I don't see that a realistic compromise is possible.	This is a chance to do something wonderful for the environment, support the local economy, save money on repairs to the dam, and unblue many years of harm.
9/24/2021 15:45	Brevard		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
9/24/2021 15:45	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing. Repair the Dam	Wildlife preservation	Drain the reservoir	No	Please keep Rodman as it is.
9/24/2021 15:48	St Johns		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Nothing, maintain it as is.	Not really a specific question. I would not like to see us going backwards and destroying what has evolved as a very unique and viable ecosystem.	You cannot bring it back to what is was before while trying to fix something that's not broken.	NO!	
9/24/2021 15:49	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	remove the dam and return the Ocklawaha R. to its natural flow	Several things: 1) the lost springs, 2) submerged habitat, 3) free movement of animals (e.g. manatees and fish) within the river, 4) stopping the wasteful use of funds to maintain poor dam infrastructure, 5) eco-tourism money will easily replace the "fish tournaments" (which, by the way, existed before the dam as well so they do not need the dam), 6) economic development resulting from new ecologically friendly tourist sites (after all, tourists come to FL for the natural beauty not just Disney).	The environmental impact would be worse than the cural. Continued degradation of the river system ecologically and economically, loss of ecosystem services, wasting funds on a dam that is crumbling.	No. The dam needs to be removed.	
9/24/2021 15:50	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave to dam! Allocate funds to do the proper maintenance on it.	The ecosystem that has been created by the dam is magnificent! The destruction of the dam will cause utter devastation for decades to come. It's a refuge for so many manatees and migratory birds. As well as home to some of the largest bass fishing in the entire country.	Total destruction of the ecosystem that has developed from the dam being put in place.	Saving the dam is the only outcome I can support	
9/24/2021 15:51	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River through the breaching of the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The restoration of thousands of acres of natural habitat for the protection of so many native plants, birds, butterflies, reptiles, amphibians, mammals....	That the remaining patches of natural habitat will be less successful at maintaining wild, natural communities of life, and the ongoing loss of outdoor recreational opportunities for people to enjoy being outdoors and seeing what all of Florida once was.	No, not that I'm aware of.	
9/24/2021 15:51	Volusia		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep it. Improve it!	The dam is great for the environment and provides thousands of dollars to the local community	Would get rid of an iconic Florida lake known all over America.	Keep the dam!	World class fishery. Keep the dam
9/24/2021 15:54	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

9/24/2021 15:55	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 15:57	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Remain as is	Witnessing several Manatees in very safe environment along with other wildlife and the many businesses that rely on this fishery for their livelihood	Many resident families and businesses will be greatly affected		
9/24/2021 16:05	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I visited in graduate school to see the impacts of the dam on the ecology of the river	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	If the dam is breached, almost 2 dozen springs will again flow (now covered with tannic water) and the Silver Springs ecosystem will be restored. Historic fish and manatees will be able to return when the breach opens, creating a free-flowing river. Manatees will gain essential warm water winter springs habitat and 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please breach the dam now to allow the springs and river to flow free.
9/24/2021 16:05	Lake		No	No				The dam removed and natural flow restored to the Ocklawaha River.	Various environmental papers and articles.	Continued decline of Ocklawaha and continued silting of the reservoir, as well as proliferation of exotic species within the reservoir.	Nothing short of dam removal.	
9/24/2021 16:07	Bay		No	No				breach the dam	it will help manatees	more manatee deaths	no	
9/24/2021 16:07	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Let the waters flow and animals migrate! I want to see Cannon Springs flourish.	The negative ecological impacts of allowing the dam to remain.	A dam will remain for practically no purpose whatsoever instead of a healthy river and ecotourism economy	No	I paddle, I vote, and I spend money in rural communities. I want to see cannon restored.
9/24/2021 16:13	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see Rodman reservoir continue to be managed in a manor that promotes ecotourism and a sustainable habitat for wildlife.	My Personal experience at Rodman reservoir.	Loss of habitat for multiple species of wildlife.	Negative	
9/24/2021 16:18	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Boating Wildlife viewing Free the oklawaha, bring it back to its natural state	Growing up in Fruitland (near Weirska) gave me a significant appreciation for the ecology of this area. It's gorgeous, special, and deserves protection to bring it back to its natural purpose.	Sadly, the region will continue to be devoid of its potential.	Nope.	Let it flow.
9/24/2021 16:20	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Other: No use, but I would use it if it were a river again	Remove or breech the dam and return it to its natural state as a river. The dam was put there for a purpose that ceased to exist many years ago.	Studies at both the federal and state levels support removing the dam.	The dam would continue to submerge springs, prevent manatees from reaching the area behind the dam, prevent the trees from re-growing where they once were.	I don't see how there is a halfway or compromise position on this. Either you have the dam or you don't and I strongly support eliminating the dam.	Government and the populace have supported removing the dam for many years. Only a small group of people with a special interest stand in the way of doing the right thing and removing the dam.
9/24/2021 16:21	Alachua		No	No				Get rid of it and let the Ocklawaha flow freely		The damn is falling apart as it is and a controlled dismantling will be far less harmful than a catastrophic failure. The reservoir itself offers little benefit to residents of the state of Florida and it places further strain on our state's shared, strained water resources.	That the dam is dismantled and the reservoir drained in a controlled manner that does not threaten lives or homes of the nearby residents. Not that I can think of, but compromise is always on the table.	
9/24/2021 16:21	Leon		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and return the rivers and springs to their natural state increasing wildlife and fish populations for the enjoyment of Floridians and tourists.	The Dam has had a negative impact on Florida's springs and waterways. It is 50 years old is in disrepair. The cost of repairs are very high.	The continual deterioration of some of our greatest assets in Florida, our springs and waterways. I grew up in Ocala and was fortunate to have enjoyed Silver Springs and many other springs in the area before they were impacted. Natural plantlike and fish have greatly declined over the years as have other wildlife dependent on these Florida treasures.	No. It should be removed.	It breaks my heart to see the changes in our beautiful springs. We can continue to expand our ecotourism in Florida if we take opportunities such as removal of this dam and perhaps build tourist destinations for boating and wildlife viewing in these areas.
9/24/2021 16:23	Seminole		No	No					Breached	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	The fish population and the manatee migration.	No	
9/24/2021 16:26	Clay		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it left alone and be allowed to flourish as it has since the failed Cross Florida Barge.	The wildlife that flourishes in the lake to include Manatees, Bald Eagles, and multiple species of waterfowl.	That the wildlife would be disrupted and loose their habitat. That the water table will also be affected for everyone living around the lake.	None	
9/24/2021 16:27	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Return the River	Common sense	Continued water quality degradation	Return the River	Return the River
9/24/2021 16:32	Columbia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay like they are.		The wild life would be destroyed. Manatee, all fish species water flow all would be destroyed.		
9/24/2021 16:35	Broward		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: day trip	Restore the river. It's a lingering nightmare from the Kirkpatrick's affects on the river. Time to rethink this.	We are hard wringing ourselves as we watch the wildlife deplete and fail to survive the conditions we created with the dam. I would like to see the manatees survive, as well as other fauna. It's a heritage I wish to pass on to my children.	Watching the manatees suffer and starve is already bad enough, but to deprive them further of habitat and access to warmer water is simply the wrong way to manage these wild spaces. The possibility of restoring these wetlands to a balance to support the apex predators and how this further restores these rare wild spaces is critically important. Here's our chance to see this actually happen. I'm hopeful.	We are in the habit of delaying these fixes. We study. We fund studies. We kick it down the road. But we are denying the fix by doing this. Enough is enough. It's time to make this happen. It would be a wonderful improvement to those wild spaces.	Restore the Ocklawaha River. Imagine the incredible possibilities. Imagine the images and optics of Florida having this rare claim to such a space. It's more precious as a wild space than as a mismanaged and abused man made disaster.
9/24/2021 16:35	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Remove and restore the springs.		Florida will not have one of its most beautiful and crucial ecosystems restored.		
9/24/2021 16:35	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Take down the dam.			No	
9/24/2021 16:37	Gulf		No	No					The cost to rebuild the dam is not worth it	The cross Florida canal was a bad idea and the dam and reservoir sacrificed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. The water quality in the reservoir is deteriorating because it is an unnatural condition and repairing the dam would be throwing good money after bad.	The continued deterioration of the ecology of the area as well as the cost and liability of maintaining the dam.	I don't think that there is a half measure. If the dam is repaired all the ecosystem problems will continue, the water quality above and below the dam will get worse and Florida will probably be revisiting this problem in another 20 years.	
9/24/2021 16:37	Outside of state / other		No	No					Protect manatee habitat	The decline of habitat is destroying an important environment not only the manatee but other important species	Loss of habitat we cannot restore	As little destruction as possible	I respectfully ask you to seriously consider protecting the manatee habitat and do the right thing
9/24/2021 16:39	Alachua		No	No					I would like for it to be removed.	Restoring the springs and the wildlife that depends on these waterways.	That the wildlife populations continue to die off/leave the area.	No	
9/24/2021 16:40	St Johns		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Thank you.
9/24/2021 16:47	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Other	Free the ocklawaha	The effects on the ecosystem		Partially freeing	
9/24/2021 16:50	Hernando		No	No					Dam removal and restoral of the Ocklawaha River	As Florida experiences unprecedented growth and the environmental destruction that comes with it, it's more important than ever to restore and conserve natural resources.		Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be much room for compromise, as it's a black or white issue. The dam can't 'sort of' be removed.	
9/24/2021 16:50	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time			Open the dam	the lack of biodiversity	killing the natural biodiversity in the waterways	I am not a centrist, no.	
9/24/2021 16:52	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see Rodman Reservoir preserved in its current state. It's an amazing and important wildlife refuge. It is single handedly saving the manatee in this area. It is a world class fishery. I operate as a guide on Rodman and personally guide on it over 300 days per year. I also have 3 other guides that I share business with and it is vital to our way of life which would be destroyed if the lake were gone. It's so important to its many businesses here! It would be a travesty to displace all the wildlife that depends on it also. Please help us to preserve our way of life!	It is a world class fishery that is supported by the Florida Game and Fish Commissions TrophyCatch Florida program where the data is recorded on the number of Trophy Bass it produces and it's also one of Florida's most visited state parks. All of this is easily confirmed. It is a vital part of the economies of Putnam and MarionnCounties which are typically lower and financial counties.	That many people that rely on The Reservoir for income. Fishing guides, bait stores, gas stations, hotels local air BnB's couldn't recover from its loss. Also all the wildlife it would displace. It is there now and nature has adapted marvelously. It needs to be retained and made a wildlife preserve. In a time where manatee deaths are at an all time high. It can't be denied the amount of manatee that are surging because of it!	No	
9/24/2021 16:54	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	I'm appealing to your financial concerns but my real concerns are the manatees. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 16:57	Leon		No	No					Breach the dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	That the manatees would be harmed	Nope	
9/24/2021 16:57	Outside of state / other	Somerset NJ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 16:58	Palm Beach		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Maintain the dam & reservoir as it is currently. The system is healthy & is a world class fishery drawing bass fisherman from all over.	The success of the local guides producing more trophy bass as recognized by the FWC TrophyCatch program. Also the current Florida manatee crisis is being supported by the readily available food source for the migrating manatees into Rodman reservoir.	Loss of the best bass fishery in the state of Florida.	No	
9/24/2021 16:59	Seminole		No	No									
9/24/2021 17:00	Duval		No	No					I want to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam breached to connect the Ocklawaha River to Silver Springs and the St Johns River.	Studies by the federal and state governments show that restoring a free flowing connected river system is cost effective and provides ecological benefits to the St Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers. The FL Dept of Environmental Protection in 2019 commissioned an engineering firm to evaluate the condition of the dam finding it is not about to fail but it is subject to catastrophic failure which has catastrophic consequences.	If the breach does not occur, a huge opportunity to stop the ecological degradation that the dam causes is lost. Breaching the dam restores the water quality, fish and wildlife habitats, and decreases salt water intrusion State and federal funds are available, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe, risking serious consequences of property damages to an estimated $38 parcels totaling more than $57 million.	no The issues are too serious: ecological and safety - not to forget recreational.	A couple of years ago I signed up to kayak on the Rodman reservoir, but the trip was cancelled so I have yet to see this area. I would love to be able to visit and use a restored water system.
9/24/2021 17:03	Pasco		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	respect of nature and animals.	The lack of respect for nature.	The destruction of nature.	Nature not being respected or protected.	
9/24/2021 17:04	St Johns		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Other: Florida trail	I want the dam removed. I have a cabin on the Ocklawaha and it is pitiful what the dam has done to the river. The size of the fish is in decline and the water lettuce is such a mess that I can't get my boat through half the time! 1 year of the money allotted to maintaining that damn dam and weed control could restore the river. More neighbors are shore fishing, crabbing, swimming etc during the draw downs than ANY day the other years. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	I have a cabin on the Ocklawaha River. I see first hand the difference between the abundance of recreation and wildlife during the draw downs compared to the daily waterlettuce mess I deal with. I cant even get my boat out due to all of the water lettuce right now. Even if I want to get good dish, I have to go beyond the dam to the branch open the the St John's. It's pitiful.	We already know the dam is structurally compromised. I drive over that thing DAILY and worry each time. An ounce of prevention is a pound of cure folks.	Not really.. Openning the dam to draw down heights might be a favorable compromise IF the damn wasn't structurally unsafe, so...no.	I have neighbors who are concerned about their wells needing to be redrilled if the dam goes away. I have done some math on this and suggest a 1 time grant to each homeowner faced with this scenario. The monies are there if you get rid of your yearly dam maintenance budget. Also, for the record, there is a sign in the dam that says it has weekly maintenance (Wednesdays) this is a flat out lie. Get ride of it. Thank you for your time.
9/24/2021 17:04	Outside of state / other	Missouri	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoying nature	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 17:10	Polk		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Don't let anyone change the environment or waste management practices in the area and surrounding areas	All scientific journal articles pertaining to the the strength of biodiversity and health of an environmental systems. There's quite a few so it's a bit of reading!	How far business' and government entities will further detrimate that habitat and surrounding ones	No	
9/24/2021 17:11	Hillsborough		No	No					Yes	The Manatees not being able to reach the areas where they forage. Manatees are special creatures & should be treasured!	How to make it happen!		
9/24/2021 17:14	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Would love to see the area protected!! It's a treasure.	My experience as a springs goer over the last 3 decades.	That the springs would be destroyed	No	
9/24/2021 17:19	Escambia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 17:21	Outside of state / other	Nicholasville, Kentucky	No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing. Keep it exactly as it is.	Wildlife ecology and management, Fisheries management and aquaculture; Tourism; Business	Devastation of a unique ecosystem; Decline in local population business ventures; Reduction of critical bird and manatee habitat.	No. Removal or alteration of Kirkpatrick Dam is unnecessary as it is a flow through dam which allows for the migration of fish species. The dam serves the purpose of impounding the Owahalla River system but does no prevent that river system from thriving or flowing regularly. This has ultimately created an outstanding ecological preserve and nothing should be done to alter that in any way.	
9/24/2021 17:25	Pasco		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the river	Studies show it will improve the river and downstream watershed	Florida will continue to lose visitors as the natural attractions of the State are lost	Not really	
9/24/2021 17:26	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Nature is the best way to protect the environment. Man made changes cause all kinds of problems to the natural order of life and the symbiotic relationship of all living things	Continued degradation of the springs and wildlife	Not that I know of. The current process of breaching the dam on a quarterly or whatever it is basis is only shocking to whatever life has started below the dam. Nature is smart about how to maintain environmental balance.	
9/24/2021 17:29	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam	Restoring the river will restore 20 drowned springs and migratory fish access to Silver Springs as well as provide much-needed manatee habitat.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair and maintain a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River would be the most cost-effective springs restoration project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 17:32	Leon		No	No					Removal of the dam and restoration of the natural waterways	Water quality continues to decline, dam failure or overtopping results in potential damages to 557 property owners and up to $57 million in damages, historic fish populations are not regained and manatees continue their decline into oblivion	Manatees and water quality continue to decline.	No. I moved to Florida 49 years ago and the Rodman Dam should have been gone by then. Instead it has continued to be a threat to wildlife, water quality, and downstream property owners. Get rid of this idiotic boondoggle ASAP	We must have clean water to live. Remove the dam and start the healing process.
9/24/2021 17:43	Lake		No	No					Remove and return river to natural flow.	Everything man tries to improve in nature generally screws something up. Let nature be what it is and keep man and his dollars out of the picture.	Continued degradation of our river systems.	A spillway that would allow sufficient flow to maintain the rivers but not completely remove the resivoir.	Make the decision based on the science to protect the rivers and not on the $$$$ and economic concerns of the special interest that have built up since the dam was built. Money should not preclude the correction of a mistake or an original bad decision.
9/24/2021 17:44	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating					
9/24/2021 17:46	Duval		No	No					A bit afraid of the underground impact of changing the flow the dam created. Don't we have enough sinkholes? Maybe we need to restore the flow...	Sinkholes in florida	Sinkholes	Don't really know	
9/24/2021 17:48	Dade		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor All of these animals deserve our protection as we've taken their lands and waterways.	I'm sorry but No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/24/2021 17:49	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/24/2021 17:56	Duval		No	No					remove the Dam!	I've seen the results of the dam	continued problems with springs, etc	no	
9/24/2021 17:56	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it maintained and operational.	Local business and the great fishery it is. There's only 1 "Rodman" lets not ruin that too.. The spray programs around the state have already gutted most of them. Semi annual draw downs are all that's neeeded.	All the fishable water gone. Local business and bait shops that rely on the reservoir, gone.	Not really, no. Tearing down the damn will ruin, well eliminate, the reservoir.	Stop the spray!
9/24/2021 17:56	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time			Restore the Ocklawaha River to it's natural state and breach the Kirkpatrick Dam and the Rodman Reservoir.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. It's taking resources away from an endangered species that's currently experiencing dramatic rates of death.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	The dam is already busted up and past it's life expectancy, don't waste more money on it.
9/24/2021 17:58	Outside of state / other	Frederick, Maryland	No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing, maintain the dam as it currently is	The lake has a thriving bass population.	I would never visit the general area again. I would fish elsewhere in Florida	No. Maintain the stats quo	None

9/24/2021 18:07	Outside of state / other		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed, so that waterways are once again connected. This will improve the health and future of these vital ecosystems, that previously have been separated by the dam, which breaks up the fluvial ecosystem into smaller, and less healthy communities.	Free flowing rivers are the natural ecosystem, and as such are far superior to broken up systems, that prevent the free flow of water, and marine life, along the length of the waterway. One of the greatest benefits of the removal of the dam will be to allow the endangered Florida manatee the ability to move to a warm water area in the winter, and avoid the cold water which accounts for many manatee deaths, as so many of their natural habitats have been lost to development.	In addition to extra costs related to maintaining the dam, we will miss the opportunity to join these ecosystems together and improve its health.	The dam is past its design life, provides no power, and is in danger of an unplanned breach, with resulting flood damage. The dam should be removed in a controlled manner, and the natural ecosystem be allowed to improve.	I'm a native Floridian who grew up exploring the natural beauty of our state, and I would like to see the river systems connected once again. Removal of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, in a controlled manner instead of an accidental breach, will allow for the natural ecosystems to be rejoined, which will improve its health, and beauty. In addition, the removal of the dam will allow for the Florida manatee to have a protected wintering home, to avoid deadly cold water which causes so many of their deaths. They will even be able to swim up to Silver Springs and winter there. As a kid, I enjoyed going to Silver Springs and riding the glass bottom boats, and it would be a wonderful sight to see a manatee enjoying the springs, safe from the winter cold. Thank you, Ian Kress
9/24/2021 18:09	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam breached.	Breaching the dam would allow recreational activities at multiple springs that are currently submerged.	My biggest concern is the impact on manatees, fish populations, and algae growth-all which can be better balanced with the breaching of the dam.	No.	By breaching the dam, there will be positive economic and environmental changes. Ecotourism is growing and springs bring in thousands of visitors every year. The revenues from people visiting the springs (currently swamped by the dam) would be greater than the visitors using the dam.
9/24/2021 18:11	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state so the ecosystem is able to recover from the damage caused by the dam.	Environmental impact statements and publications. I think it's important to note that this dam was part of the defunct cross FL barge canal and that the canal would have been an even bigger environmental disaster. Florida's beautiful nature is what draws so many to live and work and visit here. It's critical to me that we preserve and rehabilitate wherever possible.	Continued damage to the ecosystem. The decline of native fish populations. Future generations being deprived of the unimaginable beauty of a restored Ocklawaha. The deterioration of the Silver River and Silver Springs an absolutely stunning example of the beauty we are so fortunate to live near and are responsible to preserve.	I would need to hear more from environmental scientists on the impact of any compromise.	Please do the right thing for the river. Thanks.
9/24/2021 18:18	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Make the Oklawaha a free flowing river again.	Poor water quality on the Rodman reservoir ; submerged springs should be returned to their natural state.	Continue poor water quality in the reservoir and oklawaha rivers.	No	It's time for the dam to go. Restore the river.
9/24/2021 18:20	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by removing the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam so that the Ocklawaha can return to its past state, improving water and wildlife quality.	The return of the many 20 lost springs and restored Silver Springs ecosystem.	The loss of the opportunity for the manatees to access the essential warm water habitat.	NO. It is long overdue. The dam is unsafe, the constant poisoning of the weeds behind the dam no doubt harms wildlife and fish, adding to the sludge beneath the water. There is nothing positive about keeping it.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam is the most cost effective way of restoring the Ocklawaha River, the Silver Springs Ecosystem, and the Great Florida Riverway. It will uncover 20 lost spring, allow manatees to freely move about, bring a return of the fish populations and enhance the local economies. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 18:23	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other: I've only used the river for boating	I would like to see dam removed so the Ocklawaha and 20 freshwater springs can flow naturally. I make it difficult for boaters/enjoying the submerged springs during a drawdown helped me realize what a jewel we have on the Ocklawaha - a piece of old Florida that could be monetized differently.	Resources continuing to be wasted on repairing the dam and aquatic life being choked out by invasive plants	This is a good question that I don't have an answer for. Ideally, un-damming the river is my highest priority, but I can't see another option around it that would be satisfactory.	Thanks for considering these comments!
9/24/2021 18:36	Outside of state / other	Vermont	No	No					Breach	Cost savings	Cost of repairs	None. Breach	
9/24/2021 18:51	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	Boating		Dismantle it completely	Continued degradation of wildlife	Reaching various points of no return to its natural state.	No	Corporate interests are no where near pubic benefits in this critical natural treasure.
9/24/2021 18:51	Alachua		No	No					Remove it, let the animals be free	Whatever is best for the animals, we as humans can adapt	The death of our wildlife.	I am not sure	
9/24/2021 18:51	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Bring back the manatees!
9/24/2021 18:54	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	No									
9/24/2021 18:59	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	MANATEES 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 19:03	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					I would like to the water released back to where it belongs	The Manatee population and migratory animals depend on the springs	The complete loss of an endangered species	Something where the animals and plants of the Springs are valued over profit	Do the right thing. There is no more time to put off corrective action. It is our moral obligation to care for the Earth, and Lundo and he what we can. There is no Planet B
9/24/2021 19:03	Columbia		No	No					I would like to see the springs restored	Bringing back some more wildlife is vital to our overall health	I am worried that we will continue to destroy wetland habitats	Sure, I will consider any proposal in front of me	
9/24/2021 19:09	Washington		No	No					Yes	Hydonic ruin everything	Killing of wildlife for no reason	Do nothing be responsible think out side of personal business and money. Save wild life and nature.	Save wildlife, save nature.
9/24/2021 19:12	Volusia		No	No					I would like it to go back to the natural way.	I want my kids to travel the water ways and see the natural beauty of things.	Wait till the next meeting	Remove the damn dam.	
9/24/2021 19:13	Outside of state / other	Iowa	No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the oklawaha river by breaching the Rodman Kirkpatrick damn. Every day that the dam is in place harm to the economy the water quality and wildlife is inflicted throughout the great Florida River Way.	20 Le springs in silver springs ecosystem are restored! Historic Fish and Manatee is return as a bridge opens creating a free flowing river! 100s of manatees gain essential warm water Winter Springs habitat!	20 Le springs in silver springs ecosystem are restored! Historic Fish and Manatee is return as a bridge opens creating a free flowing river! 100s of manatees gain essential warm water Winter Springs habitat!	Temporary drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 feet mean sea level until resort reservation occurs and will avoid downstream flooding from a potential dam failure and still provide continuing recreational benefits! A drawdown alone does not provide environmental benefits for fish, amenities, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blue way.	
9/24/2021 19:18	Marion		No	No					Get rid of it. Tllapia is taking over and killing native plants. WE NEED THE FLOW OF WATER GET RID OF THESE USELESS DAMS	NYT WAPO Ocala Star Banner The Miami Herald Friends of Florida and more	our water stolen by nestle and others will slow to an algae filled trickle.	NO tell the water boards to PROTECT THE WATER	
9/24/2021 19:19	Nassau		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep the Dam. Actually manage the pool to remove floating logs from channel and barge canal	Fish multiple tournaments a year on Rodman and the St John's river. keep a Camper on the river and spend a significant amount of money in Putman county. Removing the dam is a mistake.	Loss of a great fishery. Displacement of many birds, manatees and animals.	No	Save Rodman
9/24/2021 19:22	Bay		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/24/2021 19:22	Orange		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the river; remove the dam.	The SJRWMD, FDEP, and other groups have studied the impact of river restoration and the studies show benefit to the environment and fisheries.	Continued decline in the health of the river and ecosystem.	No.	
9/24/2021 19:30	Outside of state / other	New Hampshire	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. This is even more important now with their death rate at a new high. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. It is critical to keep/restore habitat and support species diversity.	My concern is that all the wildlife species that are currently threatened will continue to suffer. Also, havens for wild flora and fauna prove to have benefits for both the environment, its inhabitants, and the soul of we humans. The pandemic has reminded many who forgot it, that the natural world is more important to us than we usual keep in mind on a daily basis. Everyone needs to keep that in mind all the time!	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, is the right thing to do for the long-term well being of Florida. It puts nature and Florida residents above the private interests of a few.
9/24/2021 19:47	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached, helping tg restore the Ocklawaha River	Buried springs would be allowed to exist. Manatees could return to the area. It is very important that we restore 15,000+ as res of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	This is the one time chance to restore the natural flow of this beautiful river. If the dam is restored and money is foolishly spent on the maintenance of an outdated structure, all of us in Florida lose.	No. The only desired outcome is breaching the dam.	Please, please, please listen to old Floridians who love our state for its natural flora and fauna, and allow the Ocklawaha to flow again!
9/24/2021 19:52	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Bird watching	Remove the dam	Buried springs	Drowned forest	No	
9/24/2021 19:59	Outside of state / other	Newport, TN	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	I would like to see Rodman protect from any attempt to drain or otherwise change the current habitat.	It produces more trophy class largemouth bass than any similar size body of water in the US.	Palatka would lose much revenue from fishermen and the fishermen would lose a world class fishery.	No	
9/24/2021 19:59	Duval		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Additionally, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future, and would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir (and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 20:02	St Johns		No	No						Restore the area back to its original state We need the ecosystem restored	Florida Wildlife Federation information	Continued loss of Florida's ecosystem	Restoration of some wetlands to improve our ecosystem	We need the black bears back!
9/24/2021 20:03	Orange		No	No						I'd like to see manmade changes (that is, damns) be reversed and let nature take its course.	People I trust in Florida Native Plant Society.	Continued man-made trouble created by non-native plants, wildlife, etc.	If you think "partial-dam" would be better than reversing God's creation completely, at least do the "partial dam." We can fix it in another 50 years.	Please take into account that humans attempt to do better than what has been provided is abysmally short of wisdom.
9/24/2021 20:08	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Breach the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam	Wildlife relies on the spring waters. This project alone would free nearly 2 dozen spring habitats.	Florida relies on hundreds of millions of tourist dollars and the resulting springs would encourage tourism. State visitors are interested in Florida wildlife and the resource cost is low relative to benefit.	No - now is the time to do this for current and future generations.	This year has seen record loss of embangered manatee populations. The added springs habitats could provide a foothold for population stabilization and growth.
9/24/2021 20:12	Outside of state / other	Valdosta Georgia	No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Far it to be breached or taken down over time.	That it would return the Ocklawaha to its natural state and help the water quality of the Silver and St. John's rivers. Wildlife will flourish and people could start paddling to see the current hidden springs. A paddle or hiking trail would make amazing recreational activities and opportunities.	That the springs and water quality will suffer more as well as the wildlife. There are many indian sites that will be lost permanently before they can be explored further.	I would like it to be gone but if they could do more draw downs or even slowly breech it over a number of years, maybe that would show that it isn't going to be a sudden and chaotic change for the worst. And give people time to use the positive changes for their selves.	
9/24/2021 20:13	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Magnet fishing		The dam be removed.	Permitting animals needing refuge in colder months to get to where they'll have what they need to survive	Dead animals such as manatees who ultimately freeze to death.	No the dam stops so much wildlife.	I think the native Florida wildlife thatd benefit from that ecosystem and being able to find refuge from cold water in winter months.
9/24/2021 20:14	Outside of state / other	86323	No	No						Minimize environmental impact of the dam. Environment first.	over cascading ill effects of global warming and climate change	no	If we are not willing to incur economic limitations now, if we selfishly go out for short term economic gains, then we will suffer far worse economic devastation in the future as the intense destruction of weather and other natural events increases due to our continued neglect of the planetary ecosystem and all its parts
9/24/2021 20:19	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Other: Only to drive across		Remove it!	Access for Manatees and Strip bass , cleaner river.	We lose some great springs along this part of the river. Catastrophic dam failure would possibly flood some folks down stream.	Partial removal could restore the river, maybe the Cyprus tree can return.	Thanks for looking for our input.
9/24/2021 20:20	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees with over 946 manatee deaths reported by FWC as of 9/17/21; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 20:25	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep it the way it is. The people fish there and the wildlife depends on it along with the bait shops, businesses etc	The news and talking with people that use the place and recreation	What happens to the wild life and shops and fishing	Not really	Imagine the flooding in the area and the losses
9/24/2021 20:26	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Improve the dirt road leading to the other fishing dock.	When we get a heavy rain it gets washed away.	The local economy that relies on Rodman's for a living.		
9/24/2021 20:30	Outside of state / other	Oklahoma	No	No					Remove the dam' dam. Blow it, bust it, breach it!	I love natural wildlife tourism. I am a wildlife Tourist. I used to visit Florida regularly.	Destruction of habitat for wildlife, including big cats, manatees and other wildlife. If they are gone, I won't visit Florida anymore.	Absolutely not! Free the river, save the wildlife, from sea cows to Panthers! Save tourism.	
9/24/2021 20:30	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Let's remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha to its original form------a place of beauty, great fishing and a revitalization of that part of Florida---	I've lived and owned property in Putnam County for 40+ years------close contact with the Dam/Reservior/St. Johns River. Science supports the removal of the Dam----and my guts tell me it's the right time to move forward.	Further degradation of the Oklawaha River and surrounding forests----	I could support an agreement to breach the Dam, restore the Oklawaha area---that would be phased in over several years. All parties would finally agree that it's time to do the right thing------and would accept a plan that might take several years(3-10to fully complete.	
9/24/2021 20:33	Levy		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it maintained in its current state.	I find the fishing and wildlife viewing to be unlike any other truly Florida experience. I have fished the Ocklawaha and St. Johns river my whole life. The Ocklawaha river above the pool and below the dam are beautiful. However, they do not provide the unique outdoor opportunity that the Rodman pool provides.	My biggest concern is that multiple generations of potential outdoor enthusiast and fisherman will not learn to love the outdoors because the reclamation of the pool to its natural state will take away so much local opportunity for learning about and experiencing the diversity we have available with Rodman in the mix of opportunities.	I can see the money that would go to reclaiming Rodman used to promote its uniqueness and draw more people into the outdoors instead of just dividing the ones who already participate in outdoor activities in the local area.	Thank you for taking the time to gather information in an easy to use digital format.
9/24/2021 20:41	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it alone	The lake has been there for years. It has became its own environment. It will become a mudpit. It will take millions of dollars and 50 plus years to recover if the damn is taken away. The Rodman resvoir is a destion place for lots of people.	Environment	No	
9/24/2021 20:41	Polk		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	Leave it alone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Look at the wildlife, fishing, habitat.	Loosing the greatest fishery, wildlife habitat in Florida.. all because of a very few tree hugging rich canoers that want a tiny skinny river for their own paddling use.	Not draining Rodman reservoir. Period. The way it is,, it suites all concerned, except for a tiny few selfish asses.	This bs comes up every few years, fueled by the same few selfish rich tree hugging canoers that want it for themselves. Look at the enjoyment for everyone, look at the habitat for wildlife, look at the revenue for local areas that soooo many people rely on. Just like everything else in this country, those few that bitch get what they want. Put this ongoing draining issue to rest. Leave the reservoir alone
9/24/2021 20:41	Lake		No	No					Have nonessential portions removed to restore waterways.				Florida relies heavily on eco-tourism. Despite this knowledge, barely regulated housing markets and unsustainable growth have overtaken swaths of Florida state. Without action to restore the natural beauty, Florida will not only suffer in the loss of wildlife and land, but economically because we will no longer be able to boast of the natural beauty for which we OE so famous.
9/24/2021 20:43	Leon		No	No					It ought t be torn down.	It is expired and blocking off multiple freshwater springs that would provide much needed habitat for our manatees.	Manatees will continue to starve and so much taxpayer money would be wasted to repair the dam.	No. It's demolition is 50 years overdue.	Florida's freshwater springs and manatee populations are among our most wonderful natural resources. Restoring springs and protecting the manatees, who have had the most deadly year ever thanks to our pollution killing their food sources, should be a priority for every Floridian.
9/24/2021 20:44	Duval		No	No					Take them down.	Free flowing river	Waste	No	
9/24/2021 20:50	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating	stay as is	recreation opertunitys	the reservoir is lost	no	

9/24/2021 20:51	Alachua		No	No				Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam. It's gat to go and it's 50 years overdue.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss this opportunity where the funds are available and the springs and wildlife need our support.	No. There is no alternative.	Please put the animals and the waterways first. It's critical
9/24/2021 21:02	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing						
9/24/2021 21:06	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Preserve it	Wildlife				Awesome Fishery
9/24/2021 21:08	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times		Breach it	Wildlife, over health of the water ways, lost springs	More death of wildlife			
9/24/2021 21:12	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Tanpayer money being used to repair the dam that would be better off taken down now to emotive environmental conditions	No.		This is the deadliest year on record for manatees, and the dam keeps them from habitat that they could be otherwise thriving in!
9/24/2021 21:16	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove	The natural way the water flows, the habitats, wildlife, water life and springs	To keep fighting	Not at the moment.		Keep plugging and trying and getting the word out to more people and to the right people. God Bless!
9/24/2021 21:23	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Please keep it the Lot of fishing guides I have fished with Rely on reservoir to run their businesses	Leave as is	Leave as is	Leave as is		Please don't destroy the reservoir
9/24/2021 21:24	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking around the area	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Our natural springs and rivers not restored during a time that federal money is available to do so now.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 21:34	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: Quiet enjoyment, hiking.	Breach it please	Manatees, springs, fish and wildlife are all in jeopardy due to the dam that was built when environmental concerns were not studies and addressed yet. With more knowledge we can be kinder to our environment and protect the beauty for many generations to come	That Florida will be ruined just like many areas already are.	I recently visited Palatka, an ugly example of how the need for environmental care and measures could turn a potentially abomination into a nice city with a great waterfront. I noted some signs there about "saving " The dam. Please provide the population with objective information regarding detrimental effects of saving this dam....but also couple the info with ways folks can still fish have other recreation a tournament etc.	Please help save our beautiful State of Florida . Remove the dam and free up the reservoir.
9/24/2021 21:42	Nassau		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 21:55	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dams, restore the unbroken riverways, restore MANATEE habitat!	Record deaths of manatees in the first 6 months of 2021 in Florida waters. Their habitat is increasingly threatened, and the Rodman Dam in particular has been a controversy for decades. Sportsmen and fishing should not overrule threatened marine populations and the watershed issues for Florida's water resources.	More extended debate over the issue of the Rodman Dam that goes nowhere...and continued negative impact on manatees and other threatened marine life.			
9/24/2021 21:56	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Remove the dam and allow nature to restore and connect the river to its natural state.e.	Science based observation that support the increased amount of wildlife, the return of the natural Forrest land for camping , fishing tourism , cleaner water and increased economic benefits from having a fully functioning world class connection of Florida rivers that function as one living unit.	The loss of one of the greatest tourist attractions in the State of Florida(...!	have not been exposure to a scenario.		Please apply your best science based thinking and make a mistake made 50 years ago no longer have the life force to keep the River from flowing freely.
9/24/2021 21:58	Outside of state / other	Iowa	No	No					I'd like to see the Ocklawaha River dam to be breached, so that the river can return to its natural state and afford endangered manatees life-saving warm water habitat.	I believe it is our sacred duty to preserve biodiversity and functional ecosystems on our planet... for future generations to enjoy and to enable all species to make their home here by our side.	The fate of the manatees becomes perilous without decisive action.	No.		
9/24/2021 22:06	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		
9/24/2021 22:09	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/24/2021 22:10	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and full hydrologic connectivity restored to the Ocklawaha.	Breaching the dam would restore the natural water flow of springs and rivers and restore the floodplain while providing enhanced recreational opportunities	Continued degradation of the river ecosystem and loss of spring function.	No. It doesn't seem like there is a compromise scenario, and breaching the dam is overdue.		
9/24/2021 22:22	St Johns		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Diving	Breach of the dam and restoration of the flow of the river.	There are 20 vital springs that supplement Florida's natural ecosystem and without water flow from the river, the natural ecosystem will die off.	Loss of many natural ecosystems and resources for Florida's wildlife and habitats.	No		
9/24/2021 22:22	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing	Keep it. it provides better habitat than river would for wildlife	Wildlife habitat and quality fishing	Lost of habitat for wildlife	No		The rainone provides better wild life habitat than a restored river Chanel
9/24/2021 22:22	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: To look at the outrageously expensive dam.	Please remove the dam and restore the river. It's foolish to spend tax dollars fighting nature for the pleasure of a few fishermen.	The budget of the State of Florida.	Tax dollars should be spent wisely. Climate change will cause flooding. The Ocklawaha's natural drainage basin could accommodate water that would otherwise stack up to flood homes.	It will be best to remove the dam all at once and stop the waste. However, if a compromise is necessary, reduce the in flow by 10% a year and in 10 years the problem will be solved.		A free-flowing Ocklawaha would offer more recreation opportunities to the tourist industry, increasing appreciation for our state as well as revenue.
9/24/2021 22:23	Citrus		No	No					I'd like to see it removed and the natural water flow between springs and rivers restored. The dam serves no purpose at this time and impedes the manatee's ability to access the warm water springs in winter months. Other wildlife in this corridor needs to flourish as well.	Manatee deaths due to vanishing habitat and the deteriorating water quality on the St Johns River estuary due to habitat destruction and pollution	Continued stress on natural areas for both people and wildlife from artificial man made impediments like this dam and the decreased flow of water through the natural riverways	No! This is the time and it is highly overdue! Now FL has the money, resources, and the political will to get this done. It would be such an ecological win for our state. Please right this wrong and restore the natural river way. I love our FL springs. Please be their advocate for their natural beauty, the wildlife, Manatees, environment, and the people who find solace and peace and recreation at the springs and rivers. Thank you so much!		
9/24/2021 22:25	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing						
9/24/2021 22:28	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached, and the water restored to the springs.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be benefited. Manatees are also in danger, dying off in 2021 at higher rates than ever before. Public interest is high at the moment and this is the opportune time.	I'm concerned about the fish, manatee and springs themselves suffering.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		
9/24/2021 22:31	Manatee		No	No					would like it breached	hundreds of manatees would get access to a much needed habitat at a time when our beloved manatees are dying, we need this access to more springs and food, more warm water habitat	our water quality will decline, more blue algea blooms, more fish kills	no		our manatees need you, we need this warm water habitat and access to new springs for our manatees
9/24/2021 22:32	St Johns		No	No										
9/24/2021 22:36	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see natural waterway restored.	Fish and manatees are blocked by the dam, and populations have declined drastically because of it	My biggest concern is for the ecosystem that is disrupted by the dam	No, I am advocating for full restoration.		Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.
9/24/2021 22:40	Lake		No	No					Please remove this man-made obstruction to return the river to it's natural flow. The reason it was put there is no longer valid, it was never a good plan to begin with.. Thank you.		No Go - No Flow!	NO!		
9/24/2021 22:43	Broward		No	No					living space for our Manatees	to protect Florida's wildlife	Year that we will lose some of our wildlife			
9/24/2021 22:45	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam. Free the springs. Make off shoot ponds/small lakes near the oxbows. Reforest banks.	History	Little usage of area continues	Make the dam hydroelectric		Push DeSantis to act
9/24/2021 22:52	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam to restore the natural, free-flowing ecology of this section of the St John's River.	Science informs my position. A free-flowing river is the natural state for all of the organisms that have evolved to live and depend on this river system, especially migratory species and floodplain-dependent species.	My biggest concern if we retain the dam is continued alteration of the river's natural hydrology and the negative effects on ecosystem function and especially loss of riverine biodiversity.	No. We need to remove the dam and restore this river to something closer to its natural, free-flowing state. We need to undo this unnecessary over-engineering of mother nature.		I one-hundred percent agree with the St Johns Riverkeeper position, as below. As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/24/2021 22:54	Outside of state / other	Marin County, California	No	No										I live in California and want to see manatees protected.
9/24/2021 22:55	Outside of state / other	Raleigh NC	No	No										
9/24/2021 22:57	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/24/2021 22:59	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	We must protect the springs for future Floridians as well as the wildlife both plants and animals that need each other in order to be healthy. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. We all depend on water to sustain life.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. In addition, we must protect manatees and restore their habitats. When I moved to Florida four years ago, seeing the manatees in Blue Springs brought me so much joy at a very difficult and stressful time in my life. I would hate to think that one day others would not be able to share in joy of seeing manatees swimming in the spring because we did not do all we could to restore and protect them. I have previously taken family members to the springs and introduced friends to them; they are truly a treasure in Florida. Let's keep them going by breaching the dam.
9/24/2021 23:09	Dade		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Just enjoying nature	Restore animal habitats	Wildlife updates	We lose manatees			
9/24/2021 23:28	Marion		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dams	Great fishing	Flooding on st johns	No		
9/24/2021 23:30	Washington		No	No					Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	The death of Manatees possibly to extinction.	No.		
9/24/2021 23:36	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Left alone. It is a beautiful place	The surroundings, the fishery, the wild life, nature.	The impact on the environment. The clean up would be tax dollars wasted. The economic impact on the surrounding towns would suffer	I would support better ramps, parking areas, more natural walking paths		
9/24/2021 23:38	Broward		No	No					Remove the damn and restore water flow.	The environment and ecology relies on it	Mismanagement of money spent to maintain a damn that's old and serves to further harm Florida's wildlife.	No		
9/24/2021 23:41	Jackson		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		
9/24/2021 23:49	Leon		No	No										
9/25/2021 0:28	Citrus		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it as is.	There is a tremendous amount of birds and wildlife that depend on it.	The birds and wildlife and fishermen that would lose the use of it.	No		

9/25/2021 0:36	Marion		No	No					I would like to see this aging dam breached, in as efficient and environmentally compatible way as possible, in order to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	By restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha, over 150 million gallons of water per day will flow into the St. Johns and lower Ocklawaha rivers, providing improved water quality, improved habitat for fish and wildlife, and enhanced recreational opportunities along the restored waterway.	The entire riverway will suffer: the water quality, the ecosystem, and the habitat for fish and wildlife (including manatees).	Probably not, unless there is agreement that a temporary drawndown is but a step toward total restoration of the river. Postponing the restoration of the Ocklawaha will undoubtedly cost more in the long run.	The primary disadvantage of breaching the dam seems to be the loss of fishing and boating on the artificially-created Rodman Reservoir. However, the benefits of restoring the Ocklawaha River far outweigh this disadvantage, especially since a myriad of other opportunities for fishing and water recreation will become available if the riverway is restored to its natural state. If the dam remains as is, it is only a matter of time before: (1) expensive repairs are necessary, and/or (2) the dam fails, causing millions of dollars of damage. The benefits of restoration are huge: water quality improves, habitat for fish and wildlife improves, health of the St. Johns Estuary improves, beautiful springs are restored, manatees are able to access warm waters, eco-tourism will grow, and the overall economy of the area will be enhanced. It will be important to include folks who currently use the reservoir for fishing in discussions of future plans, and help them recognize that the recreational opportunities will be enhanced, rather than eliminated.
9/25/2021 0:41	St Johns		No	No					Remove the damn	Maintaining this old structure is costly fiscally. It is an outdated idea of how to maintain local ecosystems and habitats. Breaching the damn will provide manatees with much needed living space. I have seen first hand the decline of these populations while working in the Saint Johns river where bulkheads have prevented spartina grasses from growing and up he waterway from cleaning itself properly. This damn is outdated and would provide new territory for manatees to thrive in.	Further loss of wildlife populations due to loss of habitat.	Not at this time. Maintaining the damn isnt the best scenario for us neither monetary cost wise to upkeep nor for the habitat. Allowing springs to refill naturally is the best future path. It could even prompt tourism to the areas affected providing potential educational opportunities to visitors of Florida about the importance of our natural spaces and native species.	
9/25/2021 0:42	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. It's fine as is and very popular among locals and more.		What would become of it, and the manatees, as well as losing such a beautiful get away so close to home.		
9/25/2021 0:51	Outside of state / other		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick dam and restore the Ocklawaha river	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. When the manatees are dead, so will much of the tourism that brings people to Florida.	No. It is time to breach the dam and save the Wildlife of Florida.	
9/25/2021 1:06	Outside of state / other	Leavenworth, WA	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore manatee habitat	The declining population	Manatees' sustaining numbers, continued de line. boat strikes		
9/25/2021 1:08	Alachua		No	No					Take it down to restore the springs!	Environmental concerns!	The terrifying negative environmental impact!!!	No, the dam needs to be taken down	
9/25/2021 1:36	Putnam		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed so the river can be connected again and wildlife will be able to easily travel along it. I'd like to see the springs return, and see native fish and manatee populations grow.	The current decline of the manatees and native fish population is what motivates me to speak for this position.	Continued loss of wildlife through having an encumbered waterway.	These are great questions! I would host a community workshop to generate new ideas entirely (with scientific and conservation experts as well).	I appreciate the opportunity to share my viewpoint. I hope action can be taken in service of the manatees especially.
9/25/2021 1:43	Alachua		No	No					breach the rodman/kirkpatrick dam	drowned springs could be restored by this project, manatees could regain important habitats when they are borderline extinct, and fish populations could rejuvenate. we are at a time in this world when it is absolutely imperative to do our part, as a community, to restore natural animal habitats and populations. we cannot sit still when these important florida species are about to be extinct.	selfishly, i want my children to be able to enjoy the springs as i have in my childhood. nothing has brought me more joy growing up as seeing manatees, alligators, birds, and fish like the florida springs have. in addition, it is a financial waste to spend taxpayer money on repairing this nonsense dam that doesn't provide flood protection, power, or water supply. why should we waste money on something that does more harm than good?	no, we ought to breach the dam. it is 50 years overdue.	please, for the love of god, do breach this dam in honor of the manatee. manatees are one of the most majestic, strange, beautiful creatures i have ever had the pleasure of encountering. there is something absolutely awing about encountering a manatee. 2021 has been their deadliest year on its planet and they desperately need their habitat restored. habitat restoration provided by breaching the dam will allow manatees to keep warm in the winter and thrive. wouldn't it be amazing to be a part of this survival process for them?
9/25/2021 2:33	Outside of state / other	San Francisco	No	No					I would like to see that the dam is breached to a capacity that allows the native populations to have a proper chance at recovering.	At a time when we are seeing powerful effects of the impacts of climate change, it is gravely important that we do what we are able in order to support biodiversity and restore habitats as much as we are able. I understand that there's been a decrease of native fish populations due to the dam cutting native predators that might help curb invasive blue tilapia and thereby allow some of the natural habitat to bounce back. I also understand that this would restore migratory fish channels, and restore access for manatees which I had the great honor of seeing in my recent travels west of here. I do not understand this piece as deeply, but I have also read that this would revive up to 20 drowned springs which could have an important impact as well-restoring other habitat not in this exact location.	The impacts on climate change. Think: toxic algae blooms, more invasive species, fish kills, less safe clean water, weaker flood protection, less species biodiversity, a less beautiful county, state, country, planet.	I cannot imagine anyone being capable of imagining a solution that resolves all of the things aforementioned. Mother Nature has a lot of ways to restore naturally (bad with some help) that we have never been able to engineer without many adverse side effects.	I have not been to Silver Springs, but I've recently been able to see the beauty of Crystal River, Three Sisters Springs, Hunter Springs, the Suwannee River, and Weeki Wachee Springs. I have fallen in love with this area of the country, and have gained an incredible appreciation for its unique beauty, charm, fragility. I've read about the underground connection between these Floridian waterways and have followed along with conservation efforts via the Florida Wildlife Corridor Coalition. I know I'm not from the area but I hope you are able to take my thoughts into consideration.
9/25/2021 2:36	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					save the manatees by breaching the dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year.	we need to do everything possible to restore habitat and access to the starving manatees	
9/25/2021 2:50	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restored to its natural state	Manatee safe haven at Silver Springs	Loss of manatees	Free the river to its natural state	Restoring the springs would be greatly beneficial to the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers
9/25/2021 3:10	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see it demolished.	This will restore the natural environment and improve water quality.	The continued destruction of natural resources.	No. It's the right thing to do.	
9/25/2021 4:20	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/25/2021 6:00	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoyed Camping, just relaxing get away, watch growing family's. learn and play there.	Leave it along !! Let Putnam county use the beauty of its fishing and wildlife... stop thrivating the county with the destruction ever few years ..we have already voiced our approval of the Dam for 50 years.. there is other areas to be considered for destruction or renovating in Florida than to destroy a place that is a food source for many families..Just leave it along !!! Improve it not destroy it ...	Same old liberal bunch wanting to keep people fighting in these surrounding counties.. we love the dam.. the important piece of information is to do your research of the papers of past years ....The majority of the people and the state have been already spoken on this , time and time again.. we need the Dam for resources to Florida now ... leave it along ...!!!	It would be destroyed and become a housing development .... then no one would be able to enjoy it but for a few developments.. restrictions .. no food supply for familys.. water sources destroyed .. ral pollution factors for the environment .... leave it along !!!	No.. no..no.. leave it along ! .. I want the Dam to thrive for family's and the livelyhood of Florida ... it is not just our scenario.. nature has adapted to the project over time .. it is a beautiful place that just needs some help to keep it maintained... leave it along !!! keep the Dam flowing for Putnam county	Do you get the point .....stop trying to divide our state and county, with ever few years placing this out to stir up the people.. with a threat to remove the dam.. more than ever now we need it for resources for families .. help us keep it and improve it .. the environment has taken care of itself these ,leave it along ! This has been our answer for years.. LEAVE IT ALONG !
9/25/2021 6:39	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
9/25/2021 6:40	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the damn permanently	Wildlife	Manatees	Not that I would be happy with	
9/25/2021 7:01	Sarasota		No	No					Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/25/2021 7:11	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it. Take it down.	Breach that thing!! Take it down. Let nature do it's thing.	Nature supports my position.	Springs drying up	Nope. Take it down.	
9/25/2021 7:16	Alachua		No	No					remove the reservoir and dam	wildlife restoration and environment improvement			
9/25/2021 7:17	St Johns		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. This would also restore 20 Florida springs bringing back manatee and large part of the fish population.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. In addition to water quality decline further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 7:22	Outside of state / other	IL	No	No					Please Restore the Ocklawaha River by getting rid of the dam.	The life of manatees. We are losing biodiversity at an alarming rate and must do everything we can to preserve animals and wild spaces that still exist.	I am concerned that the balance of nature will continue to break down, further endangering all life including humans. I am also concerned about the lack of awareness and empathy of/for sentient beings such as manatees.	The habitats that the river provides are in crisis. Please Restore the Ocklawaha River and get rid of the dam.	The breakdown of nature is happening right before our eyes. We either work to fix the problem or we ruin this beautiful planet.
9/25/2021 7:27	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam, let nature be as it should be	This is a major cost effective restoration project that will save millions in repairs to restore 20 springs and aquatic wildlife	A continued decline in water quality and aquatic life for wasted repair costs and wasted economic opportunity for a dam that provides no energy, no flood protection or water supply	NO, breach the dam already!	This dam has caused a 92% decline in migratory fish and is preventing our manatees, who are struggling to survive enough as it is, from reaching a warm water habitat they need to live. On top of having little to no benefit, this dam is in need of costly repair. Save the money, save our springs, save the animals and open the doors for economic growth. Breach the dam!
9/25/2021 7:32	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Removal	Restoring feeding areas for manatees and breeding fish grounds, also restoring drowned springs	losing manatee	no	
9/25/2021 7:33	Palm Beach		No	No					I would like the see the dam breached	The potential restoration of natural habits in the surrounding area and springs	Further destruction of natural areas	Not at this time	
9/25/2021 7:46	Brevard		No	No					Have it breached/taken down.	The restoration of several springs, fish migration and manatee habitat.	That trying to restore the dam would be very costly and that the springs wouldn't be able to be restored to their original wonder. Also the higher risk of algal blooms.	No	
9/25/2021 7:49	Alachua		No	No					Open up the damn	Filling the springs back up	The springs dry up and destroys the springs natural ecosystem		
9/25/2021 8:04	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					Breach the dam	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	manatee will die		
9/25/2021 8:05	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: I am the past president of Seminole Audubon & presently an active member. I love nature and open spaces and I look for wildlife but if it is restored I can't wait to go see the springs once it is drawn down! I would kayak often & of course look for birds.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs would be restored allowing over 150 MILLION gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. This would also mean many of the suffering and dying manatees will be able to gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	I am concerned that the 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow that is necessary to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. This will cause the water quality to decline further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Also we have had many manatee die recently. Manatees would lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. In fact the dam is a safety issue meaning something must be done. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I am a 62-year old Florida native & I live on the St John's River. I have always loved the natural side of Florida and I am mainly sad that my 3 year old granddaughter may witness an increased decline of Florida's environment and wildlife . I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for her and the rest of our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 8:18	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored		the continued decline of the river		
9/25/2021 8:19	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it stay.	The fact that an ecosystem has formed and if the dam is demolished, that ecosystem would disappear.	The flora and fauna that has created a home would be affected, as well as the time it would take for everything that is currently submerged to either be removed or rebound.	Maybe a permanent drawdown...?	
9/25/2021 8:27	Outside of state / other	MA	No	No									
9/25/2021 8:28	Polk		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Oh	Please breach the dam to restore the river to its natural state. It doesn't seem that there could be a better time to do this, I understand that maintenance on the aging dam has been neglected and the burden to taxpayers to repair will be costly, not to mention the liability if it were to fail. Restoration would replenish the water ways by adding 150 million gallons of water a day into the St. Johns Estuary and reunite the Great Florida Riverway. Manatees have died of starvation in record numbers this year due to the depletion of native seagrass. 60% of manatees depend on warm water outfall from power plants to survive the winter, but reuniting the rivers would provide warm water sanctuary for hundreds of manatees. Migratory fish species will return to the area.
9/25/2021 8:33	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	I would like to have the dam removed for several reasons. The natural Striped bass population is unable to reproduce due to the dam stopping egg flow. The Saint Johns River species are effected from the lack of flow exiting the Ocklawaha river. Tilapia are taking over the Ocklawaha due to lack of predators and are causing a decrease in the amount of all game fish species from large mouth bass, mullet, striped bass, catfish, and most all other species of fish. There are several springs that are hidden from the public due to being flooded by the reservoir . People love these springs and they would frequent the area to get exposure to them. We are also losing a large amount of the water in the Ocklawaha due to evaporation out of the Rodman pool. The dam was part of a major failure in the cross Florida barge canal plan. The rest of the project was scraped so why did the dam stay? It provides no positive purpose. People argue that it provides a good fishery, but all the natural game fish in the Ocklawaha are declining. Fishing is the only real leg anyone has to stand in the argument to save the Rodman dam. But if we are saving a constant reduction in fish since the dam was established than what good is it?	Removal of the dam would being back the natural ecology of the Ocklawaha River and St. John's River. Since it's introduction there has been a steady decrease in native fish populations. Economic opportunities will increase from the dams removal. Increased fish populations will bring fisherman and the spring exposure will bring many tourists to the area. There are absolutely no arguments that would help preserve the structure of the Rodman Dam.	If the Rodman Dam is not removed we will see a continuing decrease in native species of fish and animals. Populations have been on a steady decrease since the dams introduction.	There is no way to achieve the goal of restoring natural game populations without its removal.	If the Cross Florida Barge Canal was proven such a terrible idea for the environment why are we still preserving the pieces of it from the 1960's.
9/25/2021 8:33	Orange		No	No					Destroy the dam and restore the natural river's flow.	20 springs are unable to be experienced by nature lovers and critical manatee winter habitat is lost.	A chance to correct this travesty again will be a long time coming.	No.	The purpose of the dam was never realized and natural conditions should be returned to.
9/25/2021 8:35	Santa Rosa		No	No					Remove the dam. Restore the ocklawaha River.	Dams degrade rivers and cut off habitat for many species.	The fate of manatees	No	Removing the dam would provide a winter refuge for the manatees.
9/25/2021 8:36	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs,.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 8:36	Volusia		No	No					Return the river to its natural state	With global warming occuring to restore it to its natural state would allow young and old to see what nature can do to make things beautiful for a time. The experience maybe short lived.	The slow decline of what man made that is not longer in use or necessary to stand as a scar of ugliness and decay.	If you don't use it remove it.	
9/25/2021 8:37	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Other: Picnic	Nothing, leave it alone, it's a refugee for manatees and an wonderful ecosystem full of species that are Endangered. The FWC said it's the third best bass lake in Fla. its one of the last examples of old Florida. Truly a wonderful place to see nesting eagles and birds.	Fwc, a 12 pound bass from Rodman on my wall and all u have to do is go on Rodman to see manatees as the Buckman lock master counter over 500 coming thru the locks last year.	The loss of a wonderful place for wildlife and it would become a mud hole. We pay for motel and restaurants when we come and use a local guide to fish. The economic result for the area would be deviation.	No	Rodman is a giant water filter for bad dirty water coming out of the Harris chain going into the St. John's. So many benefits for thousands that visit it each year.

9/25/2021 8:38	Polk		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 8:39	Pasco		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it as is but remove more of the hycine	Great fishing	Decrease in quality of fishing	No	I generally hire guides, stay in local motels, and eat out on trips
9/25/2021 8:46	Outside of state / other	MT	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. ±5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/25/2021 8:51	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam	I am a new student of water management in Florida. I grew up here and have been studying and learning more about the interconnected was of all the water systems in our state and the wider impacts including aquatic life and larger ecosystems dependent on them.	I am very concerned that we do not prioritize natural resources and water in our policies. To me the bigger picture here is the need to establish and maintain the value of FL's natural resources - starting first and foremost with water - or we lose our most valuable asset. We become another wasteland.	Of course. Compromise is important but the corporate interests here need to recognise their role too. To me the biggest implication is the long term viability of the waterway, wildlife that depend on it and other estuaries that could be restored by the dam being breached. I don't know enough (yet) to state specifics but I am going g to do more recon.	Thank you for protecting FL's most valuable assets.
9/25/2021 8:55	Outside of state / other	Raleigh, NC	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife			
9/25/2021 9:03	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just to look at what it has done to the Ocklawaha. As a child my parents & I used to boat the Ocklawaha, I'm very sad.	Removed and restore the Ocklawaha.	No information, I would just like to see things back the way they used to be, the reservoir may be a good fishing spot but it isn't pretty with some of the trees and stumps still visible that were bulldozed over and you remember what it used to look like.	That some NON conservationists will continue to destroy our state.	At least get rid of the lake and restore the river, I guess breach the dam.	
9/25/2021 9:05	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Removal and restoration	The massive ecological impact of an obsolete ans decaying structure	The slow death of the river	No	
9/25/2021 9:13	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. Not only will it improve water quality, it'll provide refuge for many Florida endemic species. It will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 9:24	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the dam.	Increased recreation and wildlife habitat	Wasted money on dam replacement and lost opportunity for habitat improvement	No.	Rodman Dam was a bad idea from the beginning. It should have been removed decades ago. This is the time to save money and right a wrong in one easy action. Breach Rodman Dam and save the Ocklawaha River.
9/25/2021 9:25	Outside of state / other	Marietta, GA	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it undisturbed to protect the manatees, game fish, and other wildlife.	Rodman is a special place with incredible wildlife and trophy bass.	Loss of the refuge for manatees, trophy bass, and other wildlife.	Not that I can identify.	
9/25/2021 9:33	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the Dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/25/2021 9:35	Outside of state / other	St Simons Island, Ga	No	No					Whatever is best to protect the manatees	The amount of dead manatees this year	How bad I would feel.	No	
9/25/2021 9:36	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Furthermore, fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 9:37	Gilchrist		No	No					I'm not against any dam or reservoir usage as they play critical roles in our lives, BUT, we can't destroy springs with their usage. If there is no work around that allows us to have both then cut the dam/reservoir and open the springs.	California. Historical context is absolutely critical when looking at major state intervening events that have an effect on the public and on the environment. California drained owens valley/mono lake, causing extreme dust storms and severe economic disaster in those areas. They cut the Sierra and Lake Tahoe forests which is one of the main reasons for their insane forest fire issues. They dammed Hetchi Hetchy valley in yosemite, destroying one of the last and largest glacier carved valleys. They dewatered the San Joquin River, annihilating that eco system and now the water transfer system is 1 break away from cutting water to a huge population of california. These decisions (mostly) were publicly supported decisions that were embraced for their beneficial, short term benefits to the population, but in the end they were ALL destruction incarnate. We should do everything we can to not follow in the footsteps of a collapsing state who once held some of the greatest beauties in the states, and now just holds high taxes.	The domini effect. Utilizing this as a stepping stone of 'progress' to then go further and further away from the natural beauty that makes our state so great.	If there is a way to achieve both the dam and/or reasevoir but also not hurt the springs, I'm for it. I don't think it is possible, but if it is somehow, I'm for it.	Go Florida!
9/25/2021 9:37	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is.	Tourism.	You will be destroying an ecosystem that has occurred over the years to create another. How do you know that destroying what is there will make the ecosystem go back to the original? People enjoy what is there. Does not make sense to destroy one to create another.	Keep it as is.	
9/25/2021 9:42	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the lost springs return and be a safe place for manatees to return to for wnyver as.it was intended.	Manatee die off this yr was at all time high with over 900 dead. If they had more safe springs and eatgrass this die off would not have been as bad.	Over 20 prings will continue to be lost which could be a source of revenue and recreation open and if this doesn't happen we will continue to see mass manatee die offs and they'll be ka k on endangered list if not already.	No	Free The Springs!!!!
9/25/2021 9:46	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Stops me from further travel up the Ocklewah	Tear it down!	Rodman pool hard to access from St. John's and poor to navigate once it is accessed	Should have never been built. I look forward to traveling up the river to the Silver river and beyond. I also want to see the springs that will be revealed when pool is drawn down to natural river	Put a break in dam if it is not fully torn down	I have lived in Welaka, owned Welaka Lodge for 17 years. Never have I had a guest be excited or anxious to access the pool from the St.John's. There is so much accessible fishing and boating water that it will not be missed
9/25/2021 9:47	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Picnicking	The dam needs to be breached and the river needs to be restored.	Doing so would restore the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns rivers; 50 springs; and the OJO Wildlife Corridor.	The environment will continue to decline and Putnam County will miss an opportunity to create new jobs related to restoration and ecotourism.	No. A drawdown needs to begin as soon as possible. 50 years of damage to the environment needs to be repaired.	Florida needs to show the U.S. and World how to restore its rivers and floodplain forests. It's an important means of preventing further global warming and resultant flooding.
9/25/2021 9:53	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River.	Manatees need help.	Manatees would continue to suffer & die.	No!	
9/25/2021 9:55	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. * * The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. * The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. * The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. * Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. * Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. * Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. * Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/25/2021 10:05	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocleawaha returned to the way it was. In 1965 I lived in Citrus County and remember the cross Florida Barge canal mess. It ruined the watershed north of Ocala.	While the intent of the federal government was to advance shipping, it did nothing to further wildlife management and water conservation. Our rivers must be allowed to flow freely again.	Development on the uplands (dried out land) will be developed and then there will be no hope of ever restoring the river as is happening on the south end of the St. John's river and the Kissimmee River Basin.	no	
9/25/2021 10:08	Okeechobee		No	No					As I have read it really serves no REAL purpose, so open the the damn thing up! Enough with the political lies and influence from the rich that only care about $$$$	.....	.....	.....	
9/25/2021 10:10	Pinellas		No	No					Clean and fresh for wildlife	Manatee needs	Lack of manatees	No	
9/25/2021 10:13	Orange		No	Yes			1 time		For the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to be breached.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/25/2021 10:27	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam should've happened decades ago!	The springs, manatees, and economies would all benefit from breaching the dam.
9/25/2021 10:27	Outside of state / other	Rochester, MN	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see it remain in place to support the fantastic fishery and wildlife refuge it has become.	This body of water has become a vibrant wildlife preserve.	All the businesses and the many jobs that rely on this resource will be decimated. To say nothing of the devastating effects on the wildlife that depend on lake and river which would return to its mud flat state without the dam.	No	I like to consider myself a conservationist and I often support the removal of antiquated dams on rivers where they support no useful purpose or where they have a negative impact on wildlife. That is not the case with this dam, quite the opposite.
9/25/2021 10:28	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting	Maintain it!	The cost to the taxpayers that built it. Ecosystem that evolved is beyond any thing good that has ever been done in Florida!	150 years+ of useless waste land and lost of habitat.	NO!	
9/25/2021 10:32	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkman Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkman Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 10:39	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					I would like to see the river restored and access ensured for manatees.	Manatee populations are plummeting and in need of protection and habitat restoration	Manatees continuing to die off in Florida		
9/25/2021 10:39	Seminole		No	No					Preservation & funding to keep it the thing of beauty it is.	Take a look at how many surveys have been filled out supporting the preservation of this area & then ask yourself that question again. The people have spoken.	Continued destruction of precious birds.	Nope	
9/25/2021 10:41	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Maintaining the dam and Rodman Reservoir		Complete loss of Rodman Reservoir And eliminating fishing	No. But would be willing to listen to alternatives	
9/25/2021 10:41	Outside of state / other	Ky	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it as is.	It is a wonderful resource. It creates tourism and tourism dollars.	I would not be able to visit Florida and fish in that location.	Not that I am aware of at the moment.	
9/25/2021 10:44	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see a dangerous dam removed and the restoration of the St. Johns, the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs that would follow.	The expense of repairing an aged and useless dam versus the projected boost in the local economy when new fish and more manatee return.	Lives would be endangered and a river system further degraded.	Nothing short of replacing a dangerous dam and fully recovering a valuable ecosystem.	Generations of Floridians once enjoyed the benefits of a healthy, free-flowing Ocklawaha and future generations deserve the same!
9/25/2021 10:47	Lake		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Whatever is most ecologically helpful	Climate change	Continued destruction of surrounding ecosystems.	Yes	
9/25/2021 10:50	Dade		No	No					I'd like to see it breached.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	We'd continue to lose valuable wildlife, jeopardizing the ecosystem as a whole.	No	Floridians need to take back their state from the grips of corporations with nothing but profit on the mind. The springs are for our wildlife and for us as citizens to enjoy and respect.
9/25/2021 10:55	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	Allow springs to flow into Oklawaha River and allow access to Manatee	Current conditions will only get worse.	Anything that will benefit the springs, rivers and protect the Manatee.	
9/25/2021 10:57	Walton		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	retain the beautiful nature and fishing	The use rates of the local public and number of active citizens involved in keeping the Reservoir as-is	Asking what was so important to change things that did not leave nature the way it has been for many decades	No	
9/25/2021 11:05	Outside of state / other	Ann Arbor, Michigan	No	No					Please take all efforts to protect and conserve this habitat sustainably. Do everything to protect the biodiversity of this important area.	Environmental and animal welfare. Biodiversity and ecological aspects.	That we will lose more biodiversity, manatee (and other) populations and once again put profit over nature.		
9/25/2021 11:10	Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The opening of the dam to restore water ways for wildlife to flourish in the area as it once did.	Species such as manatees depend on ecosystems such as rodman reservoir to reproduce and protect offspring.	My biggest concern would be aiding in the extinction of florida native wildlife.	The damn is opened for less than 30 days	
9/25/2021 11:12	Martin		No	Yes					Gradual lowering of the Rodman Reservoir in preparation for removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam and restoration of the free flow of the Ocklawaha River to the St. Johns River without obstructions.	A free flowing Ocklawaha River would allow striped bass and American shad to migrate upriver from the Atlantic Ocean and St. Johns River to spawn in freshwater habitats again. That is blocked now, except for periodic navigation locks openings and closings for boats to move past the dam in both directions.	Continued loss of the Ocklawaha River connection to the St. Johns River and Atlantic Ocean adds to the ongoing depletion of Florida populations of striped bass and American shad for recreational fisheries in north Florida.	No...spawning runs of striped bass and American Shad require a full reconnection of the Ocklawaha River with the St. Johns River. The 50 year delay in achieving that is 50 years too long. This delay is all because of politics of 50 years ago, and sora lowers.	
9/25/2021 11:14	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No, breaching the dam must be done and is long overdue.	
9/25/2021 11:19	Charlotte		No	Yes			1 time	Other: It doesn't offer anything in its current state that I want to use. I just looked.	I'd like to see restoration of the river by taking away the dam which is not part of the natural system and disrupts Florida water flows.	I know that over 70% of Floridians support protection of the environment and Florida's wildlife. Surveys repeatedly indicate this. The percentage in many instances is much higher. And restoration would greatly benefit the ecosytem of Florida springs, like Silver Springs - which I have long visited and care much about.	Estuarine systems will continue to be deprived of their natural water flow. The wildlife will continue to suffer. That would be catastrophic as so many animals (and native plants too) have lost ground in the last several decades. We cannot continue to cater to short term benefits of the few. If we think only of people and what they might care most about, they will actually not be happy should Florida lose its character.	No, and I remain surprised as always that this project has waited so long.	I care about the beauty and health of the state. I have lived here 45 years. It troubles me greatly when manatees suffer and bears come out of the woods because their habitats are reduced. When people cause upset, it is felt throughout.
9/25/2021 11:25	Outside of state / other	Veneta, OR	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. ±5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/25/2021 11:32	Bradford		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Please restore our natural habitat. It is time to make things right and to allow the animals to have access to the land and water that is rightfully there's. This dam is an ecological disaster.	Science. Ecologists have been talking about this for years now	Our future and health as a people and the land. We don't know what and who we will lose due to this negligence.	I think if we were to restore the springs I would be happy. I don't think there is room for compromising when this has been such a long struggle.	
9/25/2021 11:34	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam	Restoration of springs and wildlife	Declining fish and manatee population in affected areas	Unaware	
9/25/2021 11:38	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Dam removed		Continued degradation of the river in the reservoir area , wasted money repairing the dam	NO	The dam is a travesty to nature

9/25/2021 11:38	Marion		No	No					Breach the Dam	Breaching the dam would restore 20 springs and allow manatee and fish back into Silver springs (down 92% since dam was built)	The springs and rivers in Florida continue to suffer	I don't know other options	The springs are super important and in my eyes the best part of Florida! Please help restore and protect these water ways.
9/25/2021 11:40	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns Rive	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 150-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/25/2021 11:40	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	ultimately I would like to see the dam removed, and the river(s) restored to natural flow, over the course of a period of years. there could be parks, and boat ramps and camping facilities that would generate revenue for the state maintenance and restoration funds.	the Kissimmee river restoration, would be a model for this case. wildlife and native species of plants birds etc have returned.	long term maintenance and practicality of the dam. why would we keep fixing an eyesore, that allows nothing but fisher people to race back and forth to shoot fish in a barrel. dams like this are coming down all over the US, because people realize the long term implications.	maybe some "ponds" or overflow land, in case of widespread flooding, the water could go into smaller controllable spillways, mimicking nature's way of life in the swamp. still with the ultimate goal of dam removal.	The Ocklawaha is a very important river, not only to me, but to the manatees that reside there. but my grandfather had a fish camp. that he was forced off of, when the state decided to come thru with CFBC. I would like to see a restoration because I believe he would like to see it as well.
9/25/2021 11:41	Hillsborough		No	No					Whatever it takes to protect and restore the manatee population	The manatees need places to eat and live, away from boat propellers.	My biggest concern is extinction of the manatee	More Research into how to save the manatees	
9/25/2021 11:43	Wakulla		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be permanently breached. This will repair the environmental damage the dam has caused and enhance recreation.	The Kirkpatrick Dam is in danger of failing. It would cost millions of Dollars to replace it.	Recreational access would NOT be expanded and enhanced.	No.	Both recreation and the environment would be enhanced by creating a dam breach
9/25/2021 11:43	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam.	Breaching the dam would help many springs thrive, as well as help restore fish populations that have been declining since the dam was built.	Loss of revenues for businesses around the newly flourishing springs. Many restaurants, outdoor outfitters, etc could benefit from more outdoor recreation in the area.	No.	I am a recent graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelors in Environmental Management and it is time this dam is breached and the waters are restored back to their healthier state.
9/25/2021 11:45	Outside of state / other	Milwaukee, WI	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/25/2021 11:47	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep it where it's at and leave it alone	Wild like have formed a habitat around the dam. Many people use the dam to fish. Many people life wages come from the Ocklawaha.	It will destroy much wild life habitat and take away a main source of food from people		
9/25/2021 11:52	Orange		No	No					Breach it	Animal life	Animal life	I do not know	
9/25/2021 12:06	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha restored.	Keeping the Dam merely so people can fish and party isn't a good long term solution.	That the good ol' boys have won. Again.	No.	Restore the river. Please.
9/25/2021 12:36	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Remove the dam totally. The original flow of the Ocklawaha River needs restores ASAP in order for the manatees to have any chance from extinction. The manatees should've never!!!!!! been taken off the endangered list. Now look, dead manatees everywhere dying of starvation from no Seagrams. That is literally the most pathetic, inhumane, unnecessary, sickening, heartless, cold hearted gesture that could've ever been placed on the beautiful symbols of the peace and beauty of Florida. All for what? Greed, stupidity and arrogance are the first three words that come to my mind among many others but we can start there. Oh yes, let's not forget the powerful gas powered motor that someone HAS to use (there are still things called paddles and electric) to gouge the manatees bodies so deeply they either die or have to be placed in a care facility for 7-8 months, maybe longer, to be able to survive back in the river to possible be attacked by another big propeller blade again. That's just so very unavoidable if the Powers That Be controlling OUR precious river wake up, stop with their false "Act Like They Are Doing Everything They Can," programs and studies and actually remove that dam. They're lots of places yo fish and have recreational activities, but the merciless killing of nearly 900 manatees last year(or more because an accurate count probably is impossible) and more next year and the next is something that really needs to be taken seriously right now!!! Not tomorrow, or next week, or put on the next meeting to talk about, or say they're planning this or that. The right thing needs to be done to save our rare beauties and sweeping it under the rug until next session is unacceptable. Thank goodness that horrible canal wasn't built across our entire state, maybe we'd all be in the verge of extinction. Get rid of the Rodman Dam once and for all and let our wildlife roam an live as nature intended. A little trickle of a recruited river isn't making the grade and our dead manatees are proof!	All the hundreds and hundreds of dead and starving manatees	Their extinction	No!	
9/25/2021 12:42	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	A transition back to a natural state. It is understood that a lake or wet area is needed due to all the other species that now use the area and it will take time for a good transition back to a natural state to occur. You asked in the survey if I use this area often or use the reservoir for business purposes, but I grew up in Florida starting in the early 1960s with my father assisting with the All Florida Magazine published in Ocala. I have see the degradation of the natural environment, which has affected the built and social environments. Having this return to a natural state benefits not only direct users of the reservoir, but all of us that depend on healthy environments within our state.	See the previous statement. But a return to integrated systems provides greater health to ecosystems directly and indirectly. Respective systems allows for resident and tourist uses and it provides for green space, which is available to every social dynamic. Studies may be conducted to analyze existing habitats and identify if these areas may also serve as future habitats as our climate continues to change (as well as protect existing flora and fauna. Added, it allows for a continuation of green spaces to provide assistance in maintaining non-built areas and assist in minimizing impervious areas where endangered species live. There is also the quality of aquifer recharge and better protection of areas within karst topography. There is so much that has been written regarding the benefits of healthy eco-systems and relationships to built environments and respective social dynamics. As our state continues to grow, integrated natural systems become even more important. You can find documents at IFAS and within the St Johns WMD own documents; especially, those developed to assist with the development of Comprehensive Plans in the late 1980s and early 1990s.	Loss of Florida's natural habitats and the ability to have an integrated system that supports existing and future species (some endangers). Also, it will be a loss to the social wellbeing between major metropolitan areas that cannot be replaced or recreated.	An integrated system with corridors surrounding the reservoir that are maintained in a healthy state to support existing and future habitats. Added, ensure a level of protection is provided to these areas to ensure adjacent uses do not pollute or cause harm. Also, ensure penetration of the area is not performed outside of controlled spaces and adjacent property owners do not have open uncontrolled access to corridors; whereby, migrating or species movement is disturbed. This will also require the acquisition (or conservation easements) of some adjacent areas to have zoning and future land-use designations changed to serve as a governmental regulatory protection of actual areas to be protected. This may be performed in the framework of resilience and funding may be obtained through grants as your team works with local communities. Funding may be from the state's FDEP Resilience Program and through FEMA's BRIC and FMA programs (HMGP Post Fire as well in some areas).	Although, I am a few counties away, an integrated system benefits all of Florida. I grew up in Florida on the St. Lucy River then later in South Florida. There is a direct benefit to all Floridians with healthy eco-systems. The benefits are widespread and this has been well documented -- I will defer to you to look to source materials from FSU, UF, FAM, USF pollute or cause harm. Also, ensure penetration of the area is not performed outside of controlled spaces and adjacent property owners do not have open uncontrolled access to corridors; whereby, migrating or species movement is disturbed. This will also require the acquisition (or conservation easements) of some adjacent areas to have zoning and future land-use designations changed to serve as a governmental regulatory protection of actual areas to be protected. This may be performed in the framework of resilience and funding may be obtained through grants as your team works with local communities. Funding may be from the state's FDEP Resilience Program and through FEMA's BRIC and FMA programs (HMGP Post Fire as well in some areas).
9/25/2021 12:44	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it	Tourism and property value. I moved from out-of-state to Interlachen just to retire near the Rodman Reservoir	Loss of tourism. Huge change for wildlife using Rodman as it is	No	
9/25/2021 12:47	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam, restore the Ocklawaha River. Actions such as these are being taken all over the country to restore natural areas. Friends of mine who live in Florida will see a benefit to their recreational possibilities, and to the overall health of their natural environment.	This action restores parts of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, helping to provide winter habitat for the manatee, and benefitting your state's great wildlife: Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	This reservoir occupies areas that should be serving as habitat for wildlife. Without it, wild species are forced to live in smaller areas, and deprived of wilderness corridors that support foraging species.	No.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. Humans value wilderness. We support it, we visit it and use it for recreation. Natural systems require it for habitat, and to replenish themselves. For these reasons alone, dam removal is the natural and obvious course of action.
9/25/2021 12:52	Outside of state / other	california	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/25/2021 12:57	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I used the Silver river regularly for 20 yrs, until it was mostly destroyed by this project	The dam needs to be completely removed. The destruction of the first growth trees cannot be replaced, but a cypress planting project would help. The Core was crushing first growth trees into the mud. Because of the anaerobic mud conditions, I suspect much of that first growth cypress, magnolia, etc is salvageable... That would provide jobs in that area	This dam has no economic benefit to anyone at this point	The Rodman reservoir will continue to be a blight on central Florida. The canal was not ever going to be economically viable. The restoration of the river will allow the restoration of tourism, guided fishing, and etc in the area		
9/25/2021 13:07	Marion		No	Yes				Other: I don't use rodman dam	Remove and let the river go back to it's natural state.	I remember the river before it was destroyed. Fishing was excellent, the water was clear, there were banks to fish from, could see mullet jumping all the time, even had crabs, that we don't have now. I could go on and on talking about the benefits of the river being released, please do it in my lifetime.	I don't have a concern, let the river be the way GOD created it.	not really.	
9/25/2021 13:08	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	Environmental studies for the distribution of native species with a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	Everything remains the same with expanding cost of maintenance for a project that was never needed, was canceled 50 years ago, and which promotes an artificial environment rather than a healthy natural one.	No.	
9/25/2021 13:08	Lee		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the river and estuaries returned to what they were to support nature	Scientific Studies on what can happen to wildlife in the area if the dam is removed. Also the dam is past its life expectancy and no longer serves a purpose.	The pollution already there and the use of herbicides to remove non native plants would continue. Nature fish would continue to decrease and the tilapia which are not native would continue to thrive	not at this moment.	
9/25/2021 13:12	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Like to see dam removed.	Most dams are bad for the ecosystems.	Same old bad system would remain in place.	None that I can think of.	
9/25/2021 13:13	St Johns		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 13:13	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it along like it is.	Its own ecosystem	We would lose a beautiful waterway and wildlife habitat.	No	Keep this as it presently is.
9/25/2021 13:15	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it	Bass fishing	Kayaking	Drawdown	
9/25/2021 13:20	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/25/2021 13:28	Dade		No	Yes		1 time			Breaching the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wild life)	No, the dam needs to be breached	Silver Springs could be even more beautiful, bountiful, and economically lucrative than it is now. We can't miss this amazing opportunity to restore manatee habitat, native fish populations, and revitalize this area
9/25/2021 13:28	Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	breach the dam				
9/25/2021 13:32	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Dam. It makes no sense economically or ecologically to let this dam stay.	The preservation of the original integrity of the river system. Stopping the natural flow is useless. You want the revenue from nature tourism? The nature has to be there.	Continued harm to the natural migration patterns of the native fish populations.	No	
9/25/2021 13:36	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other: I drive over it to get to the springs in the Ocala National Forest.	I would like to see it taken down.	I want to see the springs that have been drowned by the dam recover. I want native fish populations to rebound and flourish. I want manatees to have access to the Silver River and Silver Springs. Taking down the dam is vital to these ecosystems, which benefit our state through tourism and recreation.	Further decline of fish and manatee populations, degradation of our unique springs, algae blooms behind the dam	As this project went defunct and funds ran out, our state is left to pay for the damage. I support full removal and restoration. Science supports a boost to bass populations if it is taken down, so I see no reason to keep it up.	This was a horrible, destructive idea when it was constructed and has caused so much damage to the river and spring ecosystems. Taking it down is a step in the right direction to balancing human needs with the natural systems that sustain us. If this dam does fails and causes millions in damage, why not pre-emptively remove it and help restore what was taken from us?
9/25/2021 13:51	Outside of state / other	Louisville, Ky.	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Keep it the same!	The wildlife, habitat has an amazing diversity that is unrivaled in the country.	That we lose that biodiversity that is unique to Rodman.		Please consider not just the loss of habitat and wildlife, but also all the people that rely on the Rodman for their livelihood.
9/25/2021 13:51	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times Fishing	I would like to see the Reservoir maintained. I believe it has become an huge asset in maintaining the water quality and quantity available for potable water service. I think it is also a huge aid to the Manatee population in the river.	The production of trophy size bass in Rodman Reservoir is a clear indication of the water quality and fish habitat available due to the Kirkpatrick Dam.	As Florida has continued to grow exponentially the need for potable water will also increase. As a former member of the Lady Lake Zoning and Planning Board, I have often questioned where will all the water come from for the influx of new residents. Removing the dam makes no sense in light of the growth rate.	I fully believe in the need to keep the reservoir in place for future growth. Once eliminated, it will never be able to be reconstructed.	If there is any doubt of the future growth of Florida, just open any newspaper in any county and you will see that the need for water is only going to increase. Please do not eliminate the Rodman Reservoir.
9/25/2021 14:10	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Ecotourism during the drawdowns. I visit the springs, river banks, and historical sites and enjoy the beauty, plants, and wildlife of the natural river.	Returning the natural connection between Silver Springs, the river, and the St. Johns by removing the dam and allowing the Ocklawaha River to resume its banks and flow.	Multiple studies document the benefits of restoring the Ocklawaha -- ecological, economic, recreational.	The dam is expensive to maintain (currently unsafe?) and the ecosystems the Ocklawaha could support need the water and other benefits of a connected system. Mother Nature knows best!	Not really. There are so many benefits to removing the dam and restoring the free flow, and halfway measures just won't do.	Now is the time! Florida needs this wrong to be made right!
9/25/2021 14:11	Manatee		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking, the Florida National Scenic Trail goes over the dam	Leave it alone! Beautiful nature preserve and refuge for scores of manatees	Owned property on Rodman Reservoir for 14 years. First hand awareness and much research of government documents.	Decades of mud, lost manatee and nature habitat, lost water purification as it passes through the Reservoir, as has been documented through IFAS with over a decade of regular water samplings.	Leave it alone! It has been there over 50 years. Mother nature has balanced this environment. It would take decades to rebalance if dam is destroyed.	PLEASE leave it alone. Local property owners wells will likely go DRY if the Reservoir is removed. Who pays for remedying this loss of their only water source?? This Reservoir is not stagnant, as millions of gallons a day flow over the dam. How about using this for hydro power?
9/25/2021 14:15	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Hiking on the Florida Trail - Ocala section. Passed by Rodman dam going south to north.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 10 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $17 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

9/25/2021 14:16	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the damn thing	Information that supports a free flowing river provided by St John's River keeper and Audobon	Not allowing nature as God made it effecting fish and all wildlife that depends on the river	NO !!!!!	Don't screw with Mother Nature. Ever hear that one? Destroy this abhrivone piece of interference.
9/25/2021 14:21	Dade		No	No					Breach the Rodman Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River, thereby restoring 1000s of acres of forested wetlands and 3 rivers.	Removing the dam is essential to improving the health of Silver Springs. It is necessary to restore suffering migratory fish populations. And it is needed for the hundreds of manatees that could better access Silver Springs and other restored springs along the river, at a time with Florida's manatee population is experiencing unprecedented mortality. Florida already has enough money set aside next year to restore the Ocklawaha fifty times over. Most importantly of course, is the fact that all life depends on healthy ecosystems aka NATURE.	See above. We must not continue to destroy the very nature upon which all life depends.	We MUST free up the 20+ springs that are rendered useless by the reservoir. The dam is in disrepair and millions of $ would be needed to repair, when removal is the best solution for nature, for natural system flow. Anything short of this will doom us to further suffering of humanity as we continue to destroy the systems which sustain life on this planet.	
9/25/2021 14:23	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	remove it and FREE THE OKLAWAHA!!!!!	restore the river and all the springs back to their original beauty			
9/25/2021 14:29	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is.Do not drain it.	Trophy fishing.	Fishing will be affected. Manatee will lose food source.	No	Please keep Rodman as it is now.Mother Nature has adapted.
9/25/2021 14:33	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Keep it the way it is now.	Beauty nature and fishing.	Losing a source for fishing and seeing nature.	Not really.	Please leave it as it is now.Nature has adapted to it.
9/25/2021 14:33	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animalmovement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest.	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Failure of the dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	NO. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration	Kayak and SUP and plan to go down the river from Silver Springs to St. Johns River once the dam has been breached. I will be spending money locally also.
9/25/2021 14:37	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is.	Beautiful scenery ,many manatee sightings.	Very upset,as Rodman is perfect as it is now.	Not really.	Keep Rodman as it is.
9/25/2021 14:38	Broward		No	No					Remove it.	Seeing the freshwater springs emerge during drawdown. Ability for manatees to return.	The springs remain covered.	Drawdown half the year. Every other month.	A lot more visitors will come to visit the springs if you can see them. Increase in tourism and local business.
9/25/2021 14:47	Outside of state / other	Kearney NE	No	No					Keep the manatees safe from harm.	All of earths creatures has a purpose. Even if we can't see them.			
9/25/2021 14:51	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Dam.	It is covering numerous natural springs in Florida Breaching it would improve the natural habitat for fish, birds, and manatees.	The natural habitat of wildlife would not be restored.	No.	
9/25/2021 15:02	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Complete removal and restoration of original stream flow.	The continued need to drawdown the reservoir.	Dam failure Continued degredation of the local fish population Loss of spring flow and continued degredation of shrimp and crabs in the St Johns	No	
9/25/2021 15:20	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Hunting	Removal and restoration to free flowing river.	The many studies of positive benefits achieved by other dam removal	Continued environmental degradation.	No	
9/25/2021 15:26	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see enough of it removed to allow free movement of water, boats and fish	Restore much needed fresh water into the St. Johns due to salt water intrusion	Marine life and manatee kills due to increasing salt water intrusion	Not really	I think there would be an overall economic benefit to removing the dam and locks
9/25/2021 15:27	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 15:30	Bay		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 15:34	Outside of state / other	t and moving back to Pinellas or Hills	No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animalmovement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest.	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Failure of the dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	NO. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration	I have seen all of the coverage and don' need to physically visit the site to understand how critical this issue is to our state and planet
9/25/2021 15:39	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 15:40	Palm Beach		No	No					TheOcklawaha River needs to be restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most important manatee habitat restoration project in FL and it will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	This deprives manatees of essential warm water in winter harming chances for survival now and in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed keeps 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded and impacts Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats and white-tailed deer because they canned easily travel through this area.	NO! This is 50 years overdue. Florida wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/25/2021 15:43	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	The dam should be destroyed with the natural flow of the river restored	Recent articles in the news media explaining why this would benefit the ecosystems.	More damage		
9/25/2021 15:49	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to improve water quality, help wildlife including fish and manatees have more places to thrive, and provide new economic opportunities due to much better and broader water flow.	Research done that supports that water quality would improve, Manatees could swim freely thru the river and find safe havens in the winter in the springs which would provide additional economic opportunities for communities and fish diversity would improve and reduce invasive species that are currently taking over the rivers.	Water quality would further decline fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No, breaching the dam is way overdue. It would be crazy to pump millions of dollars to repair a dam that is hurting the water quality and wildlife of these waterways.	As a native Floridian who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 536)
9/25/2021 15:54	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing		Any meeting in which the Florida Destructors (Defenders) of the Environment show up too and spew their rhetoric.	The major blow to the economy of Putnam County .	No, because if the Reservoir isn't fully protected then the debate will never end, nutty environmentalists will just continue to try and get legislation to drain and ruin a world-class fishery.	
9/25/2021 16:02	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Dam!	Protecting manatee and fish species.	Taxpayer dollars going towards repairing Rodman dam and preventing the migration of many species of wildlife.	No, removal of the dam is 50 years overdue.	Protect manatees and migrating fish!
9/25/2021 16:05	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Sitting	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animalmovement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest.	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Failure of the dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	NO. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration	
9/25/2021 16:07	Pinellas		No	No					Get rid of the dam. It's destroying Florida's environment. We need the river to flow freely.	Free flowing rivers are the freshwater equivalent of wilderness areas. They provide crucial habitat for a host of animals, and support the survival of both people and nature around the world. Just one-third of the world's longest rivers remain free-flowing.	further degradation of the water body and surrounding habitats	No. Get rid of the dam.	
9/25/2021 16:12	Marion		No	No					Maintain it's current status. It is a great environmental success. plenty of thriving wildlife and a beauty to behold.	Personal observations; been there many times over the past 10 years and it is a beauty to behold.	Destroying a great wetland and safe haven for Florida wildlife.	No.	Keep Rodman as it is; it's a wonderful eco-system and it would be terrible to eliminate it.
9/25/2021 16:14	Leon		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain as is!	quality of fishing and wildlife viewing--manatee habitat	loss of one of best bass fishing lakes in FL and the world.	no. drain the lake, lose the habitat	I am generally a fan of removing dams and freeing rivers. This is an exception. The Ocklawaha is mostly intact and gaining 12 more miles will not help much. aLSO, what we would gain ecologically is far less than what we'd lose if the dam were removed.
9/25/2021 16:14	Leon		No	No					Breach the dam to allow natural water flow.	The drowned springs that would be restored plus the welfare of fish and manatees that live in these and connected waters.	Funds should be used that are available now. Missing this opportunity would be tragic as economic growth would continue to be stifled, manatee health would continue to suffer, water quality would continue to decrease and fish migration would continue to be blocked.	No. The dam is of no use and repairing it is a waste of taxpayer money.	The health of this planet is in decline and we should do everything possible to reverse this direction.
9/25/2021 16:18	Hillsborough		No	No									
9/25/2021 16:20	Outside of state / other	Kent, Wa	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Leave it alone as is for fishing and wild land refuge	I saw all kinds of fantastic wildlife during my one day trip fishing. The birds the fish, etc; all was beautiful	Losing the catch and release fishing, and the industry that goes with it	No	
9/25/2021 16:26	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	The Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam is breached and removed.	Restoring 20 springs. Removing a haven for invasive aquatic plants.	The sentiment that development is more important than healthy native natural habitat will persist.	No. The dam should have been removed when the cross Florida canal project was abandoned.	The natural destruction the state of Florida, among the most unique and beautiful places on earth, has endured over the past 2 centuries is nothing short of an embarrassment. What we have lost is far more valuable than what we have gained from development and exploitation. History will remember the legislators responsible for the present state of our environment with disdain and mockery. Removing the dam would be one small step towards redemption.
9/25/2021 16:27	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore to its original beauty, allow native habitat to live. Stop nestle from stealing from the earth for business profit. We only have one planet.	95% of the native species are unable to survive because of the dam. Manatees are endangered for this gluttony and corporate greed.	The habitat would continued to be devastated	Get rid of the dam is the only option.	
9/25/2021 16:27	Lee		No	No					clean it up				
9/25/2021 16:33	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it as it is. It's a fantastic fishing and natural habitat.	Leave it as it is.	End of a major trophy bass fishery.	No	
9/25/2021 16:35	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam.	The negative environmental impact of the dam.	The continued negative environmental impact of the dam.	Not sure. I know the dam needs to be removed. Anything that gets us closer to that would be better than nothing. But, really, full removal is what needs to happen.	Thank you for collecting these comments.
9/25/2021 16:37	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Breach it. Let the rivers flow naturally.	It was erected as part of a project that never came to fruition and is impeding the natural flow of the river. It needs to go.	Fish population and manatees	No.	
9/25/2021 16:48	Broward		No	No					Place a bicycle or multi use path there	There is one around the reservoir and other public areas and they are used quite a bit.	More street riding which is very dangerous here in Florida	No	
9/25/2021 16:49	Madison		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	That it remains the same and is protected	The wildlife depends on it	Less wildlife habitat	No	
9/25/2021 16:56	Broward		No	No					Restore the natural flow	We have poorly managed the water in the past it is time to restore Florida back to its natural state.	More habitat destruction, negative impact on native animals and plants	No!	Time for Florida to start taking care of its unique and natural environment before none of it is left!
9/25/2021 16:57	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	cool springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the only opportunity to reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No	The Great Florida Riverway restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/25/2021 17:00	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached to restore the Ocklawaha River.	The restoration of three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs coupled with historical habitat rightfully opened back up to aquatic animals.	That this opportunity would not come again considering funds are currently available, the public is interested in the issue, and environmental needs will worsen as long as the dam stands.	No. The dam should have been breached decades ago.	
9/25/2021 17:10	Bradford		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is! It is an absolute wildlife paradise. Not to mention many people in the area have created businesses and they rely on the existence of the dams. My degree is in Environmental Science and I worked as an environmental consult in the area for years. I understand both sides of this argument. For the life of me fail to see the greater good of removing the dams and turning the reavior into the mosquito pit. "Let's return it to it's original form they say". If we used this logic for everything we might as well begin bull dozing neighborhoods.	Personally, I can tell you that my family spends thousands of dollars each year because the existence of the reivior. From fishing charters, bait and tackle shops, restaurants, gas stations. If this fishing destination were not here we would have no reason to go their and contribute to the local economy.	Loss of a pristine, recreational wildlife and recreation area. Loss of tourist dollars to the area. Most of all, loss of a place my family has created many memories at.	Can't think of any.	
9/25/2021 17:16	Outside of state / other	St. Charles, Missouri	No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River.			
9/25/2021 17:18	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Left alone.	The manatees and wildlife are breath taking and the fishing is some of the best in the country .	The local economy will suffer from it.	Not at this time,Rodman Reservoir is important to folks all over around here . Fathers sons and daughters come here to fish,family's make memories here. Keep it alive...	Thank you.
9/25/2021 17:23	Brevard		No	No					I would like it removed. Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	First of all, breaching the dam means restoration of 20 drowned springs on the Oklawaha River. The springs are a very important ecologic and economic asset of Florida. Second of all, removing the dam would also benefit fish and manatee populations. Finally, the dam is past its life expectancy, and breaching the dam would save $4-14 million in dam repairs.	This is an important opportunity and we don't want to waste it. Now is the time to achieve the benefits listed above. My biggest concern is that the springs and wildlife will never be protected and restored.	Unfortunately no I don't see any way to compromise, the dam should be removed.	We need Florida's springs and wildlife to continue to support ecotourism and our water quality.
9/25/2021 17:36	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project making breaching the dam the most beneficial and cost effective springs protection project in Florida.	The lower St. John's, ocklawaha, and silver rivers, 20 lost springs of the ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, silver springs, are not reunited and restored.	No breaching the dam is long overdue!	Would help save the manatees!
9/25/2021 17:38	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam. Every day the dam is in place, there is harm to the economy, water quality and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway,	3 rivers, the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St.Johns Rivers and 50 springs are restored.	1000s of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy and recreational benefits.	No. Breaching of the Rodman Dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 536)
9/25/2021 17:43	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/25/2021 17:44	De Soto		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/25/2021 18:02	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Watch wildlife and sunsets	Keep dam maintained and manage as a trophy bass lake.	The dams keep large inboard boats from traveling further up the river destroying the river grass like they did pre dam.	An eyesore, loss of tourism, big boats destroying the river, loss of a potential water source.	Keeping the dam is my bottom line.	Boating was destroying the river before the dam and would be destroyed if dam is removed.
9/25/2021 18:06	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking	Demolish the Rodman damn	I was fishing during the drawdown and saw the trees that were pushed aside for the cross Florida canal thousands open thousands of cedar trees just killed due to high waters	The people that live and have relied on the water ways that not only connect to the reservoir but down steam as well need to be allowed to function the way they were intended water flow is essential to healthy habitats	Break down the damn and any other locks that prevent flow	Free the rivers
9/25/2021 18:15	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave everything as is, it was an awesome place to visit. Very beautiful and wild.	I was able to see a manatee, while fishing with my guide. Never saw one before, and the wildlife was abundant.			This was a true highlight of my trips to Florida. I love coming to this wild place, the wildlife and fishing was unbelievable. And the ride up the river, you can't put a price on it. I'd hate to see this lovely place changed in any way.
9/25/2021 18:25	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I do not use Rodman/Kirkpatrick because the dam should never have been established in the first place.					
9/25/2021 18:27	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
9/25/2021 18:42	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Nature therapy with my family					
9/25/2021 18:46	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	stay in place	I like wildlife	sad	on	keep rodman
9/25/2021 18:49	Hernando		No	No					Breach	Manatees	Manatee and other animals harmed		
9/25/2021 18:50	Alachua		No	No					To take action test will provide the most ecosystem benefits for the River and the life it supports	Ive followed the issue in the Gainesville Sun for wears. We appear to be at a critical juncture	That we would continued loss of biodiversity, habitat loss and perhaps eventual extinction of some species	I wondered about the in remential draw down to prevent flooding down stream	I hope we can reach a decision that is best for the long term health of the river (s) and the ecosystem
9/25/2021 19:01	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Free the river	20 drowned springs,replace critical manatee areas	Un-natural state of the closed river to my land	No	
9/25/2021 19:04	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Remove it.	I believe the removal of dams allows nature to return to its original state. I believe this is another step is necessary for the Everglades to be restored	The water flow will not return to normal.	I really don't know	

9/25/2021 19:11	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I do not use Rodman/Kirkpatrick because the dam should never have been established in the first place.	Return the Ocklawaha to its free-flowing state so that it can naturally replenish related springs, rivers and what would be natural wetlands.	We are losing endangered manatees because they don't have enough underwater vegetation for food and in winter they do not have access to enough warm water. Other species are in decline as well.	We would lose much of what makes Florida so significant as a peninsula. Also, the dam will soon need expensive repairs and money should not be wasted on this.	NO.	There are both State and Federal funds available to restore the Oklawaha and its 50 yrs past time to take action for the sake of our wildlife and water worries. Thank you, Darrow Moon
9/25/2021 19:16	Hillsborough		No	No					It be completely removed and the river be free flowing again as it's suppose to.	Florida's wildlife populations have been drastically impacted by the existence of this dam and the land has been defiled by the dam. As well as the dam being past it's life expectancy and not worth repairing.	Florida's wildlife would continue to dwindle.	No.	
9/25/2021 19:21	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just walking					
9/25/2021 19:23	Sumter		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep it exactly as it is at the present time	The scenery, fishing and all wildlife within the reservoir. A wonderful place to just visit. An area in the state of Florida that should be preserved for future generations to learn and enjoy all it has to offer. It would also take away all recreational activities it is providing the public.	To destroy it would not only harm all wildlife in the area, including manatees; but rob all future generations of a great environmental spectacle. On a much smaller scale, it would be like destroying one of our national forests. It is great to see wildlife in their natural settings.	None what so ever. To touch it in any way would leave it less that what it should be. A wildlife preserve for so many of our beautiful creatures.	Touching the Rodman in any way would take away from it's beauty and greatly harm the wildlife as well as the recreational opportunities it affords for all Floridians.
9/25/2021 19:48	Palm Beach		No	No					Break down the damn	Restoring natural water flow is crucial to preserving our ecosystems and water quality	Our springs and natural water systems finally meet their end		
9/25/2021 19:58	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (COZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible.	no	
9/25/2021 20:07	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Leave it alone!				
9/25/2021 20:12	Outside of state / other	Long Beach, NY	No	No									
9/25/2021 20:13	Outside of state / other	Washington DC	No	No					The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, home to Florida's iconic wildlife. If restored, this river will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter, by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River.	There have been many manatee deaths already this year: manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, but the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat which manatees need in order to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - this is an unsustainable and unnatural situation. We must restore additional areas of their natural habitat!	As is evident if anyone pays attention to the news, we can no longer postpone action to save the earth and its magnificent wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond.	No- as the earth is in peril. You are so fortunate to have these magnificent animals- it is your responsibility to protect them. it's time, past time, to restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife.	
9/25/2021 20:14	Seminole		No	No					Let the river return to what it does best--support the manatees and fish habitats. Ideally, take the dam down.	How many manatees we've been losing. The dam cuts off a rich spring area where they could huddle in the cold snaps. The fishing that was supposed to be so much better with the dam in operation hasn't happened. The canal it was built for never happened either--and will never happen. So, be done with it.	Potentially, manatee losses; continued hampering of a natural spring fed river; all the ripple effects from both of these issues.	Open. If you want to leave it to stop potential storm surge, maybe. But has it ever been used for that?	No time like the present. Take the repair costs and repurpose for other projects.
9/25/2021 20:18	Pinellas		No	No					Removal of the dam and restoration of the native / historic habitat		The state will miss an opportunity to restore wetlands and learn about pre-Columbian culture	No	
9/25/2021 20:29	Orange		No	No					Restored to original natural condition.	Internet	Continued abuse of natural movement of water.	Can't think of one. Whaddaya got?	Thank you!
9/25/2021 20:29	Orange		No	No					Breach it	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breach the dam!
9/25/2021 20:30	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the dam	Restoration of 20 drowned springs, increased health of wildlife and of the springs, increased natural habitat for manatees who are dying off, millions of dollars in saving from reports of an unwanted dam.	Now is the absolute best time to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No, breach the dam.	
9/25/2021 20:50	Seminole		No	No					It is time for this dam to be removed. It is harming the natural environment in many ways and we are losing species of water life.	Manatees need warm water and are being lost by alarming numbers.	Manatees are desperately in need of warm water to survive in the winter time.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/25/2021 21:01	Marion		No	No					Removal of the dam	The dam is in need of repair and it would restore the ecosystem to it's former glory. Fish, manatees, and wildlife can move freely between the waterways as nature intended	Costly repairs for something that was not needed in the first place.	No	
9/25/2021 21:04	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Eliminate the dam amd the reavoir. By elimination of the dam in the reservoir you will restore 20 different Springs that are along the river. Spurring economic commerce. FPS AND SJRWMD should strike a deal to help businesses that will be affected by the removal of the reavoir. So no one is forgotten.	The pictures of cannon springs. During drawdown on FDE's website	The 20 springs along the river.	Unless there is another way to restore the historic flow I dont see and short senario.	It is the goal of SJRWMD , FDEP FPS to protect the natural resources first then provide recreation...without protection there is no recreation.
9/25/2021 21:13	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COZO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/25/2021 21:16	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	keep it like it is.	I am on the reservoir a lot and see the wildlife abounding. The fishing is outstanding.	This beautiful wildlife reserve will be destroyed and it will take many decades for the eco system to recover.	No	Please leave this reservoir alone. Don't mess it up by taking out the dam. Removing the dam would ruin a great eco system. We might not should have ever built the reservoir back in the 60's, but we sure don't need to mess up this eco system for another 50 or 60 years. Can you imagine the boat traffic going up and down the Ocklawaha river today compared to traffic back in the 50's and 60's. It would be terrible. You would not be able to fish or enjoy the wildlife for fear of being run over. Please leave it alone.
9/25/2021 21:25	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Bring it back to. Close to former natural . Natural river.	Many years ago, I was on the river many times, boating and fishing. I lived in Gainesville, and my family loved the river as it was, in its natural state.	Too many of our natural springs, waterways and lakes have been changed and ruined in Florida. The Oklawaha River needs, to have more of its original river returned.	I am sure there could and would be some negotiating.	Thank everyone who brings conversation and solutions to bringing back the River we all love.
9/25/2021 21:31	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	It's cheaper to not repair the dam	It's bad for the environment considering fish populations have been reduced since the construction of the dam	No	
9/25/2021 21:36	Alachua		No	No					For the dam to be removed	It's killing off wildlife /manatees and fish and getting rid of the dam would restore the springs	The wildlife and springs would suffer	The dam being breached	Get rid of the damn dam!
9/25/2021 21:39	Outside of state / other	Columbia, Missouri	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COZO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/25/2021 21:42	Escambia		No	Yes				Other: I don't use it, I have just looked at it, and read all about how it came into existence.	We need to end the life of the Rodman Dam. It should never have been built in the first place. All of the springs and flood plain were covered up, and it greatly diminished the Ocklawaha River.	The degradation of the Ocklawaha River, and the loss of the natural springs. The loss of floodplain has been very damaging to wildlife. Also, we could possible have the Florida Manatee return to the river.	That is hopefully not an option. The dam is at the end of it's lifespan, and the cost of repairing it is unacceptable. If this dam is not removed, the Ocklawaha River may never return to it's original function and beauty.	No.	Please bring this to an end. So much damage has already been done. Florida has endured so much environmental damage already, it is time to begin to fix some of our mistakes.
9/25/2021 21:42	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Leave it standing; make repairs where needed.	My father and I fished the area when I was a boy before the Dam was there. The beauty of the river back then can still be found there today. Now, my children and grandchildren (and soon my great-grandchildren) enjoy all that the area has to offer. We're still boating, fishing and enjoying the natural beauty there.	The loss of a place where individuals and families can go to supplement their food needs; loss of revenue for the county from fishing tournaments; loss of habitat for a multitude of wildlife; the decades it will take to restore the river to its original form.	I haven't heard one as yet.	It's one of the places I take out of town/state visitors/family. I'm very proud to live here. This is my heaven. Leave it be for us and future generations.
9/25/2021 21:47	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	It needs to go away.	It was a government screw up, that desperately needs to be corrected.	The state will continue killing a river.	No. Fix this ecological disaster, now.	
9/25/2021 21:54	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see it remain as a reservoir.	The great recreational opportunity there for Florida residents and visitors from around the world.	The loss of a great resource for fishing, hunting, and wildlife viewing.	Maintain the reservoir at a reduced level to partially restore the riverine system.	
9/25/2021 21:59	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Do not take it away.	I'm originally a city girl. Palatka's rivers, parks, camping and wildlife are precious blessings. It would be a shame to lose any one of those places, especially the Rodman recreational area. I don't know what the Oklawaha River used to look like, but I'm guessing it will be many years before it could be restored. And what would that task do to the wildlife that's there now?	Tearing down the dam will negatively impact a lot of people, animals, and income for the county.	No.	Please leave Rodman Dam as is.
9/25/2021 22:08	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	First of all, 3 rivers - Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers - AND 50 springs are restored. (NOTE: As many as 20 lost springs AND the Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife AND 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. Also, it is estimated that $57 million in potential flood damages will be avoided to downstream property owners.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. Alas, the 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	NO. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. RE: MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. RE: WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. RE: SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/25/2021 22:25	Sarasota		No	No					Open it up to restore the natural flow	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Manatees would lose habitat in what is already the deadliest year on record for them, in large part due to starvation	increased water flow thru dam	Water stewardship is extremely important for future generations. Thanks!
9/25/2021 22:31	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Stop the spraying. It's killing the grass this is an awesome place an one of the few left to catch nice fish We even release them	My family has a bait store that makes most of its income off of the guys that fish this area	Not returning to natural state due to the large change and probable loss of fish habitat	Not really	Save it as it is
9/25/2021 22:50	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	save fishing there and observing the wildlife in the process!	Great fishing...none better!	Hard to answer, since I don't know what the plans in the future are for said area. Typical governental question!	SEE PREVIOUS ANSWER!	Wonderful place to take friend fishing and to watch wildlife.. you need to keep it available. Once again it would have been nice of you to give us your future plans for the area prior to this questionnaire.
9/25/2021 22:51	Lake		No	No					Remove it.	Rivers need to flow freely in Florida for the health of our ecosystems. Saving our unique environment is crucial in saving us from the devastation of climate change.	Death of endangered species.	No	Thank you
9/25/2021 23:55	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the ocklawaha to a free flowing river.	The decades of scientific study conducted that support restoration from bot an ecological and scientific standpoint	Inability to provide warm water refuge for the threatened manatee (which has had serious deaths this year). Lake of ability for the public to enjoy the springs that are covered by the mucky pool, continual decline of the ecosystem, increased salt water intrusion downstream, dam safety concerns,	The partial restoration plan in the EIS and FDEP permit application	Numerous studies have shown that restoring the ocklawaha to a free flowing river will have significant economic benefits to the area, as well as enormous ecological benefits for manatees and other species, and will provide unparalleled recreational opportunities for the people of Florida. This can be achieved at a modest cost and would save taxpayer money in the long run by eliminating the need for draw downs, herbicide spraying, and rebuilding and maintaining the unsafe dam. Note- I don't visit the dam much because the pool is a mucky unpleasant mess. I kayak and boat on the free flowing river numerous times per year.
9/26/2021 0:07	Brevard		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Manatees cannot be properly sustained by power plant effluents indefinitely, and it is unnatural	Manatees will become extinct.		
9/26/2021 0:18	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	The reservoir and dam should be maintained and retained.	Rodman reservoir has been there a long time and has created it's own eco system. Rodman and the dam create a much larger fishing acreage than the river alone. Rodman could be used as a freshwater resource as Florida continues to grow. How do you plant 200 or 300 year old cypress trees that once lived the river?	loss of recreational opportunities in a fast growing area nobody knows what will happen to the Ocklawaha river if you just demolish the dam, will it turn into a muddy ditch? loss of jobs and revenue that Rodman generates	depends on the scenario that is offered	
9/26/2021 0:30	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	The reservoir and dam should be maintained and retained.	Rodman reservoir has been there a long time and has created it's own eco system. Rodman and the dam create considerably more fishing acreage than the river alone. Rodman could be used as a freshwater resource as Florida continues to grow. How do you plant 200 or 300 year old cypress trees that once lived the river?	loss of recreational opportunities in a fast growing area nobody knows what will happen to the Ocklawaha river if you just demolish the dam, will it turn into a muddy ditch? loss of jobs and revenue that Rodman generates	depends on the scenario that is offered	creating Rodman was not done with thorough foresight and prudence.....I hope we don't make the same mistake twice....it will take hundreds of years for the river to return to it's former glory....if it ever does

9/26/2021 1:23	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/26/2021 1:30	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/26/2021 1:31	Putnam		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Camping, enjoying the outdoors around the reservoir.	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir maintained and continue to thrive in its current state.	I grew up visiting the Rodman Reservoir from the 1960's to current time. I have seen what once was destroyed for commercial traffic, to grow and flourish into a much larger habitat. I believe the reservoir has created a better habitat for the Bald Eagle, Osprey, Alligator as well as untold species of other animals and aquatic life. It has also created greater recreational benefits for Putnam County as well as visitors from all over.	I believe that if the Kirkpatrick Dam is destroyed that the much larger ecosystem that has grown over the decades will be much more harmful than any previous damage that was done.	Throughout the years the question of removing the Kirkpatrick Dam has come and gone, I believe because as I see it, there is no sound reason to destroy the larger ecosystem and tourism benefits.	What does the St. Johns River Water Management District stand to gain with this survey? Where does the St. Johns River Water Management District officially stand on the matter of the current ecosystem?
9/26/2021 1:42	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No					Free the waterways for manatees	scientific data compiled by oceanography institute	what happens to manatee populations	improvements to manatee habitat	
9/26/2021 2:51	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Free the Ocklawaha river by restoring the waters and springs by removing the Rodman Dam	Restoring the springs and river for the health of the waters and bioragion	the continued loss of restoring this beautiful river within our life time.		
9/26/2021 3:01	Outside of state / other	United Kingdom	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/26/2021 3:26	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached	20 drowned springs could be restored, the fish population has declined by 92%, the manatee population has lost access to it's warm water habitat	Primarily the impact on our wildlife, specifically the fish and manatee populations	No, Breaching of the damn is long overdue and will cost millions of taxpayer dollars to repair. This is the time to restore our springs.	
9/26/2021 3:37	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/26/2021 4:31	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Full restoration	Fish, wildlife, etc get back to a natural habitat	Lost of wildlife	No	
9/26/2021 6:31	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/26/2021 6:48	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam taken down and the river allowed to return to its natural state.	The reservoir is. It a healthy lake and requires much maintenance and weed control.	We continue to spend so much trying to shore up an unhealthy ecosystem	Drawing down on a more permanent basis	
9/26/2021 7:27	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Removed to improve safety for kayak access	Submerged springs	Continued water quality issues and general ugliness	Not really	
9/26/2021 7:38	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Restoration only.	Protecting the many species of wildlife aquatic vegetation and other resources is the most important.	Another lost opportunity for us to be good Stewards of the environment. Continued threat to our water supply.	No	I am a native Floridian and Thank You for your consideration.
9/26/2021 7:44	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Looking at the dam	Remove the dam, restore hydrology	We don't need the dam, the cross Florida barge canal was a failed project. Remove all failures.	Pouring tax money into unnecessary infrastructure and maintenance of something that is not used	Drain the reservoir as a trial, test the "economic benefit" theory, collect data, then remove the dam	
9/26/2021 8:03	Outside of state / other	Santa Fe, NM	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Thank you for carefully considering my request; and for your work toward a healthy, just, and peaceful planet; because the earth is the only planet for all of us. Sincerely, Russell Fletcher
9/26/2021 8:03	Duval		No	No					Broken so preserve marine life	The % of marine life in the area are down 94%. Reversing the man made mistakes will help to restore the marine life population	The marine life in the area will completely deteriorate.	No	
9/26/2021 8:05	Alachua		No	No						Sue free	The dam was never used for it's intended use.	environmental	no
9/26/2021 8:07	Flagler		No	No						Removed and have the water flow naturally.	Environmental groups and community input.	The springs water flow keeps going down and can't support the wildlife	Anything that helps the water flow
9/26/2021 8:32	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Please beach the dam to restore it to its natural beauty and allow wildlife to travel the rivers	The springs are suffering due to the head pressure and negatively impacting the river quality	Continued impact to wildlife	A partial breach would at least be a step in the right direction	
9/26/2021 8:33	Hillsborough		No	No					open it up	the devastated cypress field	continuation of the loss of our springs and water level and quality of all of the springs	not sure	
9/26/2021 8:36	Manatee		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	An overall approach to restoring the natural waterways in our state that will ensure future generations of Floridians can enjoy our rivers, springs and streams while protecting species and habitats.	Personal time out on the waterways and the surrounding areas and seeing them so negatively impacted by the decisions of others.	That our beautiful waterways will become a thing of Florida past, like so much of the beauty of "old Florida" already has.	As a whole, we all need to use a common sense approach and lean more natural and less artificial. It's what is best to ensure a fine balance of people and nature going forward.	
9/26/2021 8:44	Alachua		No	No						Not needed, the intended purpose was not fulfilled			
9/26/2021 8:47	Hillsborough		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/26/2021 9:07	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and this outstanding waterway restored. Removing the dam will give people access to the many springs that are currently flooded from damming the river. It will have a huge economic impact attracting people from all over to this rural area for wildlife viewing, kayaking, swimming, and fishing. Also, allow manatees to swim up the river again and find sanctuary in the winter.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy. Breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	It has been the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 9:18	Volusia		No	No					Take it down	it's best for our environment to have it gone.	Continued destruction of our ecosystem	No	
9/26/2021 9:21	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam completely eliminated	It is an environmental disaster and, since the canal, was never finished, it only serves bass fisherman that live in a state that has a history of not taking care of its environment. I live in Pinellas County and see everyday what dreg and fill has done to our county. waterways.	It would be a real slap in the face of what makes Florida beautiful. Also, the dam resides in a a county that could use an influx of jobs. Recreational jobs could make a big difference in the county.	No	Useless dams all over the country are being taken down. The reasons are many, but we as a country are realizing how man, for his limited benefits, are destroying the beauty of what we hold dear. Let's do the right thing and help what God created instead of destroying it.
9/26/2021 9:26	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it and restore the river.	Dams are not good for the health of most river wildlife.	Same old same old. Big business and greasy politicians not doing what is best for the environment	Yes	
9/26/2021 9:29	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating	Keep in and stop the spraying	Fishing	Environmental impact	No	
9/26/2021 9:31	Pinellas		No	No					restoration of a free flowing ochlacla river by building the Rodman/ Kirpatrich Dam	A river systems would have great environmental improvement	Water quality would improve	No	
9/26/2021 9:40	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and allow water mgmt distincts property manage flow				
9/26/2021 9:49	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I do not use it. I went tonit only to assess the situation and was appalled that such a project was ever approved.	I want it taken down.	Other than common sense? I am a 54 year old native Floridian. College educated, voter and taxpayer. I read. I get involved. The two main things to My are the renewal of the 20 springs and the return of an historic manatee migratory pathway where they can access warm water.	The voices of citizens not being heard	No!	What advantage is there to not removing the dam? It makes no sense. Removing it; on the other hand, is advantageous both financially and environmentally.
9/26/2021 9:52	Outside of state / other	Nashua NH	No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore it	Manatees need the warm water this would provide	Manatees die off needlessly	No	
9/26/2021 10:02	Seminole		No	No					Have the natural waterway restored		Loss of critical habitats	Sure	

9/26/2021 10:10	Marion		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation. I thought it wasn't a well-thought out plan from the start and i was 9 years old at the time.	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Water quality would improve. Their floodplains and corridor value for wildlife, pollinators and native plant propagule dispersal would be enhanced. Manatees would finally regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. This is a win all the way around.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the CSO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. We have already paid too much for this environmental failure. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. Manatees would continue to suffer from a lack of access to warm spring waters.	NO. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	This awful dam project has pained me for nearly my entire life. I would be willing to work as a volunteer to help see this restoration project to fruition.
9/26/2021 10:13	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoyment, peace, quiet and tranquility	Take it out!!! Let the river, springs and nature return. Yes it will take decades but lets get it done. Enlist volunteers like myself to help replant. Allow foresters in to reclaim the sunk cypress. Put crews on removing all of the hazards to navigation.	It would allow us to stop using herbicides to control natural vegetation. I used to have a couple of acres of eel grass in my back yard. It is now all gone, dead, killed by herbicides.	Continuance of a travesty for no good reason.	Yes, just open the dam and leave it open until a flood or other natural disaster takes it out.	Get on with it!
9/26/2021 10:18	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it restored to its natural state.	The restoration of the st johns river watershed system and the benefits that would bring for recreation and wildlife. The reservoir as is is pretty disgusting.	The continued degradation of the surrounding ecosystem as the climate warms and makes the reservoir even more stagnant.	Not really.	
9/26/2021 10:22	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I visit the Lost Springs whenever there is a drawdown.	I want to free the Ocklawaha so marine life can migrate freely to the springs. a LOT of people would visit this natural treasure and eco-tourism could be a big attraction.	We spend tons of tax $$ to maintain this boondoggle. the boat ramps get clogged with vegetation which blocks access. then herbicides are applied which just YUCK.	More tax $$ wasted on a 50 year old boondoggle project. and the springs being buried for most of the years.	can't imagine one.	
9/26/2021 10:25	Orange		No	No									I am sorry I know nothing about this issue.
9/26/2021 10:32	Brevard		No	No									
9/26/2021 10:32	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Swimming	Manatee conservative outreach, and clean-ups				
9/26/2021 10:32	Volusia		No	No									Provide sustainable habitat for manatees.
9/26/2021 10:33	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking					
9/26/2021 10:33	Charlotte		No	No									
9/26/2021 10:33	Polk		No	No					The environmental problems need to be fixed, and the Dam needs to be fixed, so as to not let another Disaster happen.	Newspaper coverage, and News stories	The environment will suffer, and the Creatures that live in Florida will have their Health and Well being put in Danger, so something must be done.	Any efforts to come to a good outcome I support.	None at the present time.
9/26/2021 10:34	Orange		No	No					What is necessary to protect the manatee population and other wildlife.	Endangerment to wildlife is occurring and is totally unacceptable!	Destruction of habitat and animals	Possibly if it would protect wildlife including manatees	not enough actually being accomplished quick enough in my view.
9/26/2021 10:34	Brevard		No	No									
9/26/2021 10:34	Bradford		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing					
9/26/2021 10:34	Citrus		No	No					anything favorable for the manatees and all our wildlife				
9/26/2021 10:35	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just to see the dam	I believe it should be removed. Its only purpose is some ecotourism which could be financially replaced by the appearance of spring waters that the reservoir is hiding.	Manatees need more riverways to travel until the seagrass in the IRL is restored.	The continued decline of manatee populations.	No.	
9/26/2021 10:35	Broward		No	No					Restoration!	Ecology	There was a several-part project, NEVER COMPLETED. Restoration is needed for the River!	Protection for Manatees and other river-life!	
9/26/2021 10:35	Citrus		No	No					Most dams provide questionable service	my interested in fish travelling up rivers currently being dammed	Not sure	No	IN the North East, dams are regularly being removed to provide free flowing rivers and the results have been very encouraging - rivers quickly remove unwanted debris and become as intended
9/26/2021 10:35	Duval		No	No									
9/26/2021 10:37	Flagler		No	No									
9/26/2021 10:38	Monroe		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Blow them up.	Must be kidding	Deterioration of the stream	No	Free the rivers.
9/26/2021 10:39	Outside of state / other	Ky	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it as is.	It is a wonderful resource. it creates tourism and tourism dollars.	I would not be able to see Florida and fish in that location.	Not that I am aware of at the moment.	
9/26/2021 10:39	Dade		No	No							Manatees		
9/26/2021 10:40	Seminole		No	No					That restoring the river will lead to return of migratory fish, connecting ecosystems, lead to more warm waters for the manatees which is necessary for their survival in the cooler months.		The manatees have had a devastating year and need more areas for warm water survival, this area would especially be helpful as the lack of development, human interaction would hopefully be associated with pure, clean waters with ample seagrass growth to sustain them through the seasons.	Stop the amount of development throughout the entire state. I am a Native Floridian and just hate what the almighty $$$ has done to ruin this beautiful state. There was a song in 1970 with a line 'paved paradise, put up a parking lot', that is what the politicians have allowed to happen to this wonderful state.	
9/26/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other		No	No							Manatees would suffer	No	
9/26/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other	Schess County, Poughkeepsie, NY 126	No	No					Have it designated as a protected area for Manatees and other wildlife.	The gentle giants need our protection because it's human interaction in a negative way that is diminishing their numbers	Manatees will have to struggle on their own to make it in the wild where humans vote in their propellers strike the manatees and pollute the water they live in	The manatees need protection point blank	
9/26/2021 10:41	Outside of state / other	St Paul	No	No					I would like to see a restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for Florida's people and wildlife.
9/26/2021 10:41	Palm Beach		No	No					I want to make sure that the manatee population is always protected.	Statistical evidence of Manatee deaths every year.	We will continue to see an escalation of Manatee deaths.		
9/26/2021 10:42	Sarasota		No	No									
9/26/2021 10:43	Putnam		No	No					I would like to see it taken down to restore the waterways	It's what is best for the environment	Concerns for the well being of the environment and wildlife	No	
9/26/2021 10:43	Volusia		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
9/26/2021 10:43	Brevard		No	No					It's past time to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs,	Restoring the riverway by removing portions of the dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and Silver Springs, and restore a riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	This may be our last chance to restore the riverway. We need to restore habitat for manatees who are dying in record numbers.		
9/26/2021 10:44	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No					Remove key portions to re-establish essential habitats for manatees and other migratory fish species	Dam was constructed for something that was then not completed and has caused damage to the local ecosystem	Is that the ecosystem is irreperably damaged and many species of wildlife are damged or disappear entirely	No	We are a critical moment in history where we have a chance to right the wrongs of the past in the way we treat the world we have been given as caretakers. We must not delay or it will be catastrophic. Every action helps.
9/26/2021 10:44	Flagler		No	No					Clean up	Wildlife dying	More death	Stop pollution	
9/26/2021 10:45	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No									
9/26/2021 10:45	Nassau		No	No					I would like to see the the Great FL Waterway restored. Believe us will help save the manatees and other wildlife.	We don't do enough to save our wildlife. We need to do more before certain species become extinct.	Our wildlife, especially the manatees will no longer exist. They are beautiful creatures that humans continue to not respect. It is very disturbing to see what is happening to our environment. Very, very sad.	No, we need to start putting our wildlife first for a change.	Please help to save our wildlife. We can't do it without you. I'm concerned what we are living for our future generations. Climate change is real. We need to act now. We can no longer deny our world is changing and not for the better. Thank you for listening.
9/26/2021 10:46	Outside of state / other	surprise az	No	No					restoration	freedom for manatees	continued decline in manatee pop		
9/26/2021 10:46	Outside of state / other	Pearland, Texas	No	No									
9/26/2021 10:46	Seminole		No	No					I would like to see if removed so that it will restore manatee waterways.	Save The Manatees has researched what removing key parts of this dam will do and all of the benefits will only improve it's water systems and also help manatees.	That the dam will continue to block off essential waterways and also continue to flood farmland.	Removing key parts of the dam if not the whole thing, that will at least help this situation.	
9/26/2021 10:46	Outside of state / other	Salem Ohio	No	No									I'm from out of state. So I have no comment
9/26/2021 10:46	Outside of state / other	Charleston, SC	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. 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9/26/2021 10:47	Outside of state / other	Sonoma County, California	No	No									I have never been to Florida and have never actually seen a manatee except in photos and films. Still, I find them fascinating, unique and adorable. I want them to be protected for future generations; their extinction would be a tremendous loss for Florida and the entire world.
9/26/2021 10:48	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Get rid of the dam	Our fish, water and wildlife	We will lose native fish and manatees	No	
9/26/2021 10:49	Outside of state / other	Louisiana	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it restored.	I want to protect that wonderful natural wildlife that live in the area.	Wildlife losing their natural habitat and dying.	It needs to protect the wildlife, especially the manatees.	
9/26/2021 10:49	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	It should be removed, and the river allowed to run its natural course.	Because the dam blocks the natural flow of the river, it disrupts natural fish and wildlife migration, hurts the overall ecosystem, and has disconnected critical habitats. With development and pollution threatening so much of Florida's natural ecosystem already, this is an opportunity to right a wrong and do some good. Especially when we have record manatee deaths from starvation, the dam poses a threat to them that can be easily fixed.	Manatees go extinct, other species follow, the entire ocklawaha ecosystem suffers, and we lose the opportunity. The few special interest businesses that benefit from the dam have been fighting this forever, but it's time to stop catering to the few and look at the big picture. Many more ecotourism, fishing and other business opportunities would be created by a restored, healthy ecosystem.	No	
9/26/2021 10:49	Hillsborough		No	No					Increased funding for conservation projects	The increasing lack of vegetation	Manatee deaths	Progress of any kind toward ongoing conservation efforts	
9/26/2021 10:50	Indian River		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, manatees and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/26/2021 10:51	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the Oklawaha River	The dam has a huge impact on the natural environment: rivers, springs, and wetlands. As with other manmade obstacles, dams thwart the natural migration of wildlife. Breaching the dam would do a great deal to restore habitat and balance the ecosystem.	A huge missed opportunity to help our manatees which have had a horrible year. We need to do as much as possible to provide habitat for them wherever and whenever we can. The dam is just one more obstacle for them to overcome ... an unnecessary and expensive obstacle at that.	No!	I moved to Florida largely because of the natural environment and the critters that inhabit it. Since coming here, it seems as though the "powers that be" are working overtime to destroy as much of that as possible. Getting rid of this old and unnecessary dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River is one way to bring hope for a better future for residents and wildlife.
9/26/2021 10:51	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing					
9/26/2021 10:52	Dade		No	No					Remove the dam to restore the 20 springs that need the water, restoring our fisheries, and provide more habitat for manatees.	The good that will happen to Florida by doing this. We have the needed funds, interest from public is high, and so much good will come of this dam removal. Let the waters flow free	That our environment will continue to degrade, and animals, fishes, birds and the waterways will suffer.		
9/26/2021 10:53	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Other: To view the damage it is causing by reducing fresh water flow	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and thereby restoring fresh water flow.	Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Cost would be much less to breach the Dam rather than continuing to maintain it. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	In today's world, money comes first. Save money by breaching the dam. But to me personally, the environment comes first. Save the flora and fauna by restoring freshwater. Give our environment and our people back our blue waters to enjoy!
9/26/2021 10:53	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam	So that wildlife and fish can flourish.	Wildlife disappears.	NO	
9/26/2021 10:53	Dade		No	No					Not sure	Not sure	Not sure	Not surely	
9/26/2021 10:53	Lake		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic	Significant damage to the ecosystem and the wildlife that are apart of it	Protections for wildlife and measures put in place to ensure they have a safe existence	
9/26/2021 10:54	Outside of state / other	Decatur, IL	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing					
9/26/2021 10:54	Brevard		No	No					It removed and natural waterways restored going forward.	That water quality is improved when natural waterways are restored. Wildlife returns and thrives.	That Florida's natural resources are going to continue to degrade and reducing human quality of life.	Maybe depending upon the amount of restoration occurring.	
9/26/2021 10:54	Broward		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Other: viewing	Next up	what is going on with the ecosystem	loss of our manatees.	don't know	
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9/26/2021 10:55	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Campinf					
9/26/2021 10:56	Osceola		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	For too long, this area has been neglected and, for the sake of all nature, needs to be transformed back into how it was decades ago. Wildlife deserves a chance of survival: wildlife needs to be with us forever.
9/26/2021 10:58	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times		Use the marijuana plant to get rid of red tide and other chemical mess killing our wild life stop being such a jerk about what is right	Use the marijuana plant to clean up our water	Stupidity of the Floridas fish and wildlife and other idiots who want the status quote	Byes the anoce	Stop being the status quo. Scientists have fallen into the political trap. Stop it. Be bold

9/26/2021 10:58	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I do not use it. I went there to check it out.	The Rodman Damn is falling apart, and has outlived its life span. I would like to see the damn breached in stages (nothing radical all at once). We should not as FL taxpayers pay to build a new damn.	The dam restricts the natural flow of the Ocklawaha, and the natural migration of fish into the Silver River. The University of FL study shows that there will be more fish, more diversity of fish and more manatees in the Silver River if the dam is breached. It also shows enhanced economic growth by breaching the damn. There will actual be more fishing opportunities by breaching the dam..The dam is causing hundreds of manatees to be unnaturaly landlocked at Blue Spring State Park. The period drawdown, in which toxic herbicides are sprayed, is horrible.	Biggest concerns are the continued degradation of the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, and the continued toxic pesticides that are sprayed into the water, that we eventually drink.	Partial bricgdown of the Rodman Damn. Give it a while and see how it transpires. Please note that in the fishing tournaments at Rodman Dam - the participants are going outside of the Rodman Reservoir to catch their fish and then bringing it back to the reservoir to claim their trophy. There are videos that support this.	There are many recreational areas within Ocala National Forest to be enjoyed aside from Rodman Dam. We cannot play to the few squatters who built homes out there and in doing so - destroy our environment in the long run. The Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers are some of the most endangered rivers in America - due to dam. There are examples all over the country where dams were breached and things were much better after that.
9/26/2021 10:59	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Parents used to have property on it	Restore it back to the way nature intended	Balanced ecosystem & manatees	Manatees	Not sure, but open to listen	
9/26/2021 10:59	Monroe		No	No					The best possible solution to eliminate the eutrophication of the waters that the manatee depend on for their food.	The number of manatees starving in the Indian Harbor.	The extinction of this species.	As long as the manatee are able to survive. I am not sure if there is a solution, but I know Florida is a very fragile environment full of delicate waterways that should never have had fertilizers dumped into them.	
9/26/2021 11:00	Flagler		No	No					Removed	Environmental impact	Environmental and habitat damage	Not sure	
9/26/2021 11:00	Broward		No	No					the reunification of The Great Florida waterway system	the various ramifications of reuniting the various rivers involved for the overall betterment of this ecosystem in Florida	The continued degradation of this potential waterway system	it's better to go all the way and put nature back to its original evolved intelligence that time and nature had created.	The few advantages that ideas purport usually destroy other variables that the intentions of the planners could not foresee due to the bigger picture.
9/26/2021 11:01	Seminole		No	No					Whatever is necessary to keep negative environmental impact at the absolute minimum.	Overgrown throughout the entire state.	The impact on local wildlife.	No	
9/26/2021 11:01	Palm Beach		No	No					Return to natural state to benefit wildlife and not big business	Save the Manatee Club	Well, humanity is doomed anyway so it'll just delay a return to nature.	No	None
9/26/2021 11:02	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 11:02	Polk		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Look at the dam and surrounding area.	I want the dam and reservoir to be removed and the river and habitat restored.	The river should have never been dammed in the first place. Dams are destructive to habitat and connectivity for wildlife. Removal of the dam and reservoir would restore 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor for wildlife and people.	Taxpayer money being wasted to support the dam and reservoir primarily for single use management - bass fishing. Millions would be spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or have any other broad public benefit.	No. The dam and reservoir need to be removed. It's 50 years overdue!	It's absolutely ridiculous that the dam and reservoir have not been removed and the river and habitat restored before now. This is a no-brainer. Do it!
9/26/2021 11:02	Volusia		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier	Save our Manatees! If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 11:03	Outside of state / other	Flagstaff, AZ	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 11:03	Bradford		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Too much of nature is being destroyed or has been destroyed by humans.	Preservation			Preservation of these precious areas.	
9/26/2021 11:04	Escambia		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove part of the dam (breach) to make the river free flowing again. Constructed for the cross-Florida barge canal it was never used or needed. This dam is not generating electricity or managing flood control.	I am a Florida native, born and raised in Florida and I strongly believe it's time to preserve a piece of Old Florida. With so much development and so many people moving to and now living in Florida -- can't we roll back the clock on this? Seems a "vocal group of bass fishermen" outweigh the larger public and environmental good.	That this long overdo correction of an ill-conceived idea continue to be dragged out until after I'm dead. Seems like the bass fishers have decision makers in their pockets. Disgusting!	No, absolutely NOT ! This foot-dragging has carried on for far too long. Reports indicate this dam is old and potentially dangerous.	Enough is enough - what is it going to take to partially breach this damn and get the river back to free flowing? This has been going on for what, 40 years or more? Long as I can remember.
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9/26/2021 11:07	Outside of state / other	Richmond VA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Climate change is having effects all over the world and we need to do what we can to reverse it or to at least minimize what damage could take place here.
9/26/2021 11:09	Outside of state / other	Lafayette, LA	No	No									
9/26/2021 11:10	Duval		No	No					Turn into a manatee rehab center	Manatee environment protection	Loss of manatees		
9/26/2021 11:13	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
9/26/2021 11:13	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Unfortunately, No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/26/2021 11:13	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the wet lands for manatees and other wildlife.	The canal was never completed anyway!!!	Wildlife dying.	No	
9/26/2021 11:14	Manatee		No	No									
9/26/2021 11:14	Dade		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking	Let the river flow, destroy the dam. Fish, wildlife ,forests will thrive. Anglers, canoeists, campers , we all will be so happy. It is good for the local economy!	All the Sierra Club and other organizations repeated publications and efforts!!	We are doomed.		We need to restore our planet, save what we can for future generations,
9/26/2021 11:14	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Other: 20 years ago Wildlife viewing	Connect them.	I feel it is the natural way and would restore habitat, for example, for manatees.	Loss of many of our precious manatees.	I can't think of any.	beginning at home, the everglades, our rivers.
9/26/2021 11:15	Manatee		No	No					Breach the dam to reunite he Ocklawaha, St. Johns, Silver Rivers and Silver Springs to restore the Great Florida Riverways. Removing key portions of the dam will reestablish access to essential habitat for manatees and migratory fish.	Manatees are dying in record numbers. Many are dying of starvation from loss of seagrass and habitat, along with boat strikes and cold stress. Manatees status should NEVER have been downgraded from endangered to threatened. Government findings to downgrade manatee status were inaccurate. We are the voice for the manatees, and we need to speak out to protect them.	My biggest concern is that the manatee population will continue to decline in record numbers. The manatee species cannot survive without food and warm waters habitats.	NO	The Florida waters are the home to manatees and many other local marine species. The waters are NOT OUR HOME. The waters are for us to enjoy, but not to disturb or do harm to the creatures that reside in them. FWC needs to advocate more for our waters and its inhabitants and enforce the rules for the waterways more stringently. The waterway rules should advocate for the marine life over recreational use of boaters, kayakers, anglers, etc.
9/26/2021 11:16	Brevard		No	No									

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9/26/2021 11:18	Brevard		No	No					Get rid of the damn dam! Restore the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Loss of even more manatees.	Nope.	
9/26/2021 11:19	Broward		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Manatees losing their life, when already so many are dying	not that I am aware of	
9/26/2021 11:19	Duval		No	No					whatever helps wildlife, especially the manatees	we need to do our part to repair the damage we've done to the environment and give animals, plants, and ecosystems the best chance to recover	further damage to the ecosystems impacted by the dam		
9/26/2021 11:20	Sumter		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove and restore river	Zero ecological positives to dam and reservoir. Many ecological and economic positives to investing in removal.	Invasive species and water quality degradation.	None known to me	You don't need any more studies to see the cost/benefits of removal outweighs the cost/ benefit of maintaining dam and lock system. Big bass fishing has limited support and benefits. Shellfish impacts of the dam alone are much more important. Restoration of the estuary is imperative.
9/26/2021 11:22	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam, clean up the waters & restore the river.		Possibility of manatees being on the brink of extinction due to stagnant water & rising temperatures, and loss of food supplies.	Removal of the dam and allowing the river to flow naturally.	
9/26/2021 11:24	Indian River		No	No					Let the water flow naturally between the springs.	Springs/manatee health	Decline of manatee habitat		
9/26/2021 11:24	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Manatees moving back to the Silver River	https://greatfloridariverway.com/student-showcase/?fbclid=IwAR0FkMXyKgkPLrUGlaibkrF4Bwk5JEfMSlIYIoF3hQCLV9NBOowFA8YGJGI=n3Y	MORE Manatee deaths due to starvation. Aquatic vegetation choked Ocklawaha and the use of herbicides to control	Drawdown of the Ocklawaha, put up temporary barricade while a breach of the dam is made, remove the temporary barricade and allow the Ocklawaha River to have nature take its course and be amazed.	The Kirkpatrick Dam is documented as failing: The documented imminent failure: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0-GWcpO1oE
9/26/2021 11:25	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: jus to see the impact.	Tear it down and restore the previous flow of the river.	The depletion of the natural flow of the river and it's impact on the native species of fish and the development of algae blooms from the interruption of the natural flow of the river.	The further degradation of our aquifer and the eventual loss of native fish and wildlife.	None.	
9/26/2021 11:25	Osceola		No	No									
9/26/2021 11:26	Outside of state / other	ann arbor, michigan	No	No					SURVIVE with clean water and a healthy environmental habitat for all living creatures	polluted waters, death and destruction all around....UNSAFE for man nor beast	the environment gets even worse to the point of no return	no.....enough will never be enough to restore what has already happened.....once a dead fish, always a dead fish.	demand justise and never give up!!! MAKE SURE CULPRITS PAY FOR THE DESTUCTION THEY CAUSED. ..... THANK YOU for all that you are doing
9/26/2021 11:27	Dade		No	No					Remove the dam	The ability for manatees and fish to migrate through the springs.	Fish populations are down 92% and manatees are endangered. Habitat destruction is more and more common	No	
9/26/2021 11:28	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 11:38	Indian River		No	No									Whatever is necessary to maintain the lives of all manatees is extremely important to me.
9/26/2021 11:29	Hillsborough		No	No					Best interest for manatees	All needless deaths because of toxic Florida waters being allowed	removing political insanity	remove murderers of our wildlife and environment	
9/26/2021 11:39	Brevard		No	No					Removed	Healthy ecosystems and rivers need natural water level fluctuations to maintain healthy wetland ecosystems	Continued degradation of water quality and biodiversity in the local area	No	
9/26/2021 11:31	Dade		No	No					I have not visited, but lam informed about what is happening. We need an ecoenvironment solution in order to finish with the problem for the Nature and our drinking water.	Treath to the Nature and the people	Drinkable water and Ecosystem	Plans with science and professional support.	
9/26/2021 11:31	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 11:32	Citrus		No	No					Restoration of natural rivers	Native animals are suffering with all the development of FL.	Native wildlife.		Save the manatee and other wildlife.
9/26/2021 11:33	Brevard		No	No					I would like the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam breached to restore the Ocklawaha River. We have a florida period of time to restore this waterway for our wildlife. In addition, it will help with cleaner water, reduce potential taxpayer expenses and create additional water recreation areas to support our increasing population.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	Total extinction of wild manatees and other species. If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No.	We are obligated as stewards of this states wild spaces and species to act in their interests for them and for future generations. I do not want to be part of a generation that destroyed the possibility of clean air and water and the beauty of our natural surroundings and wildlife. Do you? As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 11:33	Nassau		No	No					restored back to re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems	the canal was NEVER completed and the ecosystem would benefit our commitment to protected what makes Florida special.	some species that are endangered and struggling will continue to decline.	allowing some points to be restored	
9/26/2021 11:33	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Dam down	So the manatees can go thru			
9/26/2021 11:34	Brevard		No	No					Remove key portions of the dam	Seeing too many manatees dying and rivers not flowing to establish natural habitats for sea life, etc.	More sea life, wild life and vegetation would perish. The dam was never needed in the first place.	No.	
9/26/2021 11:34	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Hunting	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/26/2021 11:34	Outside of state / other	Placer County California	No	No					Reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs waterways.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Loss of habitat for manatees.		
9/26/2021 11:36	Pinellas		No	No					Please keep this important riverway open for wildlife.				
9/26/2021 11:41	Leon		No	Yes				Other: I don't use the reservoir. If it was restored, I would bird watch and kayak the river system. I would show the restored river to my two grandsons who are just beginning to explore natural Florida.	The Kirkpatrick dam needs to be removed. This is an incredible opportunity to restore a beautiful river system for all Floridians.	I could write you an essay on this, but don't think that it is needed. You know the reasons. We have all known the reasons for forty years - water quality improvement, restoration of one of the most beautiful riders in Florida, expansion of manatee habitat, increased fishing diversity, reduction of maintenance costs for the dam and reservoir, safety reasons, expanded economic options for local governments, accessibility to other species and recovery of all the lost springs. All these reasons and more justify the removal of the dam and restoration of the river system.	The continued loss of all the above benefits to Floridians and wildlife. This is a state resource, as all Florida rivers are. It has been managed as a local fishing hole for way too long. It is time to free the river for all Floridians. It was a Florida treasure. It is managed as a reservoir, which in no universe is a treasure except for a limited number of fishermen.	NO. Please don't suggest that there is a compromise that leads to a viable river system. There isn't. I find it insulting that water managers, who are amongst the most highly qualified scientists in the state of Florida would make such a suggestion. PS The title of this survey suggests that you are most interested in local feedback. This sounds like you are assigning more importance to what locals want then other Floridians. This will of course lead you to the same old conclusion...locals like it for fishing, so no need to restore it. If this was put to a state wide vote, it overwhelmingly would be for removal of the dam and restoration. Restore it!	
9/26/2021 11:43	Outside of state / other	Sunriver, Oregon	No	No					I would like to see the waterways restored for the sake of the natural environment, especially the manatees.	Based on the information provided by the Save the Manatee Club, the natural ecology would greatly benefit from restoration of the waterways.	That the impact of past interference in the natural flow of the land and waters will forever leave the animals of the area struggling to survive.	I am not seeing how a dam can be only half removed, so no, I don't see a compromise.	
9/26/2021 11:47	Outside of state / other	grew up in Florida...family there still	No	No					protection of wildlife and all species habitat.	Water quality and availability for all species, including humans.	Above...	A clarification as to the justification for why denigrate water quality and overall health of all sentient beings.	If priority number one were QUALITY of life for now and for the next seven generations, this would not be a debate.
9/26/2021 11:48	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, restore the river. It never should have been there in the first place.	Huge ongoing costs for maintaining the dam and impoundment cannot be justified against the benefits to a relatively small group of the fishing public (and the even smaller group who derive income there). Especially when you consider the economic benefit of removal. There is no respectable study that has ever said the impoundment is worth its cost. All economic benefit claims are picked out of thin air. What is really comical is that the winners of most of the fishing tournaments in the area caught their fish in the St Johns River, not the impoundment. Serious scientific and economic studies both say we all (and especially the surrounding environment) will be better off with the dam removed.	Cost and continued environmental degradation.	No. If the dam isn't removed or totally breached soon either we have to spend a huge amount of money to basically rebuild a mistake or there is a unanticipated dam failure in the future which will cause untold problems.	I fished the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers before the dam and they were wonderful places to boat and fish. Not so much now, believe it or not. Dam removal help the environment in many many ways. Probably bring better fishing and a larger variety of fish. The specious claims otherwise, that dam and impoundment offer nothing good other than a convenient spot to fish. There is no need now or in the future for such an impoundment. Study what real science says about the situation. Don't deny science the way so many people in government seem prone to do. The barge canal was a bad idea and the impoundment is a costly problem that can and should go away.
9/26/2021 11:48	Outside of state / other	oles, CA, former resident of Seminole	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Ocklawaha River restoration will improve the Silver Springs ecosystem as well as downstream water quality. The impact will be beneficial to Florida wildlife such as manatees, as well as residents and tourists who flock to Florida for its natural beauty, unique wildlife, and recreational opportunities at springs and waterways. So, the benefits are both ecological and economical.	My biggest concern is that manatees are dying in alarmingly huge numbers in the past year. If the dam is not breached, allowing manatees unninhibited passage to warm water discharges necessary for their survival, numbers may decline further and this threatened, vulnerable species could become endangered again. Furthermore, overall water quality and ecosystem health is my concern. The dam helps fuel blue green algae events, fish kills (fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%), invasive weed blockages, and the loss of underwater vegetation. All of this is detrimental to the ecosystem as well as recreational and economic opportunities for residents and tourists.	I could not support another outcome like temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 ft. mean sea level. A drawdown will not result in unobstructed water flow, which is critical for improving water quality and the health of ecosystems, as well as allowing manatees unobstructed passage to critical warm water habitats.	At least 841 manatees died in Florida waters during Jan. 1-July 2, 2021, making 2021 the deadliest year on record for Florida's manatees. At this critical moment, now is the time to act to help ensure the situation for Florida's manatees improves. Since Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to stay warm in winter, breaching the dam is vital to allow them unobstructed access to Silver Springs. Additionally, breaching the dam will restore 20 lost "drowned" springs in the Ocklawaha, providing critical warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. The health and vitality of Florida's waterways and ecosystems depends on you. I wholeheartedly thank you very much for your consideration.
9/26/2021 11:53	Nassau		No	No					Breach the reservoir and dam	Old dams are dangerous and have created more problems every year- they are outdated and no longer helpful	More and more manatees will be dead because water flow is being cut off and both animals and humans have been impacted due to failure to solve problems.no	no	Dams all over the US are being dismantled and cleaned up- Do your research and help make Florida a state that is ahead of another greater cleanup problem.
9/26/2021 11:54	Manatee		No	No					Restore the riverway by removing portions of the dam	Re-establishing the habitat for manatees	Loss of more manatees.	no	
9/26/2021 11:55	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoring the Riverway by removing key portions of this dam to re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees.	Manatees are dying.	Manatees will continue to die.	Don;t know	
9/26/2021 11:57	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Dismantled	Cross Florida barge canal does not exist	Water management doesn't serve natural watershed		
9/26/2021 11:58	Outside of state / other	Rochester, NY	No	No									
9/26/2021 12:00	Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 12:01	Palm Beach		No	No					Bring back the water ways to their normal flow	Manatee and fish and other wildlife return	The loss of life in the ecosystem	No	Get it done
9/26/2021 12:04	Outside of state / other		No	No						Restoration of the Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	I am extremely concerned about the plight of endangered ecosystems in FL.	No.	

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9/26/2021 12:06	Putnam	No	Yes	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	The existing ecosystem live in the current status of the waterways. Changing that will affect what is there trying to get back what used to be. I say leave it alone	I have grown up here and experience first hand the benefits	The ecosystem would be effected in unreversable ways		
9/26/2021 12:06	Alachua	No	Yes	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 12:06	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No			whatever is needed to help protect manatees and their environment	I have been and continue to be concerned about all matters related to the environment, but especially the state of fresh water throughout the world.	Most immediately the demise of manatees. Long term the effects on the river system in Florida in general.	Any beginning steps toward completion would be a good start.	
9/26/2021 12:09	St Johns	No	Yes	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as it is.	The fishing is awesome, kayaking is out of this world.	The destruction of what I believe is the best fishing and kayaking in Florida. I've been visiting that area for 25+ years and spend a lot of money for bait food and lodging	Negative	Leave it alone.
9/26/2021 12:09	Marion	No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	I would like to see the go away and it returned to its natural state.	Nature	Negative impacts on nature and wasted recourses maintaining the dams.	No	
9/26/2021 12:13	Outside of state / other	idence, RI (but I used to live in Miami	No	No			I would like to see them restored to the natural riverway.	It will re-establish traditional access to essential manatee habitats	That these natural habitats will never be restored	Any restoration would be better than no restoration. But, obviously, the more you restore, the better the outcomes will be for the natural environment.	The manatees are endangered and a Florida treasure. Anything that you can do to help them will be positive.
9/26/2021 12:15	Marion	No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dams and let the oklawaha return to its natural state	Wildlife will benefit from a healthier oklawaha	Wasted resources on maintaining the dam and reservoir	No	
9/26/2021 12:16	Broward	No	Yes				Boating	I would like for the breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River.	The Rodman Dam prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prevents hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	My biggest, but not the only, concern is that we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas.	No. Breaching the dam many years overdue.	
9/26/2021 12:20	Outside of state / other	Easton PA.	No	No				Restore the Great Florida Riverway	Starving and freezing animals	All of our futures	No	
9/26/2021 12:25	Alachua	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 12:28	Broward	No	No					I would like to see the reuniting of the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs-The Great	I feel that this restoration would have enormous long-term benefits for the struggling manatees, other wildlife and people.	My biggest concern is that the manatees are in desperate need of a long-term and dependable food source. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam would provide the much-needed solutions.	In this situation, I am unable to think of solution to completely solve the problem other than breaching the dam.	I am in hopes that above mentioned suggestions can be acted upon in short fashion, as time is of the essance. Thank you.
9/26/2021 12:33	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No	No								
9/26/2021 12:33	Brevard	No	No					Tear down the dam to allow manatees to migrate through this waterway.	Manatees are dying by the hundreds. Every effort must be made to allow them to migrate freely to access waters with sufficient food for them to thrive.	My concern is that more manatees might die.	No.	
9/26/2021 12:38	Lee	No	No					allow h20 to flow to assist nature as it should be	just what i read	use a Manatee	anna17	
9/26/2021 12:41	Broward	No	No					Would like to see strategic breaches made to restore the Great Florida Riverway by uniting the rivers once again.	Reestablishing critical habitat for fish and wildlife, especially manatees. Manatees are dying at an alarming rate, many of them from starvation as their food source is being destroyed by chemicals and pollution.	Wildlife in Florida is being endangered at alarming rates, we must begin acting on responsible solutions.	Strategically breaching the dam appears to be only long term solution for wildlife and people. The dam has no purpose today.	We as Floridians are so concerned about the destruction of critical habitat for fish, manatees and people. We have to begin to fix these problems with long term solutions.
9/26/2021 12:43	Hillsborough	No	Yes	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam adversely affects, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. 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9/26/2021 12:44	Palm Beach	No	No									
9/26/2021 12:47	Broward	No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Keeping it clean and drive of motor vehicles sı h as boats and not to dump waste into the reservior/dam	The manatees that visit/live there.	That humanity is selfish and uncaring of nature. Nature hd the man Tres were there before humans.		
9/26/2021 12:49	Citrus	No	No					Restoration	Save the Manatee	environmental and manatee protections		
9/26/2021 12:49	Outside of state / other	WI	No	No				The Kirkpatrick Dam needs to be taken down so as to restorte the Great Florida Riverway. This would benefit not only manatees, but many other threatened and endangered species.	The plight of Florida's manatees.	Extinction of multiple species of wildlife.		
9/26/2021 12:52	Outside of state / other	No	No					See the area restored for manatees and wildlife by breaching the dam.	The dam has already its life expectancy. By removing the dam, manatees could seek refuge during cold months and fish could migrate. The increased wildlife attract tourism which would be a bene for the local economy.	Repairing the dam would be a waste of taxpayer money and not serve any purpose. Whereas, we have the unique opportunity to help save the manatees by providing them with refuge.	No, breaching the dam is necessary. However, a drawn would prevent an unexpected failure until the dam can be removed but provides no long term benefit	What makes me come to Florida is its unique wildlife and ecosystems. Help preserve that for future generations.
9/26/2021 12:52	Duval	No	No					ng the manatees in any possible restoration which is to be left to the manatees as well as other	ı to the manatees as well as other	The danger my presents for manatees and wildlife.	Anything to help or preserve the manatees and their future.	
9/26/2021 12:56	St Johns	No	No					I prefer the natural flow of water.	I hope to help keep Florida as natural as possible.	My biggest concern is the loss of natural habit .		
9/26/2021 12:57	Broward	No	No					Protect manatees	We enjoy watching manatees on the Intracoastal in Fort Lauderdale	Sadness		

9/26/2021 12:58	Outside of state / other	Berkley, MA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 13:00	Outside of state / other	Washington State	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkey, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.
9/26/2021 13:02	Outside of state / other	Maricopa County,Glendale, Arizona	No	No					Something to preserve animal sanctuaries.	Too much land development in areas that shrink areas for precious animals.	The loss of more natural land and animal species...		
9/26/2021 13:03	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove them and restore the natural water flow of the area.	The science clearly proves that restoring the natural water flow is beneficial for the ecosystem, not to mentioning endangered manatees.	A missed opportunity to boost the ecotourism of the area and the long term viability of the ecosystem.	No.	
9/26/2021 13:03	Outside of state / other	Cumberland WI	No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		To never let anything that could harm the excistance of manatees to end. Protect wildlife as it has been intended to be.clear watered	Clear waters and to help with all marine animal wildlife	Loss on Manatees	After retirement to help SMC organization with rehabilitation	I've lived my whole life watching the Norther part of the USA save the bald eagles and it's time to protect the manatees as well.
9/26/2021 13:06	Sumter		No	Yes					Restore the river connections to support wildlife access/habitat.	Manatees need assistance to survive and this would provide more habitat for them.	Manatees will not be provided additional habitat support		I don't know
9/26/2021 13:07	St Lucie		No	No		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Opening the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs as habitat restoration which would water quality broadly.	Scientific sources (journal articles), NGO whitepapers produced by scientific research staff, agency scientists (e.g. FWC, FDEP, etc).	Cascade ecological failure of aquatic habitats which will invariably impact terrestrial habitats as well. Florida's overall ecology is unique on the continent, and the problems created by increasing the resident human population can/should no longer be avoided or rephrased in ways which refuse to acknowledge that fact and the attendant problems high populations present.	Placing caps on incoming population levels? Strengthening environmental pollution laws, water quality standards, and wildling real and stringent enforcement powers for individuals, corporations, and industries alike, fairly?	
9/26/2021 13:08	Duval		No	No					Open up the natural water system being blocked by what is described as a non-beneficial dam.	Literature and analysis of the issue.	A missed opportunity to help sustain Florida's eco system and support it's wildlife.	Cannot answer without knowing options, alternate recommendations and reasoning behind them.	Without humans, wildlife would thrive; without wildlife, humans would die. It is in the best interest of all concerned parties to keep in mind the big picture of the balance of nature and our role as humans to be responsible in decisions we make affecting our natural habitat.
9/26/2021 13:09	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)		Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of water.	Removing the dam will actually improve recreational opportunities and benefit the native species that are now hampered by the dam.	Continued herbicide applications to aquatic vegetation along with denying the native species a healthy habitat.	No	
9/26/2021 13:10	Volusia		No	No					Gather enough elected officials to make it happen	Engineering studies	More of the same Florida environmental damage	don't know	
9/26/2021 13:12	Outside of state / other	31522	No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	I am a frequent birder in the coastal Georgia area and I have traveled to areas of FL simply to see manatees and enjoy their gentle presence.I would appreciate their opportunities to use these marine areas. My understanding is that the Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 13:12	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation, and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mg of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow, and an unobstructed blue way.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is the loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 13:17	Outside of state / other	USA	No	No					Restore the river so manatees can live and thrive. Take down the dam.	Research	Death for hundreds, perhaps thousands , of manatees and other related creatures	no	Do the right thing. Save the creatures that "share the earth" with humans. It's not just about "what works best for humans." ALL CREATURES MATTER!
9/26/2021 13:20	Outside of state / other	Maine	No	No					Open up the original waterways	Restoring the natural waterways and protect and help all wildlife	The continual destruction of natural habitat		
9/26/2021 13:22	Outside of state / other	New York, NY	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Also millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Lastly, The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. But a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a frequent Florida visitor who loves the wildlife there, I urge you to restore the Ocklawaha River. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you.
9/26/2021 13:22	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove dam and reconnect river with the reservoir.	The death of manatees if you removed the dams it would help their food source.	Even hire death rate of manatee.		
9/26/2021 13:23	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Think for one second about our planet and the animals on it instead of power and money.
9/26/2021 13:25	Outside of state / other	Santa Monica	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
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9/26/2021 13:31	Manatee		No	No						Nature is first and foremost	Nature before humans		
9/26/2021 13:39	Orange		No	No						Take it out and free the Ocklawaha!	the manatees need access to more food and open waterways		Thank you!
9/26/2021 13:40	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Enjoy hiking on Florida trail and bird watching			Open the dam to restore the natural river environment	The dammed river will not provide the ecological diversity needed to sustain a long term healthy environment	No	
9/26/2021 13:41	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing		Take it out and restore the natural hydrology of the river	The ecosystem of the river and surrounding environs will continue to degrade because of the extended, unnatural hydroperiod which stifles vegetative diversity and leads to a monocultural habitat that benefits far less wildlife than would be under a free-flowing Oklawaha River that existed before the US government decided we needed to essentially split Florida in half for maritime shipping efficacy. It was a bad idea then and it's even worse now given how much our knowledge of aquatic ecosystems has improved in the decades since this boondoggle was built.	During the drawdown periods, it is obvious that wildlife usage of the river floodplain increases dramatically. Once reflooded, you basically have a deepwater reservoir with little benefit to the larger food chain but mostly benefitting a small group of special interests such as fishermen.	I suppose the next best outcome would be to physically leave the dam infrastructure and simply "pull out the weirs" and let it flow. This is a half measure since the dam is an impediment to some wildlife but I think this would be the only "Plan B" acceptable to me.	What are we waiting for to get this done? Political gerrymandering has kept this project in place for decades, long past the time when it should have been excised from the Oklawaha River floodplain ecosystem.
9/26/2021 13:42	Outside of state / other	Daphne , Al	No	No									
9/26/2021 13:48	Outside of state / other	Travis County, Texas	No	No						Abandon the plan and devote those resources toward improving existing businesses along the existing waterways. Improvements can include those to water treatment and usage.	The development of dams in Texas (and other states) has resulted in large scale financial damage to communities downriver from the impoundments. The reservoirs themselves have suffered from tremendous siltation and localized eutrophication. Large scale lake over by invasive species (both plant and animal) have diminished recreational use of the reservoirs. Populations of native species of plants and animals have been lost to invasive (pest) species.	Loss of habitat (down river) and opportunities for communities to enjoy the natural waterways. During periods of drought, waterways below dams often have minimal flow or , in some cases, no flow.	Inform communities around the proposed reservoir about efficient use of water in order to minimize the demand for more water. Work with businesses and community leaders to improve their enjoyment of the existing waterways. Many areas of the country have native plants and animals which are an attraction to tourists as well as local residents. There is much that can be done to maintain these populations as well as improve access for people to enjoy them.	I have lived in states (Texas and Arizona!) where the construction of dams has produced very costly and ongoing problems for communities around the reservoir and for communities below the dam. These problems include loss of water quality, very large scale siltation, water quantity downriver and the need to find alternate water sources, loss of income and livelihood for populations downriver, and cost of clearing shallow areas in the reservoir of invasive plants.
9/26/2021 13:49	Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam and restore the waterway to natural flow.	The dam/reservoir was never used as intended. It has wiped out springs, disrupted normal water flow and adversely impacted wildlife and the environment. Additionally, it is an expensive to maintain eyesore.	Continued deterioration of the river system and environment including wildlife. Expensive maintenance and repair costs on a dam that has reached its lifespan.	No	
9/26/2021 13:49	Outside of state / other	but we own residential property in Bi	No	No					Remove them and restore the natural waterways. I am opposed to dams in principle.	Data on habitat destruction for manatees, birds, fish, untold plants, etc.	Further destruction of the Florida ecosystems on which we all depend.	Removing key portions in order to restore habitat and access.	I am a native Floridian. I've lived out of state for many years but have continued to spend a lot of time in FL and several years ago bought a house in Titusville. An important reason that I and many other people have visited or stayed in Florida is its natural beauty. If that beauty disappears, a lot of folks will leave. Apart from our moral and practical duty not to destroy the land that sustains us, restoring Florida's ecosystems would be a smart investment in the economic future of the state.
9/26/2021 13:52	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep it just the way it is.	The tourists dollars generated help support many small businesses in our area.	Loss of revenue.	Keep the dam. Close the locks and build a boat ramp on the lake side and the river side.	The removal of the dam has been a project for a small group of non Putnam county residents for years. They claim one of the reasons is poor water quality. It's my opinion that the real motive Rodman has been targeted is it's lack of homeowners. If this group should receive a favorable ruling allowing the removal of the dam then they could move up river to the Harris Chain,Kissimmee Chain and even Okeechobee.
9/26/2021 13:55	Volusia		No	No					Whatever is feasible to help the manatees and other aquatic residents.	...a video I watched about the loss of wildlife.	species dying out, water issues in the connecting lakes.	don't know	
9/26/2021 13:56	Volusia		No	No					remove portions of this dam to allow for improving our Great Florida riverway	Protect our environment by allowing wildlife to flourish in this area	Environmental impact	no	
9/26/2021 14:00	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	The fact that removing the dams would help the survival of manatees and other species	Manatees and other species of animals will die and go extinct		Please remove the dam so that manatees and other animals have the traditional habitat needed
9/26/2021 14:03	Outside of state / other	CT	No	No					Take down the dam.	Helping the manatees			
9/26/2021 14:05	Pinellas		No	No					It should be restored for the health of environment, stop any wastewater runoff and dumping.	Food source and clean, healthy water for manatees	Manatee starvation	No	Climate change and the current Florida government are destroying Florida.
9/26/2021 14:05	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: First hand look at the environmental disaster cause by the damming of the Ocklawaha River.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reconnect the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers! Breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, reconnect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from the Ocklawaha to the Atlantic. It would also restore 1000s of acres of forested floodplain wetlands essential for flood control. water quality and wildlife habitat.	A first hand look at the adverse effects of the dam including 1000s and 1000s of dead trees sticking up like skeletons in and a big un-natural lake full of non-native vegetation where there once was a beautiful river swamp.	Continued water quality degradation, permanent loss of a valuable wildlife corridor	No. No this dam has no purpose other than to provide habitat for game fish. There are many bass fishing lakes in north central Florida. Why support such large scale environmental destruction just so a relatively few people can catch fish for fun.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River can be a huge environmental "win" for north central Florida on par with the restoration of the Kissimmee River. With the many, many environmental challenges Florida faces, this is a great opportunity to restore the spectacular Ocklawaha River for generations to come, if we make it that long.
9/26/2021 14:05	Duval		No	No					Restored to original conditions	Growing concerns for obvious climate changes. We must preserve and protect all of our natural spaces for everyone, not manipulate just to please some.	The natural ecological systems of this area will be lost	No	
9/26/2021 14:07	Orange		No						Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the

9/26/2021 14:10	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 14:11	Outside of state / other	Santa Barbara California	No	No					I would like to see a complete removal of the dam as this will help to not only provide migratory access to manatees but will re-establish important ecosystems that will protect the area.	Research has shown that restoring the river will promote great changes. Historically manatees have traveled up and down the Ocklawaha River during migration season since there are many natural springs, such as Silver Springs they can inhabit. Because of the Rodman Dam, it is much harder for them to get to the natural springs. The Rodman Dam that created the Ocklawaha reservoir is also causing many additional problems for the surrounding habitats. Trees have been unable to grow and the river is filled with exotic vegetation which is causing the river to lose its normal homeostasis. If the river were to be restored to its natural state there would be greater fish diversity. The construction of the dam has eliminated and greatly reduced various fish species. Restoration of the river would help restore Silver Springs and allow the survival of fish such as the catfish and mullet. Additionally, this would decrease the amount of algae that is accumulating in the springs and killing vegetation both in and around the springs. Restoring the river would allow for natural water flow and help the movement of animals through the Osceola to the Ocala Wildlife Corridor. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has also concluded that the fish and wildlife that currently live in the reservoir will not be harmed or negatively impacted by the restoration of the river.	My biggest concern is that the current ecosystem in the dammed part of the river will not have enough biodiversity to sustain itself.	No, the dam needs to be removed and the river restored.	
9/26/2021 14:13	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Have it removed.	The health of the rivers and manatees.			
9/26/2021 14:13	Lake		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Water quality!!	I have visited many springs in Florida. I just recently learned about this. The springs our one of Florida's most valuable assets. They are not only breathe taking but support wildlife. We must allow it to flow naturally!! It will bring economic and restore wildlife. Florida should be for all of us to enjoy.	No	I will be visiting. I hope that you find the value in releasing the damn.
9/26/2021 14:16	Hillsborough		No	No					Restored & preserved for spicies in the area & mankind	Habitats for manatees		No	
9/26/2021 14:16	Outside of state / other	Pflugerville, TX	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 14:17	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing	Torn Down			No	Just like it the way God made it. In its natural habitat.
9/26/2021 14:18	Duval		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river to its original, natural flow that joins the Ocklawaha to Silver Springs and the St. Johns River	Climate change data and the effect of dams (this one serves no practical purpose) on the natural water flow.	Giant loss for our region.	No.	
9/26/2021 14:20	Leon		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	I look to the endangered species act. Breaching the dam would allow manatees to regain important habitat, the American eel, Atlantic Sturgeon, and Shortnose Sturgeon would have open access to the river system, a restored floodplain forest would result- providing habitat for the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat, and a restored wetland would allow the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia to expand their ranges.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the OZO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	The benefits to removing the dam are varied and many - covering biodiversity protection, supporting the endangered species act- and bringing in ecotourism dollars to local communities. Economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida demonstrate the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, and annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been on a downward trend since residents began in 2004 as water quality and fish production have continued to decline year after year. When accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit analysis determined restoration would produce a cumulative net benefit of $47.2 million over the first 10 years, versus a cumulative loss of $5.3 million with repair and maintenance of the dam. The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir.
9/26/2021 14:20	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Open for full water flow.	Ocklawaha river flowing naturally again.	Keep fighting !!!	No !!!	Do it now !!!
9/26/2021 14:26	Lee		No	No									
9/26/2021 14:28	Pinellas		No	No					The dam removed and natural environment restored.	The dam inundated 9,000 acres of the Ocala National Forest, smothering 20 natural springs and blocking migrating manatees, striped bass and other marine life.	The loss of the natural springs, the effect it has on the endangered manatees.	I would support anything to help restore habitat for manatees and their future.	
9/26/2021 14:33	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: snorkeling, volunteer clean-up		ecology	continued damage to environment		
9/26/2021 14:35	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No									
9/26/2021 14:38	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach it and let nature fix itself.	I feel that the restored springs will help the manatee population rebound. They really need this now that the Indian River has had it's river grass killed by pesticides runoff and failed government policies.	Nothing really. Nature will fix itself.	No	None
9/26/2021 14:43	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 14:45	Sarasota		No	No					Remove it it!!	Dying manatees	Extinction of manatees	No	Humans are the sole reason that manatees are dying off at an alarming rate. It is time to put these glorious creatures above pretty lawns and money.
9/26/2021 14:47	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: hiking the local trails	I would like to see the dam removed and the ecosystem restored.	the aquatic system isn't healthy and self sustaining.	the reservoir will always require man's management rather than the system functioning naturally on its own. Downstream springs will continue to be starved of water.	no	
9/26/2021 14:48	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Will improve water quality downstream. Restoration will increase visitors utilizing the waterway. Help the Silver Springs waterways, providing Manatee habitat, which is in dire need! Gave taxpayer dollars	Manatees and aquatic life will continue to die at alarming rates. Breaching the dam is required to provide an unrestricted passage for Manatees and aquatic life.State and Federal funds are available...put them to good use for this project!	No.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 15:01	Outside of state / other		No	No					Measures must be taken proactively to ensure that manatee populations thrive despite multiple challenges that currently adversely impact these gentle giants.	Human-derived decisions have further imperiled these animals. Since this is known, we must mitigate as many of these factors as possible.	The loss of the Florida manatee would be a major loss to this planet and an avoidable one.	As long as significant, impactful changes could be implemented that prioritized the safety and well-being of the Florida manatee population, then I would be amenable to other possible scenarios.	Now is the time to make impactful change.
9/26/2021 15:04	Putnam		No	No					Remove dam.	Historical health of Ocklawaha river and surrounding wetlands including habitat for manatees.	Water quality deterioration of St Johns river. continued manatee deaths.	No. dam should be removed.	
9/26/2021 15:11	Bradford		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the dam removed and allow the river to flow free the way it was naturally.	The dam was constructed for a defunct canal project. Environmental studies have shown removing the dam will improve the health and fisheries of the St John's river as well as improve opportunities for recreation on the ocklawaha river.	Lost opportunity to preserve natural Florida and the health of the rivers for future generations.	I don't think so.	
9/26/2021 15:16	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Was just passing through and stopped for a moment.	It be removed and the river restored to its historical flow. I would be more interested in visiting then also.	I'm a Florida wildlife enthusiast and the dam disrupts traditional migration routes of aquatic life that was in place long before it was dammed.	Continued disruption/disfunction of a natural system from human interaction.	Nope. Kind of all or nothing with this one.	
9/26/2021 15:18	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam breached and the Oklawaha River restored to its original condition as a part of the connected waterway between the St Johns, the Oklawaha and other natural water bodies.	Numerous scientific studies have shown both environmental and financial benefits to a restored river. It's costing thousands of dollars per year to maintain the swamp created by the dam. Breaching it restores the river's natural flow and means good things for all of us.	Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Besides, for over 50 years thousands of Floridians across the state have begged for this dam's removal. It's time their voices were listened to.	No. It's time to end the half measures that have been put forward for years to silence the majority's pleas for the dam to be demolished. The pleas from some fishermen that tout how great the bass fishing is in Rodman Reservoir are from people who have no idea how great the fishing would be in a restored river.	Please, it's time to remove this last vestige of the ill conceived Cross Florida Barge Canal. Even Nixon was convinced it was a bad idea. In Jurassic Park the mathematician says at one point, "They are so focused on whether they can do something. They never stop to ask if they should do something." The barge canal should never have been started. Let's end its dirty heritage now. Thank you.
9/26/2021 15:18	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Other: Nice place for a relaxing Sunday drive	Renovate to maximize tourist income and local use of both the Locks and the current Ocklawaha River ...maximize tourist and commercial fishery	Some four years ago, at a public meeting on taking down the dammed dam, I listened to Tommy Underwood (386.659.2461) and a volunteer fireman form Interlachen way. Underwood detailed how each drawdown is accompanied by a three foot drop in water levels of surrounding lakes of Interlachen and north ... he showed a Water Management recording strip in proof. The cause is the loss of the 'capping effect" of the water column of the Rodman pond. We then listened to the fireman talk of how he has spent a full year getting certification /authorization to use the Keystone lakes and others as water sources for fire fighting. He said absent the damn dam the lakes would not support fire fighting causing the entire area to loose out on homeowners insurance that would become unavoidable. Aside from that I have traveled up the Ocklawaha as it now exists. We were impressed with how deep, clear, and fast running the water is currently. We were impressed with the numbers of boaters going up and down the river as it now exists. We were impressed with the lack of consideration by commercial crabbers leaving crab pots here, there and the otherwhere without appawent regard for recreational boaters. There is as lot to be said for the river as it now exists. It could easily be improved with a little help from FWS Habitat Restoration people doing their job	all the progressicators running off at the mouth spouting off about 'what will be' are wrong leaving a loss of the bass tournament / fishing / camping benefits of the Rodman Pool in exchange for a river that offers little more than what it is now.	irrelevant as my 'desired outcome' isn't mainstream	I understand .... My opinion counts for nothing. The politics of big business / big lobby/ big environmental organsiations run the show.
9/26/2021 15:19	Hillsborough		No	No						Better safety measures	The risk to wildlife	Wildlife safety	Na	Na
9/26/2021 15:23	Seminole		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 15:37	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: hiking	The dam should be removed and other measures taken to restore the pre dam environment.	The large bulk of scientific research strongly indicates that the water system, plantlife, and animal life (including fish and birds) will benefit from removal of the dam.	Further degredation and collapse of wildlife populations.	No.	
9/26/2021 15:40	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/26/2021 15:44	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

9/26/2021 15:45	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 15:45	Volusia		No	No					We would like to breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - The Great Florida Riverway.	This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for manatees, other wildlife, and people.	The manatees and other wildlife will be restricted from vital habitates.	no	
9/26/2021 15:49	Outside of state / other	Outside of U.S.	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/26/2021 15:49	Pinellas		No	No					Restored to natural state	FWC reports manatees dying because of sea grass die off.	More manatee deaths.	No	
9/26/2021 15:50	Outside of state / other	Huntington Station, NY	No	No					Preserve it.	Don't know	We need to protect our natural world.	no	
9/26/2021 15:50	Outside of state / other	San Jacinto, Ca	No	No					Remove dam thereby restoring natural waterways.	Removal of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Loss of manatees and other wildlife.	Remove portions of the dam.	Restore nature to what it was meant to be.
9/26/2021 15:50	Putnam		No	No					Remove dam to free Ocklawaha river	Removing dam would allow free flow of springs to reduce nutrient load in St Johns river	Increased algae bloom in river and manatee death due to habitat loss.	No, it should be removed	No money to properly maintain dam, sudden break endangers those of us on the river
9/26/2021 15:52	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see it removed to bring the Ocklawaha River back to its natural state.	I read the book The 3 Marjories and learned about how this all happened. So many native Florida species of fish and animals were adversely affected by the dam.	We will lose this possibly once in a lifetime chance to undo the wrong of the past.	Don't think there is any middle ground on this subject.	The only thing I'm not sure about is how the families living on the created lake will be compensated for losing waterfront status or if that is even a thing.
9/26/2021 15:52	Seminole		No	No					Removed and the river restored	The on-going cost of maintaining the reservoir and the need to improve aquifer recharge and river flow to meet the demand of a growing population	The on going cost to taxpayers for the maintenance of an under utilized resource.	None I can think of	
9/26/2021 15:54	Outside of state / other	Portland, OR	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Great Florida Riverway restored and remove portions of the Dam to do this.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. Because of this, Florida is more likely to get visitors who want to come and see wildlife, which will bring in money to Florida.	That species will continue to die out. I don't know that I would visit this part of Florida again if this doesn't happen.	Not asking for the whole dam to be pulled, just key areas that will help restore the habitat.	
9/26/2021 15:56	Broward		No	No					The area for the manatees should be preserved. The manatees are in danger and their habitat is declining, so we should do everything we can to help preserve areas for them to live in.	The annual census shows that the manatees in Florida are declining.	Manatees, a natural inhabitant of our state, might not be able to live here any more. They might become extinct.	Some areas should be set aside for the protection of the manatee population.	The manatee species depends on us for their continued survival.
9/26/2021 15:58	Seminole		No	No					Restore The Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of the dam.	This Riverway needs to be restored to a better habitat for manatees and fish.	The loss of manatees and migrating fish.	No	We need to think more about our environment and what we are going to lose if we don't care for it. Why are people so consumed with paying over Florida? So sad we are losing not only manatees but our wildlife and your birds.
9/26/2021 15:58	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the outdated, non-functional dam removed so that the natural flow of the river can be restored.	Upon seeing the thousand and thousand dead trees sticking up from the still lake, I was horrified to learn that this use to be a beautiful river swamp prior to the construction of the unnatural dam.	Continued loss of a vital wildlife corridor for imperiled species like the Florida manatee and the Atlantic sturgeon and continued water quality concerns.	No. The time to restore the dam is long overdue.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River would be an environmental win for north central Florida as we face the challenges of overdevelopment and climate change.
9/26/2021 15:59	Outside of state / other	Westerly, RI	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a former resident of Florida, it breaks my heart to know that so much wildlife is being lost. This is a chance to heal the environment and I beg of you to take action before it's too late.
9/26/2021 19:07	Flagler		No	No					Clean up the waterways to provide a healthy environment for all living creatures.	Save the Manatee updates.	Extinction of various species.	Not at this time.	Please keep up the good fight
9/26/2021 16:08	Outside of state / other	Edinburgh, Scotland	No	No					Restore the Great Florida Riverway	Better for manatees.	Reduced manatee population	No	
9/26/2021 16:12	Outside of state / other	TN	No	No					Restoration	Habitat for marine life	Detrimental to marine life		
9/26/2021 16:13	Outside of state / other	Edinburgh Scotland U.K.	No	No					Restoring the great florida river way.	Manatees need all the help they can get.	Many manatees will perish		
9/26/2021 16:20	Dade		No	No							Extinction of species.		
9/26/2021 16:28	Orange		No	No					The dam should be removed to allow what once was a natural flow of the river.	From what I have read it was a fiasco from the get go and should have been reversed once funding was no longer supported.	The continued biological alteration of that environment.	No. It should become a thing of the past. It serves no purpose.	Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.
9/26/2021 16:34	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
9/26/2021 16:36	Outside of state / other	Watertown, Wisconsin	No	No					Dam removed	The natural flow of the waters will restore more natural wildlife.	The blocking of nature.	No	Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.
9/26/2021 16:38	Dade		No	No					Anything that will protect the manatees	It's our last chance to save the precious manatees	People don't understand how important the environment is to our survival and the living things on our planet.	None	Be kind to each others and mother nature . Respect and protect the environment.
9/26/2021 16:41	Hardee		No	No					The Ocklawaha River MUST by restored only by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Manatees survival long-term. This is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water for hundreds of manatees. Also 15,000+ acres of FL Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting FL panther, brown bears, bobcats, white deer and Bald Eagles.	If it stays dammed, all of this vital life is in danger of forever disappearing. Besides the Manatees needing warm water, the land animals need to be able to easily travel in this section of FL Wildlife Corridor. If it remains dammed, it will keep 7500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir.	Nothing else is acceptable to save precious Florida and its wildlife. It is 50 overdue, and we can't wait any longer.	We have done enough damage to FL wetlands and these animals; ... and need to think of the future and how we can better protect beautiful Florida.
9/26/2021 16:41	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove it.	Scientific Studies showing the need for wildlife and ecosystems that would benefit from the removal of the dam.	The list of the springs covered by the flooded land.	No	None
9/26/2021 16:42	Citrus		No	No									
9/26/2021 16:42	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 16:43	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam allowing for natural river	Water quality,natural migration of fish and other aquatic species restoration of the springs.	There will be further degradation in the river and associated water quality and wildlife.	NO!	Undamming the ELWHA River in Washington State is an example of how quickly a river can return to it's natural flow and with it the species that were blocked from entrance.
9/26/2021 16:44	Outside of state / other	Atlanta, GA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical, and (perhaps most importantly) the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economically wasteful and does not actually fulfill its intended goal. Removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
9/26/2021 16:46	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: scenic views, conservation area, park for exercise	Respectively, drained and removed so that the Ocklawaha River can resume its historic, natural course, channel and have its natural water supply, source source	Numerous reports and studies done by governmental, educational, and ecological groups that prove that the removal of the Dam and Reservoir will return the prior existing natural habitat (water, plant, and animal life) to the immediate area and down river. Also, save millions of dollars in future dam repair and in flood damage	Many people dying, and that large sums of tax money will have to be spent to keep the Dam from collapsing and/or clean up of downstream flood damage	NO!!. The Dam no longer serves the purpose for which it was built It is now an an overall environmental nagative!!	
9/26/2021 16:48	Jefferson		No	No					Remove the dam to restore the natural water flow and support a healthier environment for wildlife and biodiversity	info from the Florida Wildlife Federation	Continued degradation of Florida's natural beauty and ecosystems	No	We (humans) need to leave rivers, streams, forrests, shorelines, in short our natural environment alone. If we don't we will suffer the consequences in time, as we see every day.
9/26/2021 16:49	Volusia		No	No						Yes	Yes	Yesterday	
9/26/2021 16:54	Orange		No	No									
9/26/2021 16:54	Outside of state / other	Idaho	No	No					I am not sure.	N/A	N/A		
9/26/2021 16:56	Brevard		No	No					Full restoration	Helping wildlife survive	Will the wildlife survive?	That would depend on options.	
9/26/2021 16:56	Outside of state / other	NEWTOWN PA	No	No					NOT SURE	NEVER WAS THERE	SAFETY	NOT SURE	
9/26/2021 17:01	Manatee		No	No					It should be removed and opened up.	Warm water is essential for the survival of manatees	We could lose record numbers of manatees	None	None
9/26/2021 17:07	Duval		No	No					Removed to save the springs that are drying up and ruining other lakes	Movie documentary on the damage caused by the dam	Further damage to springs, lakes and wildlife	No	When people make changes to the natural environment and land/water systems it is always found to be harmful over time. Nature knows best.
9/26/2021 17:11	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	Maintain the dam and lake in its current state.	World class bass fishery	The fishery will be greatly impacted	Please do not mess with this fishery, I first fished this lake in the late 70's. I can not image the loss of the lake and the impact to the local economy especially the tourism and fishing guides in particular.	
9/26/2021 17:13	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoration creates diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communitie	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas	No	This has been the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 17:16	Outside of state / other	Salinas CA	No	No					Restore the water way got the manatees				
9/26/2021 17:18	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Restore flow to the three rivers benefit wildlife	Money spent repairing the dam		
9/26/2021 17:26	Santa Rosa		No	No					What ever would be the best thing for manatees.	We have lost so many manatees in the last few years. We need to do what is needed got their continued protection.	More manatees will suffer and die	Anything that makes life better for manatees	None
9/26/2021 17:30	Outside of state / other	Ringgold, GA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	An appalling number of manatees have died in 2021 due to habitat degradation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River would go a long way toward providing manatees with much-needed warm water habitat. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 17:33	Pasco		No	No					Complete Removal	have property nearby	bad	n/a	
9/26/2021 17:34	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					Keep it available for all wildlife in the area	It's shallow enough to remain warm and welcoming for the manatees as they forage	The end of manatees food supply and warmth	No	
9/26/2021 17:35	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Connect all the rivers back up. Let nature rule Not the hand of man. Remove the dam.	Our family stories of boating in the Ocklawaha back in the 1950s. We want nature to rule. We just sold our property last year across from the mouth of the Ocklawaha ..... the St. John's River is getting worse. Let the natural flow heal all our waterways.	That our precious older rivers will not be returned to their previous clean healthy conditions.	Not unless the logic felt true to preserving nature.	We are concerned by the decreased flow and salt intrusion from the mouth of the St. John's River.
9/26/2021 17:49	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of Ocklawaha by removal of dam	diminishing spring quality	further destruction of river quality	partial breaching	

9/26/2021 17:51	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities	ECONOMIC	Impact (negative) on wildlife	why bother with half way	Very involved in SAVE THE MANATEES would like to see this happen for them. and the birds, fish etc
9/26/2021 17:53	Outside of state / other	Charlotte, NC	No	No					Protect Manatees from environmental and boating accidents.	I will have to look into it further, but if they can add the Manatees back to the endangered list, I will be very happy!	That Manatees will not be get the protection they need.	No	
9/26/2021 17:55	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	The dwindling population of wildlife, especially manatees.	Further pushing vulnerable species that are native to only those areas impacted by this proposal into extinction.	Doubtful.	
9/26/2021 18:05	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see it removed to improve the water quality and habitat for manatees.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide any significant benefit to wildlife.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
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9/26/2021 18:16	Duval		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
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Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 18:20	Sarasota		No	No					Restore	The Manatee			
9/26/2021 18:21	Marion		No	No					Save the manatees please how could you not save the manatees.	I received my information from the wildlife activist	The manatee population innocent manatees dying painfully diminishing in population	No help please	Save this structure please
9/26/2021 18:24	Lee		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see it taken down and the natural water flow restored.	That Spring Wacklawaha has been obstructed from its natural flow	That the waters here in FL will never be returned to their natural state. That ecosystems will continue to be damaged.	No	Our waters need to be protected snd respected
9/26/2021 18:24	Outside of state / other	PHILADELPHIA PA	No	No					RESTORE THE OKLAWAHA RIVER TO PRESERVE WILDLIFE	Sample questions and answers to help you fill out the St. Johns River Water Management District Survey. Note: You can copy and paste these answers into the survey. Demographics information 1) County- provide your county or choose out of state/other Survey 1.What would you like to see happen with the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam moving forward? The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and wildlife The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities. If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Once the manatees die out, we lose this wonderful wildlife forever.	Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway	"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." To seek to reduce the suffering of those who are completely under one's domination, and unable to fight back, is truly a mark of a civilized society--to take the appropriate action with the damn would be the morally correct solution.
9/26/2021 18:43	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration (The manatees would thank you if they could!)
9/26/2021 18:46	Outside of state / other	MD	No	No					The Ocklawaha River needs to be restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like manatees, Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/26/2021 18:48	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	No change. It's a wonderful wildlife wonderland with manatees and nesting bald eagles . Endangered species live there The Buckman lock master counted over 500 manatees going they the lock last year because of Rodmen's bush vegetation.	Personal observation and data from F w c. Rodman is the 3 rd best bass lake in the state.	Rodman is a filter for the dirty water moving they the Harris chain flowing into the St. John's. The enonomic impact on the local economy is substantial.hee visit Rodman 5 to 7 times a year, purchasing lodging, food , guide service and wept. Thousands visit Rodman each year and the local economy depends on it.	No. Leave Rodman alone. it's one of the last places you can go and see "old Florida" it's a manatee refuge, wildlife sanctuary and it needs to be preserved for my grandkids	Leave this wonderful place alone. You can't find another like it.
9/26/2021 18:59	Flagler		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Would like to see it breached so that the springs are restored and nature as it was intended begins to thrive again.	The number of fish has plummeted in Silver River with the Rodman project. Having kayaked, SUPd, & explored many of the springs and rivers in florida, we know this is not working.	That the fish in Silver River continue to die off, & that manatee and other wildlife die off as their eelgrass diet is also dying off. This dam doesn't belong there & is ruining the ecosystem.	No.	
9/26/2021 18:59	Outside of state / other	Chicago	No	No					Have responsible policies regarding the environment	Climate change/ endangered manatees	Concern for the environment	No	
9/26/2021 19:12	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. 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9/26/2021 19:14	Brevard		No	No					Go back to natural water movement	Restored habitat for our wildlife.	This would be a shame for future generations.	To at least begin the process now !	
9/26/2021 19:16	Duval		No	No					It should be dismantled as necessary to protect Florida's waterway creatures, and bring back their waterway fully	Manatees are endangered, and we must do all we can to protect these gentle creatures that signify Florida	Manatee extinction		
9/26/2021 19:17	Pinellas		No	No					That it be destroyed and all tributaries be allowed to flow freely.	The overflow of Lake Okeechobee's contaminated water.	Catastrophic consequences in the Everglades.	No	
9/26/2021 19:21	Baker		No	Yes		1 time		Other	Open parts to connect the historical river system	Rivers need to flow freely for manatee habitat snd movement	Extinction of manatees	Probably not	
9/26/2021 19:24	Pinellas		No	No					That it be destroyed and all tributaries be allowed to flow freely.	The overflow of Lake Okeechobee's contaminated water.	Catastrophic consequences in the Everglades.	No	
9/26/2021 19:29	Outside of state / other	Ruidoso, New Mexico	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 19:32	Palm Beach		No	No					Preserve and repair these areas.	It an obligation and responsibility for the St. Johns River Water Management District to safeguard waterways and wildlife. Restore manatee habitats in fresh, clean waterways with lots of seagrass, plants, weeds and leaves.	Manatees will starve to death or be hit by motorboats. It has been reported on the news that this year alone we lost 500 manatees mainly due to these causes. Manatees need to be put back on the 'endangered' species list and they need plants that grow in fresh and saltwater environments. How can we watch these gentle, loving, peaceful creatures die of starvation?? And what might be the long-term health effects on starving manatees who survived or were saved by caring manatee organizations looking out for these beloved creatures.	Organizations need to respect manatee habitats where these beloved creatures gather. God created manatees some 60 million years ago and we need to help them survive now. It's essential that they receive fresh greens, plants and weeds daily. And sweet potatoes on special occasions.	Please Florida, take care of these precious, remarkable and smart aquatic mammals so they can EAT, play, swim, do somersaults, stand on their heads, cuddle and sleep without stress. WE NEED TO HONOR ALL OF GOD'S CREATURES, WATERWAYS, OCEANS AND SEAS. And GOD bless the organizations that do that.
9/26/2021 19:39	Lee		No	No					Restoration	Continuing lack of concern for our environment	The potential loss of endangered wildlife.		
9/26/2021 19:44	Outside of state / other	Pa	No	No					Preserve	Things I've read	That it will affect manatees negatively		
9/26/2021 19:53	Nassau		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored - it's paid due	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/26/2021 20:00	Pasco		No	No									
9/26/2021 20:02	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove and eventually return river to historic flow levels and channel	Data on surgeon, manatee and other wildlife movement	Continue loss of springs access and wildlife migration options	Lowering of water levels on a continuous basis to allow recovery of river basic and springs access	
9/26/2021 20:04	Bradford		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	More manatee zones with manatees coming in more often due to increased vegetation	Seeing over 3 manatees everytime i visit each month in the past year at rodman reservoir	Keeping manatees safe in rodman from boat collisions		
9/26/2021 20:06	Lee		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Safer for manatees	Manatee populations by Florida Game & Fish	Your political future	No. Manatees need your protection.	

9/26/2021 20:07	Sarasota		No	No									
9/26/2021 20:08	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife, especially to save your manatees!	Manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	More loss of these precious animals. They belong to God, not people, and certainly not the state of Florida.	Of course not. They're either dead or not, and it depends entirely on you.	Thanks for doing the right thing.
9/26/2021 20:14	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					Please protect wildlife.	Altering environments causes harm to wildlife.	Wildlife would be disrupted and/or killed.		
9/26/2021 20:15	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No									
9/26/2021 20:20	Seminole		No	No					We messed up the Kissimmee river and then spent millions Free flowing rivers are what we should have. Florida is a beautiful state- help restore back to nature.	Ocklawaha could be restored as a free-flowing river system.			
9/26/2021 20:21	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration.	It is needed for conservation purposes o	Danger to wildlife	No	
9/26/2021 20:23	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	This is so important. I would like restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dams to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 20:23	Lake		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by eliminating the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Rodman Dam affects three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If the state of Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unrinhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 20:26	Dade		No	No					Lower the levels of water behind the dam and then remove it.	Connecting the needs of wildlife (Manatees and fish) with a greater resource.	The state continues to degrade the entire watershed.	No	
9/26/2021 20:28	Pinellas		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration	Help wildlife	Loss of sea grass, wildlife, manatees	No	
9/26/2021 20:30	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					I want to have Manatee habitat protected to ensure survival/	My parents have a condo in Naples and I love to visit the Jim Darling habitat to see these beautiful creatures. I know that their numbers are diminished and they are threatened with extinction. I love the wildlife in Florida. We also visit the Everglades. I am not a beach person, but love the wildlife.	Another very big threat to Manatee survival	Planning to minimize impact on Manatee habitat. I am sure the engineers(with input from wildlife specialists) can figure this out	
9/26/2021 20:36	Outside of state / other	Spruce Michigan	No	No									
9/26/2021 20:38	Outside of state / other	Kankakee IL	No	No									
9/26/2021 20:40	Outside of state / other	MN	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/26/2021 20:40	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove it, let the river flow free	The lack of fish in Silver Springs, and only a few manatees that make it there	The health of the Springs and Manatees	No, the natural Balance has been interfered with the dam	
9/26/2021 20:45	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see it removed. Removal will restore vital water that will increase fish and wildlife habitats. In turn recreational fishing and tourist opportunities will flourish. Let it return to what it used to be! Quit wasting money on an outdated dam that cut off vital water flow to aquatic habitats. Thank you.	Studies by federal and state agencies show a free-flowing river system will improve fish habitats and allow the St.John's /Silver/ Oklawaha river system to return to a healthy level.	Fish and manatees would be deprived of rejuvenating water flow. More kayaking and fishing opportunities would be snuffed out.	No. Why spend more money to prolong a decades old mistake?	I respectfully request that you allow the St.Johns/Silver/ Oklawaha river system to return to its former flow by eliminating the dam.
9/26/2021 20:55	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No					Keep it safe for the manatees & wildlife		Avoid govt officials that don't support the environment		
9/26/2021 20:57	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibted passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
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9/26/2021 21:03	Duval		No	No					What is best for the environment, water life and other wild life without completely destroying business progress	I am not totally informed about the issues with the Rodman Reservoir.	Permanent destruction of manatees.	Whatever works that is best to protect manatees.	
9/26/2021 21:09	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 21:13	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibted passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down will not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 21:14	St Johns		No	No					I'd like to see it removed & the rivers restored. Finally.	The health of the Silver, St. Johns & the Oklawaha Rivers will be improved & numerous springs restored. Economic benefits will ensue.	Continued erosion of Florida's natural environment & ensuing economic impact.	No.	
9/26/2021 21:15	Outside of state / other	KS	No	No					Breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - The Great Florida Riverway.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Loss of manatees and migratory fish.	No.	As stewards of wild lands and animals, people need to do what is best for the land and wildlife.
9/26/2021 21:17	Outside of state / other	3.7k 43rd Place Cave Creek, Arizona 8	No	No					Have an area that's zoned off , and cleaned from pollution.	Not to have a governor like Rush who never gave a damn for the manatees.	would raise a stink	The area zoned for Manatees without motor boats.	
9/26/2021 21:18	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	GET RID OF IT IT IS KILLING THE WATER FLOW	THE army corps of engineers report, the env reports and COMMON SENSE these useless dams are killing the flow of water.	NON NATIVE SPECIES will kill off our fish and plants and the water will trickle to nothing.	NOPE DESTROY THE DAMS IF YOU WANT WATER TO FLOW IN FLORIDA.	
9/26/2021 21:20	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river!!	To continue to pour taxpayer $ into maintaining a dam that is over its life expectancy and reservoir that needs to be drained every few years to "cleanse" is a travesty. Additionally the added freshwater flow to the St River would benefit far more than keeping the dam in place.	Overall health of the St Johns and failure of the dam if lots of taxpayer dollars aren't spent.	No	
9/26/2021 21:26	Outside of state / other	Saint Paul, MN	No	No					Re-establishment of traditional access.	Beneficial for manatees, wildlife, fish, etc.	Continued harm to the environment, manatees, wildlife, fish, etc.	I don't know enough to comment.	I hope for the best outcome.
9/26/2021 21:29	Hillsborough		No	No					Removal to let critical areas return to original	Safety of wildlife and preservation of eco systems that were destroyed by the dam	Detrimental to the environment and wildlife and the State	Partial openings in the dam to allow for more connection to waterways	Protect what you can and stop trying to control mother nature.
9/26/2021 21:43	Lake		No	No					Remove the Dam.	The dam is a man made obstacle with no purpose that cover many acres of natural wetlands and 20 springs.	The expense of repairing, replacing and maintaining the dam. The negative environmental impact on the surrounding conservation area.	No	
9/26/2021 21:44	St Johns		No	No					To restore the Oklawaha to its natural flow.	Personal belief th at man should not interfere with nature in such a large scale.	That ultimately over the years natural wildlife would start diminish.		
9/26/2021 21:47	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No									
9/26/2021 21:50	Outside of state / other		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 21:50	Brevard		No	No									

9/26/2021 21:52	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the river return to its natural way. Dams are very bad for our environment. Florida has enough issue with red tide already.	Conservatives	Effect on the environment		
9/26/2021 21:54	Outside of state / other	NYS - former Floridian	No	No					Restoration of the former Riverway	It was historic and it worked for endless years. This manmade system is failing	an ecological collapse of a challenged system	The more natural the better	
9/26/2021 21:56	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No									
9/26/2021 21:59	Alachua		Yes	No					I think that it needs to be taken out. I farm for a living and anything that can restore our waterways is a step in the right direction.	Restoring the natural hydrology will improve the fragile ecosystem around the dam and downstream.	Florida is being bombarded by development and I'm concerned that we won't have enough property funtioning greenspace to support the wildlife and ecosystem services that are being wiped with such rapid change.	Drawing down the dam - but really this is the best opportunity to remove the dam.	Thank you so much for taking public comment on the matter.
9/26/2021 22:08	Washington		No	No									
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9/26/2021 22:30	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	Wildlife viewing			Breach the Dam. Restore the river.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs would be restored.	Thousands of acres are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is a fantastic opportunity to do something positive environmentally. We should not waste it.
9/26/2021 22:30	Outside of state / other	San Diego, California	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economics have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future.
9/26/2021 22:37	Seminole		No	No					Let the rivers flow as before the dam placement.	Scientific studies of the Florida ecosystems and land surveys	More loss of wildlife and continual loss of wetlands.	No	
9/26/2021 22:41	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		I would like to see the dam removed so 7,500 acres of the lower forested floodplain with 20 freshwater springs would be restored. The dam is currently a barrier to plant and animal movement, especially the manatees. Our manatees are great promoters for tourism in Florida. It is believed that fishing opportunities would be enhanced when there is open access to the Ocklawaha system.	Restoring a natural environment for the benefit of animals, plant and humans while saving a ton of money not having in dam maintenance and repairs.	The benefits of removing the dam would not be achieved. The expense of maintaining dam would continue. That would be money that could have useful benefits for further protecting our important environmental resources	I can not imagine a scenario of a partially removed dam. So I support removing it, to achieve benefits outlined in question 1.	I have been aware of this issue for over 20 years, realizing it has gone on longer. I have read that our State and Federal environmental agencies have approved the removal, but political forces in our State Legislature have been unable to agree to fund it. Instead there has been wasteful funding on maintenance.
9/26/2021 22:46	Outside of state / other	Santa Rosa, CA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway	I am deeply concerned about Northeast Florida water quality and wildlife, including manatees. Although I now live out of state, I was born and raised next to the St Johns River in Jacksonville and have deep roots in this region. My Mother still lives in the area in Fruit Cove. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/26/2021 22:47	Hillsborough		No	No					I don't know what it is but i really want the manatees to be safer so if the dam is bad then i don't support it				
9/26/2021 22:48	Outside of state / other	Marshfield, WI	No	No					The Kirkpatrick dam should be breached to allow fresh water into manatee habitat.	Manatees are dying at an unprecedented rate--something needs to be done to improve their chance of survival.	Even morfe manatees will die.	no	
9/26/2021 22:49	Palm Beach		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored with the breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economics have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway. It's a symbiotic ecosystem: all or none.	Tampa Bay's harbor, red tide from the Gulf to the East Coast, polluted estuaries and inner waterways are all a travesty that impact us all in ways that we are only beginning to understand. The unprecedented starvation and deaths of iconic manatees is a travesty and a tragedy of human making, made exponentially worse by DeSantis on a daily basis in all shortsightedness for personal gain. Time is running out to turn around.
9/26/2021 23:03	Outside of state / other	State College, PA 16801	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	i) Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. ii) 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	i) Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. ii) Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a Florida visitor who cares about your state's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for your state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("S2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a biologist and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/26/2021 23:10	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The age of the dam at older than 50 years puts it at risk for an unanticipated breech with the potential to result in many millions of dollars in flood damage. Without the dam millions of dollars in dam repairs could be saved.	Millions of dollars will be needed for maintenance and repairs to the dam at the cost to taxpayers.	No.	Removing the dam will benefit taxpayers, the environment, manatees and fish.
9/26/2021 23:16	Polk		No	No									
9/26/2021 23:25	Outside of state / other	Flagstaff	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/26/2021 23:40	Washington		No	No						I do not live in Florida.			
9/27/2021 0:01	Polk		No	Yes					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/27/2021 0:01	Outside of state / other	Bay Area California	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River for wildlife, especially manatees	manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss and the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter.	extinction	anything to save the manatees	
9/27/2021 0:26	Duval		No	Yes	1 time				Gone	The overwhelming success of States that have taken this action. Maine for instance.	That Florida will remain a bastion for corporate reign regardless of environmental consequences and as typical, ignoring what is right and obviously best for most in order to serve the will of politicians who serve the will of contractors, corporations and themselves as the HISTORY of Florida demonstrates	No	
9/27/2021 0:52	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Completely restored to original river bed .... Blow down all the dams & locks ...	It's was the natural order of nature long before man Detoured that nature for $$ savings that now only cost state and taxpayers more money to maintain ...	Long term health of the fishery and original water shed ...	No but I will still fish it either way	Maintain property or tear it all down & restore it ...then make a public park nearby it ...

9/27/2021 0:55	Outside of state / other	ngeles, CA - formerly Seminole Count	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/27/2021 1:13	Outside of state / other		No	No										
9/27/2021 1:21	Outside of state / other	Little Elm, Texas in Denton County	No	No										I want manatees safe and multiplying. Make the rivers and lakes and inlets safe for them.
9/27/2021 2:00	Outside of state / other	Palo Alto California	No	No					I would like to see the dam breached so that the manatees have access to more warm winter water.	2021 has been a terrible year for manatees. By breaching the dam, threatened manatees will have access to more warm winter water.		I'm worried that 2022 will beca year with even more manatee deaths.	Please provide enough warm winter water for the suffering manatees.	Thank you for any decision that will help the Florida manatee.
9/27/2021 3:01	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 5:38	Duval		No	No					Breach it and restore the springs	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No	Please, it seems like the logical choice.	
9/27/2021 5:53	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other						
9/27/2021 6:05	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	Declining fish diversity		Stagnant Ocklawaha		
9/27/2021 6:07	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove that outdated illegal dam and restore the natural river	Studies show a great benefit to fish, water quality, economy, and environment.		algae blooms, toxic dead river, probable dam failure, ugly environment.	NO, there is no other option. The dam must go!	Damn the Dam
9/27/2021 6:35	Highlands		No	No										
9/27/2021 6:40	Palm Beach		No	No										
9/27/2021 6:42	Wakulla		No	No					removal	human created monstrosity that altered the ecosystem we need back		increased loss of habitat	no	
9/27/2021 6:51	Putnam		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam as it is now.					
9/27/2021 6:59	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: To show friends who have never seen the dam. Wildlife photography.	Remove the dam and allow the Ocklawaha River to return to its natural state of flow.	That is the way it was originally before the flow was obstructed by the dam. It will open the water corridor for aquatic species that historically swam up and down stream and allow the river to purge itself more efficiently. Will allow the various springs located along the river to flow naturally.		The dam will continue to block the natural flow of water downstream and prevent aquatic species from traversing the river up and down stream.	During the next drawdown, let Rodman Reservoir completely drain back to the rivers original flow and see what it looks like after a period of time. You can always close the dam and refill the reservoir.	
9/27/2021 7:03	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed and the area restored.	My personal inspection of the area. research on the history of the dam. and the costs of maintaining the dam.	Money will be wasted on maintaining the obsolete and useless dam structure.	Doubtful but I am open to hearing about alternatives and the rationale behind any that exist.	No sound ecological or economic reason exists for maintaining the dam. It should be removed and the river restored.	
9/27/2021 7:04	Volusia		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm-water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife.
9/27/2021 7:04	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it like it is, and keep doing what we're doing with draw downs every 4 to 5 years.	I didn't know rodman before the dam but you can't return it to the way it was. The eco system on and around the dam and I resovoire is perfect. Changing it would damage it.		The eagles, bears, deer, otters, fish, etc....	Yes keep the dam and repair the locks as needed.	
9/27/2021 7:21	Okaloosa		No	No						Damage done to Florida springs and the Ocklawaha River.	Continued degradation of above.	No		
9/27/2021 7:31	Martin		No	No					I would like the dam opened to restore the waterway to its natural condition.	It is impeding the manatee's ability to follow their natural waterways.	The reservoir and Lake Ocklawaha will become even more polluted without their natural flow	No.		
9/27/2021 7:45	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I want to see the Rodman ecosystem left the way it is currently.	The wildlife that utilizes the are is spectacular! The fishing is the best in Florida.		It would take a 100 years for it to restore.	No	
9/27/2021 7:45	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	I would like to see the Rodman Dam & Reservoir maintained and kept in its present state.	I drive in and out of Ocala National Forrest on a weekly and monthly bases. There is never a time, unless extremely late in the morning hours that there and not people using this wonderful attraction.		Not really ---- our family fought and objected it's creation from beginning. However, we dealt with it creation and have come to love appreciate it for what it is. Leave it alone and maintain this mistake.	Please leave Rodman Dam & Rodman Reservoir in it's present condition and setting.	
9/27/2021 7:46	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam	Restoration of natural rivers and habitat.		Loss of manatee's.	No	
9/27/2021 7:49	Clay		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha river to its natural state by removing the dam which will allow free flowing water systems and subsequently improve water quality, allow the return of natural habitats which are quickly being destroyed, while improving the economy by not spending millions of dollars repairing and maintaining the dam.	Over 100 million gallons of water/day will be restored to the Ocklawaha river and Saint Johns River water systems which will restore 15,000+ acres of Florida habitats and wildlife while saving millions of dollars that otherwise would have been spent on the dam restoration and continued repairs.		Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit while continuing to reduce natural flow and deprive free flowing water which causes harmful algae and weeds to form further harming wildlife as well restricting natural critical biodiversity into the water system that helps improve not just water quality but also Florida's natural habitats.	No, allowing the dam to continue wastes tax payers money and continues to harm Florida's natural habitats and wildlife. With many of our habitats and wildlife in critical danger as is, it's reckless to pursue a long drawn out process rather than a decisive decision to breach the dam.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Furthermore, restoring the river will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 7:59	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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9/27/2021 7:59	Clay		No	No					Would like to see the waterways restored to how they once were before the partial dam was resurrected - putting back a natural flow of water.	Impact on the natural habitat		Continued death of manatees and other native life who are losing natural food sources and habitats	Not one that I have heard proposed yet. Too many waterways have been unnaturally diverted without thinning through the full consequences over time.	
9/27/2021 8:03	Brevard		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Draw down, removal	Common sense		Altering natural water flow has long term environmental consequences that sometimes cannot be seen for a long time. We have seen them here but putting a strangle on a living system eventually causes it to die off.	Removal	
9/27/2021 8:08	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Kayaking east and west of the dam and hiking around it.	I would like to see the dam removed and the natural waterway restored.	There are 50-some springs that were covered/blocked by the dam. Natural river banks and wildlife have been drastically affected. The cost of maintaining the dam and cleaning out the resultant vegetation that accumulates is ridiculous!		Wasted money, continued environmental degradation, continued loss of natural recreational activity.	No	It's absolutely criminal that we are STILL dealing with this harmful structure and system 50 years after the canal project was halted!
9/27/2021 8:11	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other	Keep as is	Beautiful as it is		We cave into environmentalist think they're God.		
9/27/2021 8:16	Leon		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 8:18	Collier		No	No					Rivers should be allowed to flow in their intended and natural state. Restore the river to it's natural state.	Information I have read regarding current water quality and overall aquatic health indicates that a free flowing river would be a healthier river.		Further declines in water quality and loss of valuable aquatic habitat for Florida's wildlife.	I don't see any reason to maintain the dam. Let nature takes it's course, as they say....Mother knows best. In this instance. Mother Nature.	
9/27/2021 8:19	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Remain untouched	Devastation to the current ecosystems. Loss of use. Environmental disruption.		Devastation to the current ecosystems	Unlikely	
9/27/2021 8:22	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach rodman damn	our springs are dying		we will lose our springs and ruin our water quality	no	21 of our springs are dying. Do something before it it too late. the funds for this project are already available.
9/27/2021 8:31	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting	Leave the reservoir in place. It is an awesome piece of Florida.	recreational fishing for all.		that a great reservoir will be gone including great fishing and the livelihood for so many.	No.	
9/27/2021 8:37	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	take it down go back to natural flow	natural flow		the springs that are in the natural flow area	open it on a regular basis for natural flow	
9/27/2021 8:37	Seminole		No	No					Restore the Great Florida Riverway and re-establish habitats for manatees, fish and aquatic birds.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has never been used for the intended purpose. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	A missed opportunity to restore Florida's environment and support our diverse wildlife and in the process benefit communities, economies and ecosystems all along the Riverway.	No, it is the only way to insure significant environmental benefits for wildlife and improve water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blue way.		
9/27/2021 8:53	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	We need to make sure we use every tool to help save manatees and other wildlife from habitat destruction and pollution. The recovery of manatees has been a conservation success story until now - we can't let this progress backside on our watch.	No.		
9/27/2021 8:53	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to see key portions of the dam removed in order to re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Manatees need all the help they can get after the devastating loss of manatees we suffered this past year.	I am most concerned about survival of manatees.	No.		
9/27/2021 8:55	St Johns		No	No					I would like the ocklawaha to be restored					
9/27/2021 9:00	Alachua		No	No					Blow it up	The attempt to re-de nature in Florida is wrecking the state. Nature (invera) have a right to exist in their natural form.	Same as always - nature will continue to suffer	Remower 1/2 of the dam		
9/27/2021 9:03	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Other: Come up the Ocklawaha and "run into" it	Remove it and let the river return to its natural state	Why spend more and more money on repairs and maintenance to keep something obsolete and unnatural when removing it would make a healthier river?	Disappointment and continued mistrust of government and deep pockets	Not really. It was a doomed initiative from the start.	Free the Ocklawaha!	
9/27/2021 9:04	Orange		No	No					Remove it	Restore habitat				

9/27/2021 9:05	Broward		No	No					Restore the damage done in the past. Let us learn by our mistakes.	Adopted manatee Lucile since the 1980' when Save the Manatee Club was part of the Avalon Society and have witnessed the dramatic changes to the manatee environment.	Heart breaking concern	Do what you are able to do. Don't just stand there and do nothing.	Manatee food supplies are dying from pollution which in turn Manatees are dying from lack of food.
9/27/2021 9:06	Santa Rosa		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Keep this resource in its present state. Rodman draws visitors 365 days a year. It provides income to countless people and businesses.		Loss of jobs/income for the local area	No	My family and I have enjoyed visiting the area for the past 10 years. Looking forward to our trip in January
9/27/2021 9:09	Pinellas		No	No		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	It needs to be removed. Let the rivers flow as they were meant to. Open it up so we can enjoy the springs along this river and see Manatees again.	This project was never finished so what it was intended for was not needed so the river should be restored to what it was as nature intended it.	Continual loss of habitat for the migration of species that need it.	Mot unless it frees the river.	This damned waterway only benefits a few while restoring it to it's natural state would benefit so many more people and animals that used it when it was free flowing.
9/27/2021 9:11	Volusia		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
9/27/2021 9:12	Lee		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The dam's purpose is unclear and ill-defined, it has negative impacts on endangered species of wildlife and habitat types, and it costs taxpayers money to maintain each year.	Continued poor aquatic habitat health, decline of natural food sources for the Florida manatee, and further starvation and population decline. The resources spent on the dam's maintenance could have been repurposed towards education or environmental action to restore manatee food sources and a thriving ecosystem for everyone to enjoy.	The dam is the problem; partial removal and allowance of some water flow to breach the dam with plans to completely remove it in future could be considered.	
9/27/2021 9:14	Outside of state / other	WI	No	No							Destruction of wildlife.		Manatees and all wildlife must be protected. This will also benefit humans.
9/27/2021 9:28	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam and reservoir preserved and maintained.	I know that an environmental system has developed and is flourishing at Rodman. It doesn't matter that the original ecological system was disrupted when the dam was built. That was a long time ago. Now we have a working wildlife environment that is healthy and thriving, and serves as a safe refuge for wildlife including manatees. To remove the dam would be to create the same kind of disruption that happened before. Why repeat it? Rodman has become one of the greatest fishing lakes in the state, contributing many entries in the Florida Lunker program. Rodman is also nationally recognized as one of the best bass fishing lakes in the country, and fishermen from all over visit, making a significant contribution to the local economy, and fishing license fees to the state coffers, which would be lost if the dam was removed. There is nothing that will take the place of this economic loss if the dam is removed. Those who favor removing the dam are idealistic dreamers who envision pristine nature, but do not care about the economic impact since they don't even live in the area (!), and contribute nothing to its economy. Kayakers contribute little to the economy either.	Loss of wildlife habitat, loss of land use when the river is flooded, loss of economic benefit to the area, loss of a great bass fishing resource that attracts many visitors who spend real money.	I don't know of any middle ground here. To my understanding, the dam stays or it goes. I cannot support removing the dam. If there is some kind of compromise scenario possible, I haven't heard of it.	Please carefully consider the tangible realities of removing the dam. Please do not decide based on an idyllic dream of restoring the river back to nature, just because. I say the everybody who is motivated by restoring it back to nature should demolish their houses, replant all the native vegetation on it, and give it back to nature. They're all in support of ruining other people's livelihoods and properties, but not their own. Hypocrisy. Please don't cave in to it.
9/27/2021 9:32	Alachua		No	No					Please remove the dam, it is much needed for our springs and nature habitats. It also has no practical use to keep the dam up.	It will be very beneficial to wildlife	preservation of springs and manatee populations	No	
9/27/2021 9:33	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed, and have the Ocklawaha River returned to its original state. We have been how cutting off wetlands in the 60's destroys critical habitat for fish and other wildlife. The damn should be breached. It is most important that we do this to save (i.e., recreate) habitat for manatee and improve the quality of Florida rivers.	It is important to bring back covered springs and improve freshwater flow in our rivers. I believe money is better spent preventively breaching the dam (rather than waiting for it to break). Breaching the dam will also open up lots of new recreational opportunities for Florida residents that have been "covered over" since the 60's.	The continuing degradation of Florida waterways due to algae blooms and severe flooding (uncontrolled) if the dam fails. This dam never should have been built and serves no valid economic purpose, and it hurts the greater public good. We need to start making good decisions to save our most precious resources.	No, because a partial solution (a draw-down) only solves the flooding part of the problem. It does not actually help in anyway with the wildlife problem (i.e., manatee habitat, water quality, etc.).	
9/27/2021 9:35	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I don't use it at all.		I would like this dam to be removed and let the natural flow of the river restored.	I would like the health of the St. John's River to be improved. I would like Silver Springs to have a chance at renewed vitality. I would like all of the springs impacted by this dam to flow free again.	My biggest concern if the dam is not removed is that we are at a precipice where the natural beauty of Florida may not be able to be recovered. Removal of this artificial dam would be a great beginning to improve the health of our springs and rivers.	No, it's time for this failed experiment of an artificial dam, to be removed. The health of our rivers and springs benefits millions of human beings in Florida. The dam only benefits an extremely small number of people.	I strongly feel that when this dam is removed we will see an influx of eco-tourism that will positively impact this entire region.
9/27/2021 9:38	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No										
9/27/2021 9:40	Lake		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/27/2021 9:43	Outside of state / other	MI, USA	No	No									
9/27/2021 9:43	Lee		No	No					Restored natural water flow	Red tides	Cleaner waterways	Not none	
9/27/2021 9:48	Flagler		No	No					destroyed; opened	manatees, fish migration, recreation.	habitat loss	no	
9/27/2021 9:52	Gilchrist		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Maintain the structure and its features..	The positive ecological benefits provided by the reservoir. The amount of wildlife utilizing the reservoir and surrounding areas is amazing. As we look to provide wild spaces and buffer zones for wildlife...well, here is an existing one.	The loss of habitat for wildlife would be shameful.	My desire is to maintain the structure and features. The last 10 years has seen a decline in areas such as maintenance of lighting at and around the dam, road maintenance to parking areas close to the dam and maintenance to clear the channel in the reservoir. I've accepted these conditions as a concession to keeping the reservoir as a sanctuary for wildlife. So yes, I already have accepted a scenario short of optimum.	In making your decisions, please keep in mind that the voices that are on either side of this debate, are just that. Voices. The lives that are at stake, the true stakeholders, the wildlife, are unable to speak for themselves.
9/27/2021 9:56	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed.	The dam was created for a purpose that no longer exists, and it is now an anachronism that is harming the environment and providing no flood control purpose.	Continued deterioration of the Ocklawaha river and upstream environment, including the crown jewel Silver Springs.	Bypassing the dam in order to create a natural flow of the Ocklawaha and allowing wildlife (including manatees and fish) natural access to the upper Ocklawaha and Silver Springs.	In a State brimming with natural water bodies, including innumerable lakes, there is no need for man made impoundments. Therefore, there is no need to "save" the Rodman reservoir at the expense of killing the Ocklawaha and Silver River. We must reverse the ecological damage caused by the scrapped Cross Florida Barge Canal while the ecosystem is still able to recover.
9/27/2021 9:56	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns Rivers, and many springs are restored.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 9:58	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river	The Rodman Dam is an impediment for the waterway's natural systems.	Reduced water quality and wildlife	Future generations will hold us accountable for any less than this	No
9/27/2021 10:03	Outside of state / other	Moravian Falls, NC	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 10:07	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing					
9/27/2021 10:11	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please get rid of the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the free flow of the Oklawaha.	We need to restore the free flow of the river for ecological reasons--better for all wildlife and the health of the river.	That we continue to support something that is not needed and is ecologically destructive.	No. we have been fighting for the removal of this dam for so many years-it truly is time to get rid of something that has no use.	
9/27/2021 10:13	Hernando		No	No					Restoration of the waterway		Loss of manatees and fish along with the ecology of the area	no	
9/27/2021 10:15	Outside of state / other		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave as is	Great fishing	Lousy fishing	No	
9/27/2021 10:17	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/27/2021 10:19	Duval		No	No					removed	Environmental damage caused by the lack of natural and free flow of the Oklawaha River.	Continued environmental dampe	no	
9/27/2021 10:24	Putnam		No	No					As I live on the St. John's river, I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam removed to allow the water way to return to it's native state.	I believe that the natural flow into the St. John's river was disrupted with the establishment of the dam and reservoir. Since the construction of the dam and reservoir were part of the Cross Florida Barge Canal project, which has been abandoned, the infrastructure supporting the canal should also be abandoned.	The water quality of the St. John's river will remain stagnant.	No.	The only apparent purpose in retaining the dam and reservoir in its current state revolves around fishing for bass. Bass fishing along the St. Johns river existed before the establishment of the dam and reservoir, and will exist on the river after the dam and reservoir are gone, and may even improve along the river.
9/27/2021 10:25	Outside of state / other	Danton, TX	No	No					Restore the river way!	We (humans) screwed it up for a project that never got done and then just left it - time to fix it.	Continued damage to the ecosystem.	No	
9/27/2021 10:27	Outside of state / other	Boulder Colorado	No	No									
9/27/2021 10:29	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Protect manatee population	negative environmental impact becoming so prevalent these days	loss of the manatee and loss of important recreational treasure		
9/27/2021 10:31	Lee		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 10:56	Volusia		No	No					It dismantled	No longer a good idea	Killing aquatic life including manatees	More protection and byways for aquatic life	I would like to see this dam removed and the area returned to its natural layout.
9/27/2021 11:02	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam and let the river return to its natural flows.	Scientific studies by state and federal teams have shown that restoring the river will have many ecological and economic benefits. As it is now, the dammed river only benefits bass fishers who like to fish in still water -- kind of like catching fish in a barrel. A restored river would provide a better wildlife corridor and increased recreational opportunities for bird watchers, boaters and fishers who like flowing water -- and there would still be pools for those who want quiet water fishing. Many more people and animals will benefit from a restored river. Florida has a rich opportunity here to expand its tourist interest as a natural attraction added to our beaches, not just amusement parks.	This is too good a chance to miss. Money is available, and with increased concern about climate change lots of people support doing things that enhance our natural systems' abilities to stay healthy. The natural world is changing at an abnormally fast rate, and our river needs all the help we can give it to deal with these changes.	NO! This dam should have been removed long ago. Even President Nixon supported it. Let's finally get this done.	
9/27/2021 11:05	Outside of state / other	Unionville, IN	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 11:07	Escambia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Manatee survival, waterways and habitat	Manatee waterway and habitat.			
9/27/2021 11:08	Lake		No	No									
9/27/2021 11:08	Martin		No	No					Please protect for the manatees.	manatee protection is imperative	manatees and other precious wildlife will perish when we could have avoided!		Please help the manatees, animals and keep the water clean for everyone thank you
9/27/2021 11:13	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Continue to maintain this valuable resource.	A well-established ecosystem supporting several endangered species.	Misguided "Environmentalists" might destroy this system by draining the lake claiming they want to "restore" the Ocklawaha when they have no plans for "restoration", just destroying the lake and creating a vast mud hole full of unwanted trash plants.	No	
9/27/2021 11:13	Dade		No	No					Destroy the dam and return the river and land to its original condition.	Returning the river to its original condition will support the ecosystem that allows for more support for native plants and animals as well as providing recreational opportunities.	Loss of habitat for native species of plants and animals.	Allowing an increase in water flow in the rivers and a decrease in reservoir level.	
9/27/2021 11:14	Citrus		No	No						Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Losing more manatees.	I would have to read the other options.	
9/27/2021 11:15	Palm Beach		No	No						News	Polution		
9/27/2021 11:17	Dade		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other		YES.	PRESERVING WILDLIFE! AND ALL LIFE! WATER IS LIFE!	WE PERISH FROM DEATH OF ECO SYSTEMS I AM TRUSTING THE WONDERFUL GOVERNMENT IN FLORIDA TO PROTECT FLORIDA AND IT'S LIFE SYSTEMS FOR EVERYONE	
9/27/2021 11:19	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway	We live in a world that allows animal species to vanish at an alarming rate. The manatee is an amazing, animal that has lived in these rivers well before humans started messing up its habitat. It is almost unique to Florida and attracts visitors (just to see Manatees (it's not always Mickey Mouse). These gentle animals need our help now. Tomorrow will be too late.
9/27/2021 11:23	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other	I want it gone. And the cypress forests and springs restored..	I have seen several reports that support the re-zeal of thd dam.	Tir dirings and the cypress forest will not be there for my grandchildren.	No	We kayak for exercise. The springs are our favorite. I missed seeing them at the last drawdown.
9/27/2021 11:24	Dade		Yes	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Bike ride	preserve the original natural WILDLIFE	Preserving the natural WILDLIFE and ecosystems	that we all die. if the longest living mammals on earth perish (manatees) ...we all perish	WATER IS LIFE WITHOUT CLEAN NATURAL WATER WE ALL DIE	
9/27/2021 11:24	Lake		No	No					I would like the dam removed and the historic natural flow of the Ocklawaha restored.	The River should have been left free to begin with as nature intended. No real good reason for dam to begin with.	Continued ecological impairment for the area.	NA	
9/27/2021 11:29	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Camping, Photography	Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached, the impoundment called Rodman Reservoir should be drained to historic river levels and the currently-inundated wetlands should be allowed to regrow. Recreational access to the river should be improved along with facilities encouraging shoreline fishing, hiking and water use. The currently-flooded springs such as Blue Springs and Tobacco Patch should be restored.	The plans for restoration previously approved by the state of Florida, the expectation of restoration implied in the permit to occupy federal national forest lands, the studies regarding recreational use done by the University of Florida, and the studies showing the need for restoration conducted around endangered and threatened wildlife.	Continued loss of habitat for vulnerable species, inaccessibility to public areas, abandonment of recreational use due to failing conditions of ecosystem, inability of the state and its agencies to competently manage the river and wetlands.	Disbanding the SJRWMD	
9/27/2021 11:29	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	We cannot wait to act on this, and it is critical that we breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. History has shown that failure to act on this will lead to climate disaster. Climate disaster does not only affect wildlife, like the fish and the manatees that deserve clean and safe habitats, but also for humans. Residents deserve peace of mind that their homes are safe from flooding or from unsafe drinking water. Our abundant wildlife and diverse ecosystems are what makes Florida so special, and there is too much to lose if we do not do what we can to save it.
9/27/2021 11:34	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/27/2021 11:38	Outside of state / other		No	No					restore natural habitat -- remove the dams	restore natural habitat for all citizens to enjoy nature	extinction	no	

9/27/2021 11:39	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam and reservoir in place , with better management practices for the health of the waterway .	My 40 years of fishing experience on Rodman - The misinformation being put out by various groups about how the dam restricts the flow of water to the St. John's river , which is a complete fallacy . The same amount of fresh water still flows down the ocklawaha river . even more water is released into the st John's river every time the locks are operated . Why is that amount of water never included in any of the water flow estimates ? Rodman would be used even more than it is if the department of greenways and trails would actually clear the channels of stumps like it used to. The last drawdown was completely unnecessary. All it served to do was kill all of the native vegetation that was flourishing at the time , which has yet to recover . I feel Rodman has been intentionally mismanaged in an attempt to reduce usage and help further the proponents of the dam's removal agenda .	Loss of habitat for numerous species of wildlife that flourish in the present environment.	The lock system could be disabled to reduce long term costs	
9/27/2021 11:41	Outside of state / other		No	No					The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 11:41	Marion		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it like it is. I love rodman.	Rodman value to homeowners.	My property value would drop.		
9/27/2021 11:58	Gulf		No	No					I would like to see a change in manatees.	My status.	My happiness.	No	
9/27/2021 11:59	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 12:00	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Not addressing this problem would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
9/27/2021 12:11	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it breached because it is not sound engineering wise. It would cost too much to fix and for what? When studies have shown that the biggest fish are caught outside the dam, what use is it? Dams destroy eco-systems and the Rodman has already shown by the decreasing # of species at Silver Springs that it is causing havoc downstream and upstream.	The latest study by the Florida Silver Springs Institute that shows that Silver Springs, which used to have a rich environment of all kinds of fish, is now dominated by Tilapia, an invader species which compete with our native Mullets in the food chain. fish populations have decreased by 78% at Silver Springs. Shame on us, for ruining an eco-system that was working right well before we messed with Mother Nature!	The ruination of Silver Springs, one of the major wonders of the world. The Springs need to have water flowing through it and cleaning it out in order to stop the pollution which is causing invader species to come to Marion County. I might add also that the Rodman keep manatees from being able to find safety and sea grass to eat in the cold winter months. Destroying the Rodman would bring major tourism back to Silver Springs by bringing the beloved Manatees. They are doomed if they are not allowed inland by a dam.	No, the dam must be removed.	Of course, at the same time that the dam is busted, we need to stop allowing more and more pumping of water out of the system. Also, we need to not allow any more septic tanks, plus replace the ones we have with anaerobic toilets (the kind they use in Scandinavia). This can be done by a law made by politicians, but highly recommended by the Water Board. Do you have the courage to just "Say NO" to developers, ranchers, and homeowners?? If not, we should abolish the Water Board system, which is antiquated anyway and not progressive enough to deal with the sensitive balance between the present and the future.
9/27/2021 12:14	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Preserve the dam and reservoir to allow pristine wildlife viewing and outstanding fishing	Observation of beautiful wildlife in the reservoir would be eliminated if dam was removed	Loss of open nature preserve and loss of outstanding fishing. The negative economic impact on this remote and poor area.	Not at this time. Either the dam goes or stays and thus the reservoir .	White I would have been against the dam in the first place, it doesn't make sense to spend lots of taxpayer money to take it down. It is a beautiful nature preserve open to lots of local people and tourists. It benefits the local economy, one of poorest communities in Florida. Save Rodman reservoir.
9/27/2021 12:18	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Free the river		The river will die	No	
9/27/2021 12:22	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Year it down	Let it be natural			
9/27/2021 12:33	Duval		No	Yes					remove the dam, restore original channel	dam aggregates silt, reduces flows, blocks springs, creates unnatural habitat.	beautiful original river remains underwater	no	
9/27/2021 12:38	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting	Preserve the wildlife refuge	Refuge for so many discuss and it's importance in safeguarding manatees.	Habitat destruction, erosion, water pollution, loss of hunting/ fishing grounds, more pressure on manatees.	Probably not	
9/27/2021 12:39	Dade		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers which protect nature and wildlife. Moreover, restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities. Restoration is a win/win situation!	More harm to the other challenged planet, nature, and wildlife.	NO!	
9/27/2021 12:45	Hillsborough		No	Yes					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 12:50	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like steps to be taken to restore our natural waterways	I have lived in Florida my whole life and have seen so much of our natural ecosystems disappear. To see a piece of it restored and protected would benifet the area both for the natural and economic impact.	The high cost of repairing the dam would negatively impact the tax payers. If action isn't taken the dam may give way and cause unintentional damage to surrounding areas.	I would support any action that takes steps to restore the river. Small steps are better than no steps.	
9/27/2021 12:53	Volusia		No	Yes				Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Removal and restoration of the ocklawaha river.			No	
9/27/2021 12:55	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Maintained as is, so as not to destroy or disrupt the many wildlife habitats (including humans) that have evolved in the area since the dam was built; to preserve the precious and increasingly necessary water resource provided by the reservoir; and to retain the valuable water-filtering benefit to the St. Johns River provide by the reservoir.	Multiple studies and thoughtful analysis of the history, hydrology, and environment of the area.	Loss of well-established wildlife habitats; the failure of potable water wells on high grounds surrounding the reservoir; loss of a precious water resource as Florida fresh water supplies become threatened by salt water intrusion and overuse/abuse due to development, agriculture, contamination and other threats.	I can't envision any other solution that would adequately address the aforementioned concerns.	Efforts to remove the dam and drain the reservoir seem to be politically and ideologically driven and do not appear to be science based.
9/27/2021 12:56	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Leave it the way it is	My family has been going to Rodman for the last 40 years and do not want to see it change	Family enjoyment		
9/27/2021 12:58	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times			I would like to see it removed.	Freetheocklawaha.com	I am concerned about the dwindling manatee population that require better access to our springs for refuge and food.	No. It needs to be removed.	The reservoir and dam needs to be restored to it's natural state in order to preserve the natural water flow in the state.
9/27/2021 12:59	Outside of state / other	Hungary	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	NO. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 13:05	Brevard		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Draw down, removal	Common sense	Altering natural water flow has long term environmental consequences that sometimes cannot be seen for a long time. We have seen them here but putting a strangle on a living system eventually causes it to die off.	Removal	
9/27/2021 13:10	Clay		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. This will improve water quality, and wildlife habitat throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse no only provide better wildlife habitat for native birds ans fish, but it will also increase recreation opportunities, which increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. This is our best chance to act on this crime against Nature. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 6% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. (characters: 514)
9/27/2021 13:14	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Other					
9/27/2021 13:18	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore natural water flow to the Ocklawaha.	Florida's environment is ecologically fragile and needs to be protected.			
9/27/2021 13:20	Outside of state / other	Orange Beach Alabama	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the FL waterways	Manatee extinction....highest rate of loss this year	Complete Loss of the Manatee	Something that preserves the wildlife and eco systems	
9/27/2021 13:21	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	restore the river	research shows it's the best way to provide manatee habitat restoration	the loss of another species	Not that I'm aware of. Many dams have been successfully removed across the United States to the benefit of all (to the chagrin of doubters). Benefits range from improved water quality, revitalized wetlands, better floodwater control, groundwater replenishment, lower maintenance costs, and wildlife enhancements.	Thank you for soliciting input.
9/27/2021 13:28	Jackson		No	No					I would like to see the management take local ecosystem preservation into account when making decisions.	The drought has affected the survival of native species of plants and wildlife.	The affects of the wildfire-drought cycle will cause a permanent impact due to climate change	I'm not sure, but would support small steps that are designed to achieve my desired outcome	
9/27/2021 13:43	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating	I think it should be preserved as it is a jewel of a destination for Central Florida	There is no good reason to drain the reservoir		no	
9/27/2021 13:44	Leon		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River	E beautiful rivers and numerous springs will be restored. Manatees will be able to access the warm spring water.	Money will be wasted on repairing the dam, water quality will get worse with more blue green algae and fish kills. More aquatic vegetation will be harmed.	No. We need to protect water quality and wildlife	Breaching the dam and restoring water flow in the river will benefit water quality, wetlands, fish and wildlife. It is so important for this region. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 13:44	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed.	Removal of the dam would help the Ocklawaha River recover from its damaged state.	Continued deterioration of the Ocklawaha River.	No.	
9/27/2021 13:46	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam to free the Ocklawaha River	The hugely negative impact the dam has had on the Silver Springs & River & Ocklawaha. This includes loss of fish & species from blocked migration, and flooding of many Ocklawaha springs.	The continued negative impact to Silver & Ocklawaha Rivers if the dam is not breached.	No. The dam must be breached	As a lifelong resident of Ocala/Marion County since 1949, I swam at Silver Springs during the 1950's and early 1960's, and have seen the great decline in Silver Springs since the dam was built. Silver Springs was once a fantastic fish bowl that the dam has mostly destroyed.
9/27/2021 13:48	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave them alone!	It has become a natural habitat and should be preserved.	Loss of local economy, loss of fishing, loss of wildlife.	No	My family has been in the area since 1948 and Rodman is a part of our life here. Please respect what has been done and do not try to undo it. If it should not have been here, you should have thought about that when you (government) created it in the first place.
9/27/2021 13:50	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	Restoration of flood plain Forrest, recovery of springs and migratory routes	Diminished health of St. John's river	The dam needs to be removed	Maintains this dam is costly and ecologically negligent. Please restore the river as nature intended

9/27/2021 13:54	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	I would like very much like to see it dismantled and let the natural flow of the Ocklawaha be restored. The dam is at the end of its useful life and the lake is filling with sediment and invasive species. I believe this will improve the overall health of Florida's waterways which have been severely damaged due to overbuilding and development in the state.	The continuing degradation of the water quality in both Lake Rodman and the Ocklawaha.	That Florida's natural waterways will continue to degrade to the point where they can't be revived in the future.	Unfortunately not. I really want to see the dam removed.	Really hoping the dam is removed. Florida's waterways deserve a second chance.
9/27/2021 13:56	Outside of state / other	WA	No	No					I would like the dam to be removed and the river to be restored for the sake of restoring habitat for the animals that make this place home, and to help alleviate flooding during weather events.	Communications from Save the Manatees, an organization in which I am a member.	The survival of animals that make this place home, and the survival of endangered manatees, in particular.	Take steps to protect animals that make this area home and that are dependent on it for their food and life cycle.	Thank you for your consideration on this matter. I have vacationed in Florida and the wildlife and animals that inhabit the state of Florida are the primary draw for me.
9/27/2021 14:04	Clay		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	no, this is long overdue	
9/27/2021 14:05	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time		Remove it.	Remove the impediment to fish and manatee.	Continued declining water quality.	No	
9/27/2021 14:07	Volusia		No	No					restore the Florida Riverways by removing key parts of the dam.		flooding of surrounding forests		
9/27/2021 14:12	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam	Caused flooding and now manatees do not have access	More manatees will die as they are having a difficult time finding food sources	Partially removing the dam just so manatees have access to the river	Thank you.
9/27/2021 14:21	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I visit when there is a drawdown to see springs that are normally flooded by the dam.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 527)
9/27/2021 14:28	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a
9/27/2021 14:29	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/27/2021 14:31	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Other	remove dam now.	science, ecology, wildlife, quality of water and life			
9/27/2021 14:31	Osceola		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Cooping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
9/27/2021 14:33	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Hunting Other: Gator Hunt	Take it down, restore natural Florida water plains	There are so many natural drowned or dead springs because of water control that shouldn't be in place.	Nothing, will wait to voice opinion again in the future.		
9/27/2021 14:35	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Restoration of water connectivity for wildlife and public.	Dam is not safe. and missing opportunity to create a better environment for people and wildlife.	No	
9/27/2021 14:42	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration
9/27/2021 14:45	Outside of state / other		No	No					Removal	Health of waterways depends on naturally flowing river systems	Health of wildlife in and around the waterway	No	
9/27/2021 14:45	Outside of state / other	Boston, MA	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Manatees need this in order to survive. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the best way to protect the manatee habitat and is the restoration project in the state. It will provide the essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees that they need especially in the winter months. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	My concerns are harm, grave harm or even desimation of manatee population and that keeping flooded lands will continue to harm animals such as bobcats, panthers, bears and deer, who can't travel through the land due to overflooding, caused by the dam.	NO - this change is beyond due. These animals cannot wait anymore without suffering dire consequences.	As a visitor who has several family members living in Florida, and who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. It will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/27/2021 14:46	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it. I looked at it. It was a mud hole.	The Dam needs to be removed and the Rodman pool drained so the Ocklawaha River can flow freely for its full length.	The millions of gallons of flow that will be restored so people and wildlife can all enjoy the river and its ecosystem not just fishermen.	That the state continues to waste my taxpayer dollars on a dam that should have been torn down years ago. Shame on you.		Tourists come to Florida to see our manatees, and our beautiful springs. Restoring the flow of the Great Florida Riverway will provide thousands of acres and miles of river for these tourists and Floridians to enjoy.It will greatly help improve our water supply. Please do the right thing and let the water flow!!!
9/27/2021 14:54	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached so the Ocklawaha's flow and habitat is restored	The huge costs of repairing the dam plus the drawdown that is necessitated is environmentally harmful, economically wasteful, and damaging to the fisheries, habitat and natural springs. We have an obligation to restore the beauty and bounty of this very special and unique habitat. Freeing the Ocklawaha will also benefit the health of the St. Johns River.	Fisheries and animal habitat will continue to be threatened. The health of the St. Johns River will continue to deteriorate. We'll also lose a huge economic boost to the economy that is enjoyed by people who love to canoe, kayak and see the springs in the river.	I am not asking for the removal of the dam, just a breach. The benefits of this far outweigh all other alternatives.	Freeing the Ocklawaha is good environmental and economic policy. It is supported by the majority of Floridians. DO IT!
9/27/2021 14:56	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River. Breach the dam at the natural river channel, west of the main Rodman Dam structure and maintain the Rodman Park fishing docks and ramps.	Improve the entire food web in Silver, Ocklawaha and Lower St. Johns River	Loss of habitat and migratory routes for fish and manatee.		
9/27/2021 15:00	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to 557 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 15:01	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Follow the approved latest plan and partially breach the Rodman Dam. That is, breach 2,000 feet of the 7,200-foot dam to restore the free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Currently, the dam is past its life expectancy and creates a serious flooding danger. Additionally, the dam and locks require $4-14 million in repairs. Instead, put this money toward restoration.	Two things: ecology and economics. 1) Ecologically, breaching the dam would provide for restoration of migration routes for several species of fish, including striped bass, plus manatees--currently blocked by the dam. The dam and locks effectively prevent these migrations. Additionally, 20 drowned springs would be allowed to flow, and the surrounding mud flats would recover to the previous floodplain forest. 2) Economically, breaching the dam would eliminate annual maintenance costs. The restored river would provide a greater economic benefit than the current stagnant reservoir.	My tax dollars would be wasted on perpetual maintenance of an artificial ecosystem that is declining in productivity. And we would miss the opportunity to see an interconnected restored three-river system--the Silver River, the Ocklawaha River, and the St. Johns River estuary. Even the near-shore Atlantic would be benefited.	No. All the parts fit together to provide an interconnected natural system which formerly provided one of the biggest tourist destinations in the United States and is a major part of the reason that Palatka exists.	Rather than "wasting" the water in the reservoir (but it's not really a reservoir), as some claim, the increased flow of at least 150 million gallons per day of cool clear water would help the recovery of eelgrass beds (submersed aquatic vegetation) in the St. Johns River, whose biomass has declined about 99% (my personal monitoring and experiments). I say this from a background of 45 years experience working on seagrass ecology, including 20 years at the District and living on the St. Johns River for 30 years. And I'm still active in seagrass research.
9/27/2021 15:02	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		Other: we were just out and about	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Flooding, continued damage to wildlife and water quality	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	We need to get out of natures way. The risk of flooding vs. the economic opportunity and restoration of the eco system seem to make sense and is the only viable option.
9/27/2021 15:02	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Removed			
9/27/2021 15:06	Volusia		No	No					Restore the river (Ocklawaha) by doing away with the dam.	They dam impacts rivers, streams and wetlands. It prohibits manatees from obtaining refuge in the winter. It is an old, old dam that was never used for its intended use. It is an unnecessary expense to maintain for no benefit. Restoring the river will provide better water flow and making the rivers less resilient to saltwater intrusion. Wildlife support improvement.	Taxpayers on the hook for repair and maintenance. Water flow impeeded to the detriment of wildlife, requiring additional expense to clear blockages.	No. Improved water quality in our state is imperative for quality of life and quality of wildlife. No alternatives once our natural resources are destroyed. Impacting economic growth, tourism, etc.	As a long term Florida resident, I care about Florida's environment and wildlife, waterways and springs. Restore this waterway. Protect our manatees and provide them an opportunity to continue to live and thrive.

9/27/2021 15:11	Hernando		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I fervently support restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir. I have supported restoration since before the dam was renamed the Kirkpatrick Dam. Every year restoration has been delayed has been one more year of additional, widespread environmental degradation	Trading 15,000 acres of healthy, productive and life-sustaining floodplain forest for a stagnant, artificial waterbody that could produce large numbers of one sportfish species (largemouth bass) for a limited lifespan, and only through massive management inputs, was a loosing proposition from the start. The Cross Florida Barge Canal was a horrible idea from its inception, and the worst component in terms of the negative impacts to natural resources was the damming of the Ocklawaha. It is a bitter irony that the worst component is the one we completed and retained. Florida is also preparing to invest $300 million to protect important lands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and perhaps the most important stretch of corridor that needs to be protected to accommodate the north-south movement of native flora and fauna is the Ocala to Osceola Corridor, i.e., the COO. The single greatest impediment to wildlife movement along the entire 100-mile length of the COO is the barrier posed by the Rodman Reservoir. Protecting the remaining gaps in the COO, like the remaining parcels of the Etonah Creek Florida Forever Project, is essential, and yet the value of investing in protection of those lands is severely compromised by continued existence of the reservoir. The impacts on use and enjoyment by native flora and fauna are paralleled by the impacts on use and enjoyment by human recreational users. It is not surprising that recreational use of the area INCREASES during the periodic drawdowns. Peddlers, birders and other wildlife observers has so much more to see and enjoy during those periods. Imagine how much greater, and more frequent, would be their enjoyment is if the historic floodplain forest was still present, and if such enjoyment was available year-round rather than only during drawdowns! It is wasteful, and more than a little insulting, that the dam and reservoir have remained in place for 53 years solely to satisfy a very narrow constituency! I have experienced everything the dam and reservoir have to offer, and that is why I haven't visited the area in years. If I want to visit the Ocklawaha, I stop long before reaching the reservoir. It is time to respect your responsibility to the people of Florida, and to protection of the resources under your management, by finally pursuing the partial restoration alternative. Breach the dam and drain the reservoir.	Failure to move forward with partial restoration will require a wasteful, counter-productive investment in repairing or replacing the obsolete dam given the threat it represents to downstream residents and landowners. Inaction is simply not an option. It is time to take the long view and recognize that any further investments to simply maintain the status quo are a waste, versus a restoration that will pay dividends far into the future. Such dividends include: 1) 15,000 acres of restored and/or revitalized floodplain forest. 2) Greatly increased flows to the lower St. Johns River, which is already suffering from salt water intrusion. 3) Restored habitat for anadromous fish, many with recreational value to sport fisherman. 4) Restored access for manatees to openly move from the St Johns to the Ocklawaha and the warm water refugium of Silver Springs, and the other springs that would re-emerge with draining of the reservoir. 5) Increased recreational access and usage, and the resulting spinoff benefits to the local economy. 6) Enhanced ability for flora and fauna to make use of the COO Corridor. 7) Negation of the need to invest in expensive and damaging treatments to manage the growth of aquatic weeds. And finally - the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway is an environmental, recreational and economic gem. It reflects what the drowned section of the Ocklawaha River COULD be with restoration. While the cost to restore could be more than the cost to repair and maintain the dam OVER THE SHORT TERM, the long list of environmental and economic benefits that would result from restoration would quickly offset and exceed any "savings" under the status quo alternative. It is sometimes stated that government would be more effective and efficient if it was run more like a business. While that is a gross oversimplification of reality since government's success can't be measured in the simple "bottom line" way of a private business, it is a fact that "return on investment" should still count in public sector projects. The science and several economic analyses have shown the return on investment for restoration, versus maintaining the status quo, is far greater. I can't conceive of a public infrastructure project that is a greater "no-brainer" than the choice we face here between restoration or maintenance of a destructive and counter-productive status quo.	No. The only viable alternative is restoration. Common sense, fiscal responsibility, and cost-benefit considerations support it. There is no compromise or half-measure that can be supported as cost-effective or fiscally responsible. Breach the dam, drain the reservoir, and invest in public access and expanded nature-based recreational opportunities.	I mentioned fiscal responsibility among my previous comments. There are other elements of fiscal responsibility that apply here! It would be foolish to leave money on the table. There are federal funds available to support dam removal through recent infrastructure legislation passed by Congress. As one of the most endangered rivers in the United States, so designated by American Rivers, the Ocklawaha would be a good candidate for such funding to help defray the costs of restoration to the state. Likewise, the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2021 session provides a funding source that could be applied to complete the protection of approved Florida Forever projects in the COO Corridor. Choosing the restoration alternative would increase the value of investing in protection of those lands, and thereby increase the attractiveness of this region for nature-based recreation and ecotourism. I fear the State of Florida will lose the opportunity to essentially "cost share" some expenses by failing to finally move forward with restoration NOW.
9/27/2021 15:12	Pinellas		No	No				Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a native Floridian, I retain vivid memories of fishing with my dad on the Ocklawaha River in my youth during the 1940s. It would be wonderful if restoration could recreate some semblance of the magical place that I saw then.
9/27/2021 15:16	Duval		No	No					I would like the dam to be removed.	A free-flowing Oklawaha would aid the health of the St Johns River.	the expense of dam restoration, when the dam is not in our best interest.	No. The dam needs to be removed, period.	
9/27/2021 15:20	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: prefer viewing exploring more naturalized areas	Partial restoration at a minimum, would prefer that the SJWMD did an extensive restoration of the full river/floodplain of the largest tributary of the St. Johns river , water quality and quantity have been impaired for too long. The dam structure needs to be removed completely and the original river channels restored. Free the fowling springs and the river !	American Rivers ranked the Ocklawaha as the 9th most endangered river in 2020. The Cross Florida Canal was a mistake from it's earliest conception in the 1930s all the way to present 2021. It's past time to do the right thing and attempt restoration of an ailing ecosystem created by the folly of man.	The continued abuse of the Floridian Aquifer and water degradation due to overdrive of available potable water to feed what has become a growth explosion that currently makes Florida the 3rd largest population in the United States and still growing !	Any effort is needed but it needs a serious dedicated and funded restoration program to address a seriously ignored situation. Floridians need to address and act on corrective measures to at a minimum prevent further decline of a valuable resource - clean healthy WATER is important for all of Florida.	
9/27/2021 15:20	Putnam		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 65% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/27/2021 15:28	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored in my lifetime. The Rodman Dam no longer serves a viable purpose and has become an environmental threat to the rest of the river.	The current state of the dam is a real example of neglect and it is rife with trash and debris.	My biggest concern is that more invasive species thrive in the waterways involved because of the destruction caused by the dam.	I don't think so. The Rodman Dam was a bad decision to begin with and it remains so. Manatees used to be able to swim all the way to Silver Springs. Now they are dying.	Your agency has never impressed me as one that works for the environment but is peopled by many development interests and caters to the like.
9/27/2021 15:31	Hillsborough		No	No					Use the plan to breach the Kirkpatrick dam to restore the flow of the Ocklerahta.	I believe this would improve the environmental conditions of the Ocklawaha, Silver and Saint Johns rivers environs which word be beneficial for native plants and animals, as well as benefiting local residents.	We will continue to lose the beauty of our Florida natural resources and the ongoing effort to maintain the dam and reservoir will require increasing public funding for maintenance which could be better used for our citizens.	Not that I can think of currently. If there are other options presented I would be happy to entertain them. If so, I would hope there would be a comment period.	All the maps I've seen predicting the future growth in Florida seem to have no concerned about replacing our natural resources with building and development. Many people enjoy the outdoors in Florida specifically because of these beautiful resources. I believe it is necessary for us to show concern for, and preserve these natural resources, before developers and politicians become enamored with the growth. Please help us maintain our quality of life in Florida.
9/27/2021 15:34	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	Use the marijuana plant to get rid of red tide and other chemical mess killing our wild life stop being such a jerk about what is right	Use the marijuana plant to clean up our water	Stupidity of the Floridas fish and wildlife and other idiots who want the status quote	Start doing what's right and stop being puppets.	Stop being the status quo. Scientists have fallen into the political trap. Stop it. Be bold
9/27/2021 15:37	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxing and enjoying the view	Returned to its natural state before the dam was added.	It's an nature intended and allows for the Wildlife Corridor to be functional and complete	Disconnection off the Wildlife Corridor and native plant species and animals negatively impacted.	Not really	
9/27/2021 15:42	Madison		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Leave the reservoir and dam in place.	The reservoir is an amazing wildlife refuge and a world class fishing destination.	Loss of revenue for the counties surrounding the reservoir and loss of a great recreation resource. None that I	None that I am aware of.	
9/27/2021 15:46	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	remove it	restoration of the environment	continual environment damage	no	
9/27/2021 15:46	Pasco		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Would like to see it removed and the natural flow of the river restored. Frankly the water quickly of the system does not appear that great.	Compare to other Florida river system every time I see the Okalawah water my first thought is it doesn't look healthy.	The river will just become a dead drainage canal.	Not really. Removing the control structures is the only solution. Otherwise you might as well leave it as is.	
9/27/2021 15:53	Seminole		No	No									As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/27/2021 15:55	Duval		No	No					Removal of the dams to let the Ocklawaha River return to its original state. Many issues with the health of the river and South Florida's bays have occurred because of these dams.	Scientists have proved for years that the dams have caused issues with the river. Private interests and voting threats have been used to stop the restoration of the river	Florida's rivers and bays would co tinge to deteriorate.	Not really. So much of South Florida has been damaged already. Restoration needs to happed before it's too late.	
9/27/2021 16:00	Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	We are nothing without Earth and its wildlife. We are nothing if future generations can't continue onward.
9/27/2021 16:01	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removed	The number of dead manatees found in 2021, which is 1/10 of the total population.	Extinction of this species.	Reduction in fertilizer and sediment entering into the system to promote seagrass growth.	I work in S. Florida as a Manatee observer and the grasses are in serious decline.
9/27/2021 16:14	Manatee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/27/2021 16:21	Volusia		No	No					Please breach the dam.	The manatees need the warm waters of the Oklawaha River to flourish, most of which is inaccessible due to the dam.	The sad and unnecessary deaths of these gentle animals.	I don't know.	Manatees love their lives just as we humans do ours. Please help.
9/27/2021 16:23	Outside of state / other		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Tear down dam				
9/27/2021 16:30	Nassau		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 16:39	Orange		No	No					please remove the dam to allow for free flowing water to the St. Johns River	allowing manatees access to Silver Springs	water quality would continue to decline	no	
9/27/2021 16:40	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/27/2021 16:41	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Dam removed, Buckman lock closed	Degraded water quality of St. John's River	Oh, it'll be achieved! Hopefully in next couple years.	Permanent drawdown.	Exorbitant expense, be cheaper to reimburse businesses that "rely" on reservoir for income than to continue maintenance.
9/27/2021 16:44	Dade		No	No					Breach the dam and let the river flow.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (COO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the COO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No compromise!	
9/27/2021 16:54	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Preservation	Clean water	Wildlife loss	None	
9/27/2021 16:55	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Environmental concerns	That further action would be taken towards building the dam	Maybe.	It's time to put environmental concerns over profit.
9/27/2021 16:58	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The Kirkpatrick Dam must be removed, in order to restore proper flow to the Atlantic Ocean from the LSJR. This has been demonstrated and modeled sufficiently by involved parties.	Each annual report of the LSJR contains data regarding degradative effects to date on freshwater flow and supply since the Dam was built.	I have been conducting research on Florida manatees since 1993. We all know well the multifold destruction of this beautiful waterway in past decades. Humans, animals, and plants require a safe, continuous hydrologic cycle of freshwater. If this dam is not removed, continued breaching of the Floridan aquifer is guaranteed.	Nope.	Our children's children, as well as Ded Florida, are watching the decisions we make and allow. We know what is correct.
9/27/2021 16:58	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the oklawaha	$50 million approximate income to the area and wilderness restoration	Chiefer	No	
9/27/2021 16:59	Outside of state / other	toned in New Smyrna Beach/Bethune	No	No					I would like to see it breached so the river can flow freely. We have seen the area of St. John's River gradually decline over time. The water looks terrible - sometimes green, brown. And, what was once a wonderful area to fish now has just a fraction of the fish there used to be. The entire area seems to be dying off.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No	
9/27/2021 16:59	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoying the outdoors	Removal	It is important to the health of the St. Johns River Basin and the health of the environment to let the river flow free.	Some other group might decide it is a good idea to try something like that again.	Not really.	My years of serving on SJRWMD Governing Board taught me how much to appreciate our natural environment and how many mistakes we have made, the Kirkpatrick Dam was a big one. Saundra H. Gray(I have already answered this once, maybe I should't send another)
9/27/2021 17:04	St Johns		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	This is a fiscally responsible decision that protects residents' homes and results in improved water quality, adds a boost to Florida's economy and affords more access to recreation that my family enjoys, namely birding, kayaking, and visiting Florida springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. It is a rare opportunity indeed when environmental, economic, and public safety interests all win! Let's not miss it!	No. Dam safety, improved water quality, economic benefits of recreation opportunities, and wildlife can't wait. Repairing the dam is fiscally irresponsible.	
9/27/2021 17:08	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam. I would like to see a free flowing Ocklawaha river. I would also like to see the flooded springs that were lost.	The purpose behind building the dam was obsolete shortly after the dam was complete. It is a waste of money to continually maintain the dam and lake. The dam does not provide any material benefits to the locals, county or state. The fishing would be even better if the river was free flowing. It would help make the Ocklawaha a premiere fishing destination. Seeing all the herbicides used to keep Rodman Reservoir navigable and free of weeds is awful.	Continued waste of taxpayer monies to benefit a small subset of a small community. An obsolete and expensive to maintain piece of infrastructure should be removed.	Yes. If the Ocklawaha river could be restored to a free flowing state and the lost springs allowed to flow again I could support a compromise.	

9/27/2021 17:11	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: We have hiked there and kayaked	I would like that dam breached and allow the river to flow freely. The Ocklawaha was once a beautiful river and it's time to remedy the mess that was started years ago. Breaching this dam would help so many species both plant and animal and it would allow the 7500 acres that are currently submerged to be available again as forest and help with flooding too. This should have happened years ago.	The fact that 7500 acres of land would be allowed to revert to its original state while allowing migratory fish and manatees the ability to move freely once again. The springs would be opened up and so many species of plants and animals could be revived. Water quality would be improved as well, not to mention that the cost of maintaining that stupid dam would be gone.	Water quality will continue to decline, flooding at along the river will continue be there is nowhere for the water to go currently. All the wonderful species that will not be able to migrate and continue to disappear due to the mess that is called Rodman Dam and reservoir. The economic benefits from breaching this dam will be wonderful due to the many people coming there to hike and kayak in the beautiful river that can be again.	NO! This dam must be breached and NOW! We have toadied up to the few bass fishermen that like it the way it is but there are too many people all along this river's route that must finally be listened to. We here in Jax know that flooding up here will occur again and again unless we allow the land to revert back as a flood plain. You must do this now!	
9/27/2021 17:13	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Exploring the Springs during draw down	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. The economic impact to bring the dam to current standards is not one that the tax payers of Florida should take on to benefit a small special interest group of bass fishermen.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife $50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical—manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat, and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	Now is the time to finally make meaningful environmental wins for the long term prosperity fo Florida. The outdoors and environment are just one of the many reasons people visit and move to Florida. Aside from the benefit to bass fishermen the Rodman Dam has shown no other purpose in being maintained. We have continued to vote to show that the environment is a non partisan issue and recreational use of our resources is a benefit to all citizens of the state.
9/27/2021 17:20	Sarasota		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality and wildlife is inflicted throughout the great Florida River Way.	Three Rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	We miss the best opportunity to do this! State and Federal funds are available , public interest is high, environmental needs are critical—manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat—and the dam is unsafe.	No! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait!	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
9/27/2021 17:22	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Other: do not use but use the silver river	gone	the health of the ocklawaha and silver rivers	the death or destruction of the silver as we have known it.	no	
9/27/2021 17:22	Lake		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam to allow the natural water flow!	The wildlife would benefit from this action!	Wildlife decline!	I don't think so!	Thank you for allowing my input! Please consider it for the animals sake!
9/27/2021 17:28	Marion		No	No									
9/27/2021 17:28	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam. Allow free flowing water for manatees. Restore to natural form.	Manatees need access to clean, warm, healthy water in order to survive.	More manatee deaths		
9/27/2021 17:34	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other	Taken down	Take it down	What's the plan next	Probably	
9/27/2021 17:47	Duval		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river.	There is loss of natural water flow and habitat balance by damming the river. It smells unclean and actually like a sewer to me on a recent visit. I was really disappointed in the poor appearance of this area.	Continued disruption of natural waterflowl and essential balance of wetlands and shoreline. Lack of restoroation of cleanliness, habitat, and reclamation of natural replenishing water flow. Further deterioration of the health of this area.	No. It is either a natural flowing river or a mess of human interference. The river must be restored. You can see right now, in some aspects, what is happening with drought in the areas of dams in the west.	Florida has a unique ecology. Much of this precious environment depends on our water, whether fresh or salt, river or spring. The reason the dam was built is no longer existent. We have a very short-lived chance to replace what has been lost. This issue has been debated for years and it is because it is the right thing to do. Now is the time. We have nothing to lose by restoration of the river.
9/27/2021 17:49	Pinellas		No	No					Partial breach of the dam	The death of manatees aided by the loss of seagrass. Any river flow we can restore will help.	Continues loss of life of Florida's endangered species	No	
9/27/2021 17:51	Outside of state / other	Albany County	No	No					I would like the Ocklawaha River restored to something like its original state by removing certain portions of the Kirkpatrick Dam, so that wildlife such as manatees would be able to use it. As I understand it, the objective of the dam was originally to construct a canal; but this was not done.	A letter from the Save-The-Manatee Club.		Considering that much of the Everglades was drained for various reasons (and these reasons were sometimes perfectly legitimate), I'm not sure the Rodman Reservoir is needed.	I'd have to see what scenario someone has in mind and think about it.
9/27/2021 17:56	Pinellas		No	No					Please remove the dam and let the Ocklawaha River flow, allowing fresh water and ecosystems to be restored.	Www.freetheocklawaha.com is the best summary of the research that supports my position	Environmental impacts that are not only financially disastrous, but continue the ruin of FL resources for ourselves and the following generations.	I have not yet heard of a logical, reasonable alternative	
9/27/2021 18:11	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 8,000 acres of crossed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the OZO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etoniah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Thank you for your hard work!
9/27/2021 18:12	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman-Kirkpatrick dam.	The damage prevents natural migration of native fish and Manatees from obtaining refuge and foraging during the cold months. By breaching the dam it would restore the flow of freshwater and improve the overall ecosystem for Florida's wildlife.	Loosing the precious Manatee. They are dying at an alarming rate!	No, the time to act is NOW.	I do not live in Florida. Nothing brings me greater joy than visiting your beautiful state. You are so fortunate to have such a beautiful ecosystem. The health of your waterways is of extreme importance. Please realize how fortunate you are and take care of all of your magnificent species, especially your Manatee's.
9/27/2021 18:15	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating	Retain the lake and dam. Operate it to maximize fishing and wildlife which should be consistent with each other.	Rodman acts similarly to wet detention systems to trap nutrients keep them out of the river. Essentially the same amount of water flows out on an annual basis as flows in. .	Sudden influx of accumulated nutrients and sediments into the Ocklawaha below existing dam and on to the St. John's River . Also a degraded mucky bottom land taking many decades to evolve into a bottom land forest. Cattails over 8,000 acres or more. Zero benefit.	Maybe but I have not heard any proposal from anyone.	What is up with Stick Marsh/Farm 13/Yellowmere Reservoir/Water retention areas being built south of Okeechobee? Why have they been built? Also, eagles, wading birds, fish of all species, alligators, turtles, wetland mammals do not know when made from natural. The environmental crusade against Rodman is partly based on subjective taste and partly on the egotistical desire to win. The idea of " mitigating " the St. John's dredging by destroying Rodman is insultingly stupid. Like no one knows how a bathtub or reservoir works. I don't fish Rodman much as I prefer the St. John's River but I know why people like it and I respect that and it does serve a water quality purpose and it does have management benefits.
9/27/2021 18:17	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Let it flow naturally	It was a failed plan many years ago. Don't waste tax payers dollars on it. Let nature be so generations can enjoy it.	Money wasted	No.	
9/27/2021 18:20	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: looking for freshwater mussels shells and bird watching	Drain the reservoir and remove the dam. After removal the floodplains that were inundated should be maintained in public ownership (County/State??) as recreational lands for hunting, fishing, hiking, boating, canoeing, kayaking, birding, and camping activities. Access to the springs would be an important component for the riverine ecosystem going forward. After draining the reservoir the area should undergo active restoration towards maximizing the public use activities. This should offset any lost revenue from reservoir based recreation.	I am a research aquatic biologist (retired USGS and FWC - but still writing and publishing) and understand the importance of having an open, unobstructed, free flowing river to maintain native fish populations especially those species that make spawning runs such as sturgeon (both Shortnose and Atlantic) and shads (genus Alosa). There are also other fishes that would would make seasonal runs up the river that are currently blocked by the dam. With the deepening of the Port of Jacksonville plus sea-level rise it is going to be critical for fishes to have more access to tributary rivers as the lower St Johns becomes more saline.	The continued loss of the riverine and terrestrial wildlife habitat. The continued funding required for the lock and dam O&M (operation and maintenance) is money down the drain. As the lock and dam ages the funding for O&M will only increase. Its ridiculous to continue to fund the O&M of a big fish joint that has to be drained every 3-5 years. The presence of lake (reservoir like) resources in the area (e.g. Lake George, Little Lake George) are plentiful vs riverine systems.	No. You either have a dam and reservoir unless you take it out and then you have a river	Please take out the Rodman lock and Dam
9/27/2021 18:24	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Remove dam and return to natural environment	The Ocklawa is one of Florida's most precious treasures	More degradation of Florida's natural beauty by greedy profiteers	No	It is high time this injustice to our beautiful state and it's citizens by profiteers is corrected. Return it to the way God gave it to us.
9/27/2021 18:26	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Preserve it!	The reservoir has created a fantastic eco system over 50 years	I'm 70 years old and fished the reservoir since it was created, also fished the oklawaha river before that, it will be centuries before it could recover to its original state	No !!!	These people who would like to destroy the reservoir are very misguided, most of these people are not from the counties the barge canal runs through, most are from miami/ Dade, if they got their wish the economics will very much hurt these counties, you can throw a rock across the original river at any given point, lucky for two boats to pass by each other, that's my assessment of it, from someone who has been there before the canal and after
9/27/2021 18:27	Brevard		No	No						The cost to repair the dam is $14 million while removing it would bring money into Florida by restoration by the river	Homes will be destroyed and costs will increase if the dam breaks	No	The river needs to be restored
9/27/2021 18:28	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Manage the water for water sports and nature watching. Leave the dam in place and the reservoir , as is.	Personal knowledge and a recreational and professional fisherman / guide. It supports great wildlife and environmental pluses.	Lose of my favorite activity area and my livelihood. I rely on the Reservoir for my guiding job / career. It is known worldwide for its outstanding bass fishing.	No. Any scenario other than the one I support, would cause catastrophic harm to the Reservior and eliminate the Reservior all together.	Keep Rodman Reservior as is. It's is a totally unique ecosystem and an economic boost for the areas, it flows through.
9/27/2021 18:32	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the durn dam torn down completely.	The challenge to our springs and the manatees and the loss of fish such as bass.	I am most concerned about the wildlife and the water in the rivers and springs.	Not really. I see no purpose for this dam. It was put up to aid a now non existent barge canal. I think it should be removed and allow nature to return to natural!	
9/27/2021 18:40	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the river	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
9/27/2021 18:48	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is. Do not deroxy it.	It is interesting to learn about it and why it was built. Good fishing. Water supply if needed in future.	We may not have a water supply when needed in the future.		
9/27/2021 18:50	Bradford		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	I want it to be left as it is....	The fact that it filters the water before it goes to the river. Also the amount of recreation the lake provides to locals as well as tourists.	If we lose this body of water, I believe the St.Johns river pollution will suffer.	Nope	
9/27/2021 18:51	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is.	It is a unique ecosystem and supports an abundance of wildlife.	It would ruin the ecosystem and would have no positive effect for this area of Florida. Also it would have a negative effect on the watershed in this area.	NO	
9/27/2021 18:55	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 8,000 acres of crossed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline.	No	
9/27/2021 18:57	Jackson		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway. .	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 18:58	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time		Remove dam and restore frae flowing stream.	Wildlife corridor and the fact that the dam was part of a project that was never completed and is not needed.	Maintenance dollars spent on this unneeded dam and continued impediment to fish movement, manatees, etc.	Gradual lowering of reservoir to eventually result in elimination.	
9/27/2021 18:59	Outside of state / other	Escondido, California	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	We have to act quickly. So far we have done a really bad job of "managing" this planet and its creatures. We need to step up and be Good Stewards not destroyers.
9/27/2021 19:01	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it like it is.	Would take years and years to go back to it's original form .Just leave it be.	Would destroy the impact of wildlife in the area, not to say that it would also have a big impact on our economy that brings a lot of fishermen into Putnam County.	No, other than just leaving it alone.	SAVE RODMAN……
9/27/2021 19:03	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave as is.	This is now an existing ecosystem that supports abundant wildlife of all kinds. It may have been a bad decision to build the dam in the first place but to remove it now would be another bad decision.	If the dam is removed, it would take many years for this area to reestablish as a viable habitat for wildlife and to be enjoyed by the public.	None that I am aware of.	

9/27/2021 19:04	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economics lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 19:08	Outside of state / other	The Woodlands, TX	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economics have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 19:10	Clay		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Family outings	Nothing only improve road going into Kenwood! This body of water is very special and to do anything to it would devastate the ego system and birds, fish, reptiles and wildlife that depend on it for survival!	This refuge is home to many species of birds including our national bird the Eagle!	Destruction of an ego great and useful sanctuary for birds and wildlife.	No! Have fully supported saving this great body of water!	Please do nothing to interfere with this great body of water and the ego system and sanctuary that it is,
9/27/2021 19:10	Seminole		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and this will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds and even thousands of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Absolutely not. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. The time is now.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expe
9/27/2021 19:15	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Maintain Rodman Reservoir as is.	The impact it currently has on the environmental recreation & fishing business/ industry within Putnam county. Plus is a very good filter for water flow into the St. Johns River. The Reservoir as is can be used for water resource for north Florida	The current Rodman area would become a giant mud hole for many many years. The north Florida area would lose an excellent water resource reservoir.	Nope- keep Rodman as is.	Don't fix what isn't broke.
9/27/2021 19:15	Outside of state / other	Marana, AZ	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economics have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 19:21	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling camps, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/27/2021 19:28	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing	Nothing!! Maintain present status!! Manage water lettuce and continue drawdowns every 3-4 years!!	Personal observation and my professional training.	There is a much larger diversity of wildlife and eco systems than before the reservoir was created so there is no reason to destroy it.	No	
9/27/2021 19:30	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Keep it the way it is. Great fishing	Having the chance to catch a bass of a life time. Only place in Florida. Not to leave out the great crappie and bream fishing	Would lose without question, one of best lakes in the US	No, KEEP RODMAN RESERVOIR	
9/27/2021 19:34	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Property butts up to river	Keep everything as it is now, wild life and habitats preserved. It is controlled river, from flooding, manatees are able to use it. Commercial guides make a living, fishing and hunting licenses $ for state improvements.	Families and all others visit and use dam and lake.	Big failure to the ego destabilized, always the bad decisions to harm our environment.	Do not tear down dam, it's taken years to make it this prospert.	
9/27/2021 19:34	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times		Fishing	Keep the damn.	It's one of the best fisheries in the state	Environmental impact on the already stable ecosystem.	Closing the locks.	I believe there are so many positive sides to keeping Robin reservoir intact that they're too numerous to list here. From a freshwater holding tank that will pay dividends in the future to the economic impact that has for the surrounding counties..
9/27/2021 19:36	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River to its historic banks.	Removing the dam and returning the Ocklawaha River and its springs to pre 1968 conditions will allow restoration of habitat of "natural Florida" plants and animals.	If the dam remains, there is a huge loss of the potential ecotourism that would be generated by the return of the naturally flowing river and its springs.	no	I sail and kayak. There are already plenty of water bodies in north Florida for sailing, but paddlers like me would appreciate the return of the Ocklawaha and its springs.
9/27/2021 19:56	Outside of state / other		No	No									
9/27/2021 20:00	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	I would like to see it removed to restore the natural flow it once had without the dams obstruction. Variety of fish population deems the removal as necessary to reestablish what once was flourishing numbers of different species.	The most recent fish counts of the silver springs area.	The failure of the dam based on age as well as losing certain fish species due to over population of the invasive types.	I support the removal completely.	
9/27/2021 20:03	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					restore manatee habitat		manatee extinction		
9/27/2021 20:12	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored as it is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway. Once restored it could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees habitat is being threatened and deaths of manatees has been on the rise.	Manatees are struggling with starvation from seagrass loss and the greatest long term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter which is an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	A greater loss of the manatee population. This would be devastating to our environment.	Unfortunately I do not know of any other scenario.	Everything we can do to help save manatees and other wildlife from habitat destruction and pollution is essential for our environment. Please help the conservation of manatees and other wildlife. Thank you.
9/27/2021 20:20	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: to see it in operation and the surroundings	Open the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam to flow naturally.	There is a desperate need to restore the lost springs, wildlife habitats, increase water flowing to Lower Ocklawaha and St Johns Rivers and avoid future potential flood damage to property owners.	The State of Florida will pay $$$$ to continue to repair it and this area will be destroyed through diminished habitats, recreational use, and ultimately catastrophic to the environment.	No. We need action now.	This area of Florida has much more water compared to south Florida. It is critical that we be the best stewards of water releases from the breaching of the Dam so that we continue to maintain water for public use and maintain habitats for fish and wildlife. Large you to consider the future carefully.
9/27/2021 20:35	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the Dan and free the Oklawaha river		Destruction of Florida's largest natural water supply	Possiby modifications	
9/27/2021 20:44	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Removed to allow the river to run free again.	The dam is aging so instead of repairing it at great expense why not dismantle it and allow the Ocklawaha to return to its natural flow.	Money spent on a dam that serves no purpose.	Have not thought about this option.	
9/27/2021 20:45	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxing area to watch wild life . Tranquility	Leave it alone for wild life esp manatee, birds, deer, bears and fish! Don't destroy this great place!	I fish! I go to the damn to enjoy the nature and be in tune with it!	Very upset that you would destroy what nature needs to survive! Is it for your need? There are manatee in the river , go look!	You all must go and see the wild life needs! Do not destroy it. The water level is fine.	The cabbage growth is an issue but the bass love to hide under it! We enjoy boating and swimming there! Family events together!!
9/27/2021 20:55	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Fill the tie see the dam removed and the reservoir restored to floodplain forest				
9/27/2021 21:00	Outside of state / other	CO	No	No					Provide ecological health		Ecology	Sadness	?
9/27/2021 21:04	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam so that the reservoir will no longer exist.	The inability of the historic naturally functioning river to exist meaning, among other things, that manatees cannot reach their historic wintering area of Silver Springs.	That the river would not be returned to its natural functioning characteristics as was the case before the dam was built.	Not really. The plan resulting in the deletion of the dam still allows for much of the local area benefit that results from recreation activities possible today to continue.	
9/27/2021 21:05	Outside of state / other	Upland, California	No	No					As a biologist, I believe it would be best for the dam to be breached to allow for all organisms, including humans, to be able to move freely in the waterway. It would benefit everything from manatees to fish and aquatic plants.	Articles in the Florida Phoenix and the Gainesville Sun.	First, that the dam would not be safe. It seems like the repairs necessary are substantial to maintain it as is and that it would probably need to be repaired again in the near future. Second, this is an opportunity to potentially save money and restore habitat. It seems like a win-win.	If they could come up with a way to release more water downstream slowly while maintaining the dam, I would be for it.	
9/27/2021 21:08	Marion		No	No					Tear down the dam to restore the natural, origins, river	FL faces future flooding if the unusable dam is breached in hurricanes or other storms. We could save a potential 57 million dollars by avoiding this flood damage. Manatees are dying,...new the springs and warm waters restored so they won't congregate where there is ot enough food.	An unnatural Florida taken over by exotic species and dying from poor water flow and water quality	No. The dam has not been used for its purpose and should have been eliminated 50 years ago.	So much of Florida has already been ruined and lost to us. This is the time to do restoration before the opportunity and federal funding is lost.
9/27/2021 21:25	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The fact that numerous studies have shown the Dam is not serving a purpose that outweighs the benefits of restoring the river.	Continued decline in water quality & continued, unnecessary impediments to wildlife and marine mammals' access to springs.	No.	
9/27/2021 21:28	Levy		No	No					Restore the River!	The condition of the dam/reservoir	Much more money required to maintain the dam!	A commitment to gradually remove the dam and restore the river	Haven't we at last learned the futility of trying to control nature?
9/27/2021 21:33	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Research/monitoring work	I would like to see the reservoir drained and the dam removed permanently to allow the river to flow naturally again.	• 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. • 8,000 acres of unused floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. • Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. • Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. • Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. • Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. • At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. • An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction.	• • • • • The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage be denied to the surrounding local communities would ñ Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its constru ction. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be restored river channel and in the reemerged spring run streams un able to regenerate in , and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the OZO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etoniah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. • Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.
9/27/2021 21:46	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha restored to a functioning river.	It would mean that 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem are restored, and the St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/27/2021 22:03	Outside of state / other	Atlanta, GA	No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam in order to restore the Ocklawaha River	Manatees are dying at an alarming rate. We need to preserve this species - and Florida's fragile ecosystems.	More ecological destruction and loss of habitat for threatened and endangered animals, including the Florida Panther	No - the Kirkpatrick Dam has got to go!	
9/27/2021 22:09	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I love the natural beauty of a manmade reservoir with the added benefit of being a huge storage for fresh water.	Maintain "as is" as a tremendous asset to all of the citizens of North Central Florida. Rodman is an absolutely fabulous resource for outdoor activity and fishing particularly for giant Largemouth Bass, which my friends and I pursue using "catch and release" in-order support that population.	My personal and ongoing experience through the use of this valuable asset on a constant basis.	A complete loss of the resource would be inexcusable in my view and likely the view of many other outdoor enthusiasts.	No, this asset should be maintained.	Please DO NOT destroy Rodman and Kirkman!
9/27/2021 22:15	Outside of state / other	Hutchinson, KS	No	No									
9/27/2021 22:18	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam to allow the Ocklawaha River to return to a somewhat natural state	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline.	No. There are no other solutions that would accomplish all of the benefits of removing the dam.	This debate has gone on for a very long time and it is clear to me that all the evidence for economic and ecological benefits point to removal of the dam.
9/27/2021 22:18	Suwannee		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I want it to remain as is. I would like to see improvements made to Kenwood road and ramp area so that more people could take advantage of this beautiful place.	Rodman is truly a remarkable place not only as a fishing destination but also host the most diverse bird population I have ever seen in one place. Its the only lake I know of that can be lowered to control invasive weeds without using harmful chemicals. I've been going to Rodman since 1979 and considering the limited access it has always amazed me how many people use it. Even during weekday trips I can never remember going and not seeing other people fishing. The vast majority of those fishermen will know nothing about and will not have the opportunity to give their opinion on this survey.	We will be left with an ugly and unusable mud hole displacing and certainly killing numerous animals that rely on it for their home.	No	If we could go back in time I wouldn't have supported the project but no amount of time or money will take us back to that point in time. Instead of wasting all this time and money trying to destroy something so unique and beautiful why not enhance and promote it so that people from all over our country can enjoy it also.
9/27/2021 22:21	Leon		No	No						Stop the use of taxpayer money repairing and changing what God gave her naturally!! Restore the rivers and Florida's springs. Ehelps wildlife including fish and Manatee Restore the springs Creates future recreation Stops potential flooding It's the right thing to do! I moved to Florida or years ago I've been on many of the rivers and two at least 10 to 15 Springs... Stop leading companies still Florida's number one asset... Water take away any bottling company that don't get back to Florida residence... Water should be free in Florida bottles on my cost like $.10 Restore glory to Florida	Let out as as much water as you can Restore 20+ Springs	Doing everything we can to make things right again	
9/27/2021 22:23	Pinellas		No	No					Restoring the riverway would be beneficial for manatees, other wildlife, and people.	Allowing wildlife to travel freely throughout all riverways has been proven over and over again throughout the country.	The inability of manatees and other wildlife to traverse waterways is crucial for the health of fauna and flora alike. Preventing this would harm the waterways and wildlife.	No	
9/27/2021 22:25	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Would like to see manatees return as well as native fish including sturgeon	lost opportunity to restore native Florida. Expense to maintain a dam that was only justified by a canal system that was never completed and is archaic technology	No, only removal of the dam would achieve my interests	
9/27/2021 22:25	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remain in place and improvements made.	Fishing reports	Loss of the improved eco system that has developed along with loss of system for removing pollutants from needed water source.	No	None

9/27/2021 22:44	Outside of state / other	Delran New Jersey	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Preserved for the wildlife and environment	Overdevelopment of natural resources	Extinction of wildlife and loss or damage of more water which is one of our most precious resources	Not if it effects wildlife or natural reasources	
9/27/2021 22:50	Lake		No	No					I would like it removed and out of the way off the real Oklawaha river.	The history of the dam and how it was before it.	That we are keeping a boring artifical lake in the place of a beautiful, wild, and natural river.	No	It's about time we get the real Florida back. There are plenty of places to fish but there is only one Oklawaha river in our state.
9/27/2021 22:53	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will foster new opportunities for recreation, nature and restoration of the earth.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait, and neither can humans who all will benefit from environmental regeneration that will take place when we allow land to be restored to more natural manner of functioning, as nature intended.	WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionm gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/27/2021 23:01	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and allow the natural river to restore itself.	Absence of aquatic life that occurred historically before the dam, and should occur above the dam, e.g. large numbers of manatees, migratory fish including sturgeon (2 species), striped bass, large catfish, and other species.	Continued loss of natural resources, excessive cost to maintain an ecologically destructive dam that no longer serves a legitimate purpose.	No.	The economic argument alone clearly favors breaching the Rodman dam. The reservoir is an unattractive, weed infested, stump-laden, foul watered eyesore only useful for a few bass fisherman who can easily go to nearby, world class bass lakes such as Lochloosa or Orange. Restoring the river will allow huge numbers of manatees moving from the dead Indian River Lagoon to winter in Silver Springs and the other submerged springs, and repopulate this river system, creating a huge tourist attraction. Additionally, striped bass, sturgeon, and giant catfish will repopulate the river, creating a better fishing experience for all. Those two facts alone will create huge economic benefits with no annual costs, unlike the the massive costs of rebuilding and maintaining in perpetuity a dam that no longer has a purpose.
9/27/2021 23:07	Duval		No	No					Remove dam to restore the environment	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	More destruction & loss that can never be recovered: Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most benef	(Con't) Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/27/2021 23:18	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Allow the river to return to a natural free flow state by breaching the dam. The dam interferes with the natural ecosystem in that area.	Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. Imperiled plant species like the Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. And restoring the endangered plants and natural habitat will help the local economy.	The loss of wildlife, endangered plant species, and the lack of a natural floodplain area when string storms comes through.	No. Breaching the dam is necessary and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
9/27/2021 23:39	Outside of state / other	Sacramento, CA	No	No					Breach the dam to provide more habitat to manatees	The critically low number of manatees	High rate of manatee deaths will continue	Other manatee habitat can be restored	
9/27/2021 23:58	Pinellas		No	No					The Kirkpatrick Dam must be removed and the associated Rodman Reservoir should be permanently drawn down to the natural water level of the river as a result.	This dam and reservoir system does not maintain nearly as much usefulness as a restored floodplain would, while keeping the dam as it is is only increasing costs (repair costs, environmental mitigation, etc..) and risks including flood risks. Keeping the dam as it is is resulting in fewer and fewer of the already few benefits it had. At this point, a free-flowing Ocklawaha is better for not only bass fishing, but for the sustainability of the economy (especially ecotourism) and ecology of the St. John's River basin as a whole.	If removal of the Rodman reservoir and breaching/removing of the Kirkpatrick Dam is not achieved, then this opportunity for the restoration of the largest tributary of the St. Johns River would be lost for the foreseeable future.	There is no alternative which would restore this section of the Ocklawaha River nearly as well as the removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam and the Rodman reservoir.	The restoration of the Ocklawaha via the breaching/removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam would help with global climate effects as well as a restored floodplain forest would make an excellent carbon sink (not to mention the possibility of making now habitat for rare and Florida endemic species) and would allow more water down the St. Johns River to push back saltwater intrusion by reducing evaporation from a reservoir which, at present, is the equivalent to a fifth of the area of Lake George, the widest area on the St. John's River and the second largest lake in Florida.
9/27/2021 23:59	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	help provide manatee food & habitat	manatees are perishing in other areas	poisoned waters in other areas		protect our beautiful lake from idiots who don't love what a valuable treasure we share
9/28/2021 0:02	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Leave it in place	Conservation of the diverse wildlife present there	Harm to the diverse ecosystem		
9/28/2021 0:04	Levy		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 0:27	Outside of state / other	9221 Pioneer Place, Aromas, CA 9500	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
9/28/2021 0:53	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Visiting	I would like to see the dam dismantled and the waters resume their natural course.	It would help reduce the current challenges facing Florida wildlife (such as manatees) and waterways (submerged springs and rivers). FL is going to have to deal with this sooner than later. The faster FL allows itself to get back to its natural environment, the better. This will help preserve wildlife, protect our drinking water, food sources, and curb flooding.	The negative impact in both the near future and in the long term. The interference with the state's waters has created a myriad of problems: flooding for days after hurricanes leave, sinkholes, compromised foundations in buildings, severe flooding, drinking water disputes, high death of manatees, red tide, harm to the fishing/shrimping industries, high insurance costs, destruction of our natural beauty.	No	So much of Florida has been tampered with and it is now clear that it cannot be maintained. Even with constant repair and funds, its unnatural infrastructure cannot constantly be maintained properly for decades. The negative impacts outweigh the benefits. Florida must go back to its natural state as soon as possible. There is no way to avoid this fact and it is better if it is done overtime, when situations such as this arise. Take advantage of this opportunity to take a step towards getting Florida back to how it is suppose to be.
9/28/2021 0:55	Palm Beach		No	No									
9/28/2021 1:47	Outside of state / other	TX	No	No					Reverse the process by opening the river as it used to be	Manatee survival is of utmost importance . Restoring the river will warm the waters leading to acceptable habitat for them.	Wildlife demise, further destruction of habitat for other species	Not at this point	
9/28/2021 2:45	Outside of state / other	Elsa	No	No									
9/28/2021 3:30	Outside of state / other	American in Germany	No	No					I believe that the Ocklawaha River needs to be restored and that breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam is necessary for this to happen. I appreciate that I'm not a resident affected by this, but I am a strong supporter of wildlife. Whenever we do something that benefits wildlife, it actually does benefit humanity as well, even though sometimes we are reluctant to see it because instead of seeing the practical benefits, we see only a loss of recreation or something else superficial.	Manatees, who are on the brink of extinction, would greatly benefit by the restoration of the Ocklawaha River. It is the most impactful manatee restoration project in Florida and will give them warm water they need for survival while also positively impacting other wildlife. A healthier environment that helps other species, also does help the public.	The hastening of the extinction of manatees and the domino effect that will follow.	Because of the urgency of the situation, there is nothing short of doing everything possible to protect the manatees remaining by breaching the Dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River. The longer the situation is left as is, the more damage is done and eventually becomes irreversible.	Our ancestors and past generations didn't realize the negative, harmful impact they had on the world around them so ignorance is a factor in how we came to be in the current situation we are now. But we have known for at the very least a couple decades that we are driving species to extinction, harming our environment and manipulating nature to make things more convenient for ourselves regardless of the impact it has on future generations. I don't think that should sit well with anyone and I hope that anyone with any power to make changes in the attempt to reverse and minimize the damage will do so. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
9/28/2021 3:40	Washington		No	No									
9/28/2021 4:37	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Maintain it as is.	It is a wonderful resource and could provide water in a disaster or shortage. It is critical to that locality's economy. I want to add that my absence in the last 2 years is a result of failed surgery that prevents me from using a boat easily.	The loss of this great resource and the effect this loss would have on the area's economy, Also the loss of this potential as a water resource if needed.	NO !	I have been ussing that facility since it was opened to the public and testified as an expert fisherman on it in the first U.S District Court trial held to try to destroy it. Yup i am old - 85 .
9/28/2021 4:38	Broward		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. Also, $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 5:08	Monroe		No	No					Manatees be made a priority over everything else	species endangerment	loss of species	?	
9/28/2021 5:13	Outside of state / other	Las Vegas	No	No									I lived in Casselberry. If most of my life. I would enjoy seeing the manatees in our Florida waters. I wish that there's a way both of us can live in harmony. Thank you
9/28/2021 5:50	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Get rid of it.	Nature in our waterways being out of balance.	Continued decline of native fish, invasive species taking over.	Open to any ideas that help the environment.	
9/28/2021 6:00	Outside of state / other	Ann Arbor	No	No			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha	Restoring the natural flow would allow manatees to come and go freely as well as improving the overall health of the river, and better fishing. It would reduce the costs and negative impacts of spraying herbicides because if the river flowed freely less aquatic plants would be clogging up the waterways. It would also reveal the beautiful and wonderful natural springs such as Canon Springs and several others. The dam is not necessary and needs to be removed!			
9/28/2021 6:11	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I do not USE it. I wanted to see it, so I took a boat ride there.	I want it removed. I want a free flowing River and springs.	It is long overdue. It is costly to maintain the dam and it is not natural. Let the Ocklawaha flow.	Years of more degradation to the environment and unnecessary expense.	No.	I took a debate class in college 40 years ago and I debated not having the cross Florida barge canal. This has been going on far too long.
9/28/2021 6:19	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating	I would like to see the dam and reservoir maintained exactly as it is currently.	Although its not the same as before the dam, the area has become a new ecosystem complete with a diversity of nature and wildlife.	Removing the dam and draining the reservoir would create an inaccessible are of mud and debris that would take a very long time to recover during which some wildlife and fauna my be lost forever.	If the Buckman Lock is too large to support financially, I would accept a renovating the lock to a smaller, lest costly operation.	Removing the dam and reservoir to restore the area to its original state is unnecessary. The area has developed into a vibrant and diverse ecosystem. Draining the reservoir would be expensive. The area would be a disaster taking a long time to recover as well as opening the area to potential development.
9/28/2021 6:21	Brevard		No	No					Decommission the dam and return the rivers to their natural flow.		The continued degradation of our environment and species extinction.	We are at the tipping point of ecosystem collapse and all efforts MUST be made to reverse the damage humans have done.	
9/28/2021 7:04	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remain as is	Magnificent fishing and wildlife habitat now. It would take hundreds of years to achieve total restoration.	Impact on existing wildlife, property values would plummet, fishing industry would be hard hit.	I would have to hear what it is first.	
9/28/2021 7:16	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	More than 5 times	The reservoir provides a great wetland for many animals - birds, reptiles, fish. Habitat for wildlife is shrinking everywhere. This should remain as is to provide that much needed habitat.	The habitat loss for wildlife that is occurring all over Florida and a lightning pace. It would be a huge loss for the wildlife if the reservoir was not there. So many birds, reptiles, bears, deer, the list goes on. The area is a conservation success, how does it make sense to remove habitat?	Again, the much loss of habitat for wildlife.	I cannot see how taking away wildlife habitat, in any amount, is a win for wildlife, or a win for conservation.	There is an economic value for those that have shops and have jobs related to the outdoor industries. I have also read somewhere, the water in the reservoir is very clean in comparison to the St. John river.
9/28/2021 7:40	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 7:46	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: I have driven in the area.	Breach it and let the Ocklawaha flow freely.	We have destroyed native habitat for no good purpose.	We would continue to have an environmental disaster, and unnecessary expenses to maintain a dam.	No	Make the decision, restore the river, and be done with it.
9/28/2021 7:48	Flagler		No	No					Open it up again	Restoring anything back to the way it is meant to be makes sense. For the fish and animals. For the environment			
9/28/2021 8:04	Leon		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the rivers, especially the Oklawaha River.		The river and the wildlife it supports will die out.	Nope, unless you want to just drain down the dam a bit to see if that helps SHORT TERM.	
9/28/2021 8:20	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Do away with it,all,restore the river back to the way it was	The facts	Wildlife displaced	None	Get rid of the damn dam
9/28/2021 8:35	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other: I just look at it and the damage it has done to the wetlands that were flooded.	I would like the dam removed to restore the Oclawaha River. The fishermen could fish in the restored river. The businesses could modify their business plans to adapt to the changes.	The water quality of the Oklawaha and St Johns River would improve and they would both be more productive systems. Plus, I do not want taxpayer dollars used to maintain the dam.	Continued poor water quality in the St. John's River, blocked access to the Oklawaha for manatees and fish, eels, and other wildlife. Continued use of taxpayer dollars to support and environmentally poor system.	No. The dam must be removed.	
9/28/2021 8:40	Ocoilea		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Restoration by breaching the dam	20 springs and miles of natural river would be restored	The economic benefits that would result from the increased recreational usage	No	
9/28/2021 8:46	Outside of state / other	Richmond Hill, GA	No	No					I would love to see the dam breached and the Great Florida Riverway restored.	The overwhelming and positive environmental impact of that outcome is what matters to me (i.e., increased habitat for manatees, re-establishing the population of migratory fish, and giving increased access to amazing waterways for recreation). Though I live in Georgia, my family LOVES traveling to Florida for kayaking trips.	Continued increased manatee deaths (they are currently dying at an alarming rate due to circumstances that are entirely related to human actions). My understanding is also that the current dam is unsafe, and the cost associated with fixing it is substantial - especially considering that it provides so little benefit to the surrounding community.	No. Let's breach it.	I think reuniting and restoring the Great Florida Riverway will benefit communities, economies and ecosystems alike. Florida has so many beautiful natural resources and is home to so many amazing creatures; let's take care of these waterways and improve them in ways that make sense. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.
9/28/2021 8:56	Alachua		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Keep it. As an ecologist, I probably wouldn't have voted for the river to be dammed up in the 60s. However, its been done and destroying the new habitat(s) that has developed to go "back" to a preservationist way of thinking is short sited and ignores the fact that humans are part of ecology (sometimes at a greater level than others). Continue to enhance efforts at making it a world class fishing destination. For example, improve ramps and facilities.	I have a Masters degree in ecology from the University of Florida. I have recently started a fishing guide and ecotour service in the area.	Fewer places near my county catch trophy bass. Reduced potential income.	Keeping it and not managing it well is a scenario that in the short term achieves the desired outcome. But long term will actually cost more.	
9/28/2021 8:57	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: camping in area	natural systems function better than artificial ones	removal/restoration	continued costs of maintenance and negative impacts to natural systems	no	
9/28/2021 8:58	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	nothing	University of Florida wrote " to Be or Not to Be the Rodman Reservoir Controversy". Issues discuss are still those advanced today. Scientifically there is no reason to destroy the ecosystem that has developed.	The way Rodman is managed it is now one of the most consistent and best fisheries in the State of Florida. Anything related to restoration would also be rewarding hardcore environmentalist for telling lies and half truths over the years	none	This is a bias survey that does not fully address the issues and should not be used to support change. There are also legal issues that will have to be addressed.
9/28/2021 8:59	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain in present condition forever.		Loss of use; and a river basin wasteland.	No	
9/28/2021 8:59	Citrus		No	No					Remove the dam and let the river flow normally.	Free flowing rivers remove a lot of the overgrown plants; allows fish to grow normally. Allow the manatees into warmer waters in the winter with better feeding grounds.	Stagnant water overgrown invasive plant species and possibility of disease in our fish populations.	No, absolutely not .	
9/28/2021 9:02	Alachua		Yes	Yes		1 time			breaching the dam	its affecting our aquifers and destroying the flow of water	What a waste of money! $14 Million! come on!	it must be gone!	
9/28/2021 9:12	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam in whatever way is not a shock to the system that has learned to evolve to live with it .	Dams throughout history have had severe negative impacts on wildlife by blocking migration and effectively reducing the genetic diversity. In a time when we are facing so many environmental issues it seems to be so obvious to take any measures that we have to restore balance to the natural world.	A continued loss of biodiversity and a loss of faith in Florida's environmental leadership.	Conducting partial breaches over time that would slowly reintroduce the water without causing another rapid unbalance that may shock the existing landscape.	Spend time in nature and you will become aware of nature, become aware and you will begin to care, when you care and you will want to protect it.
9/28/2021 9:13	Indian River		No	No						more improvement on cleaning	save animals	cleaning	
9/28/2021 9:14	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the reservoir! Install a hydroelectric plant at the dam.	The reservoir is a wildlife paradise and a huge reservoir of fresh water.	Florida could lose a wonderful manmade natural resource.	No, the entire property running from west to east seems to be well managed and beneficial to all Floridians and out of state visitors.	
9/28/2021 9:17	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Would like to see it removed	It has been there long enough with no real benefits it's time to restore the natural flow and the springs on the Ocklawaha.	Another 50 years of unnatural flow	I don't think so there's really no need for the damn anymore	Thank you for your consideration. The reservoir is wonderful!
9/28/2021 9:22	Duval		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

9/28/2021 9:23	Suwannee		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	I would like to see Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam remain in place. Rodman Reservoir has served as a place of recreation and enjoyment since childhood and many memories have been made on Rodman. I enjoy fishing and viewing the wildlife that inhabits the reservoir.	Rodman discharges a clean and abundant water supply to the St. John's river. There isn't anything to gain by draining Rodman Reservoir. A habitat has been created since the inception of Rodman and many wildlife depend on this habitat. Ecosystems will be destroyed that has taken many years to develop. With an increase in human population, environments such as Rodman become more important as a place of recreation and enjoyment. Our resources are only continuing to diminish with an increase in population, so why destroy this one?	My concern is that my children will not have the same opportunities as i had during my childhood and adult life. It would be a shame to lose this resource, the ecosystem and the many benefits of Rodman. The local communities also depend on Rodman to generate revenue.	No, Rodman should be left alone, as is.	
9/28/2021 9:31	Pinellas		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing						
9/28/2021 9:34	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	To see the area returned to its natural state.	What benefit does it provide, other than to each individual angler? Revenue? Environmental? I see no revenue stream, other than the campground & a nearby shiner salesman. There's no "boomtown" in the vicinity relying on the lake's continued existence. As for the environment, the animals came, & they'll also leave. Drain the lake at a slow enough pace so that the animals have time to migrate away as the excessive water habitat recedes.	The continued dumping of state money into an unnecessary system of structures.	Convert Rodman Dam into a hydroelectric plant.	I fish Rodman nearly every week. If I'm not on Lake Ocklawaha, then I'm somewhere on the Ocklawaha River. I enjoy my time on the untouched riverine areas far more than on the open lake, but the bigger fish are in the lake. No matter what any Dam supporter tells you, they want the lake because of the quantity & quality of the fish.
9/28/2021 9:47	Marion		No	No					I would like for the Rodman Reservoir to be taken down and water to freely flow.	It's my understanding that the Dam will need a great deal of repair in the upcoming years. This is a cost I do not believe is justified. I am also saddened by the loss of fish and manatees in the Marion County waterways that some research indicates is due to this man made Dam. There are also springs that are being impacted by continuing to keep the Dam as it is today.	I would feel that the conditions that residents of Marion County have to endure, due to this Dam, were less important to those that utilize the Reservoir. I wouldn't think it would be a good use of funds to continue the cost associated with repairs and maintenance.		
9/28/2021 9:49	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 9:50	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	maintain the dam and the current vibrant ecology	My 40+ years of fishing, camping and nature watching at the reservoir	much less people would be able to use the area because of the water level and accessibility and one of the nations greatest fishing areas would be destroyed.	NO	There are dozens of current developments planned and under way that are destroying Florida's ecosystem. Lets concentrate on stopping them and leave Rodman as it is.
9/28/2021 9:52	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breach the dam, and restore the free flows of the the great Florida Riverway
9/28/2021 9:55	Lake		No	No						Open the flow! Restore the springs!	Bring back nature so animals have better places to live and prosper; just like humans enjoy, but in their natural habitats.	Once natural nature is destroyed it will never be natural again. Now is the right time to take action and begin the progress of returning nature back to itself.	No.	
9/28/2021 9:58	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintained and utilized as the wildlife sanctuary it's become	Any person can tour this reservoir and see, Bald Eagles, Ospreys, Manatees, Bears, Deer and a myriad of waterfowl and wild birds. It is a destination for fishermen of all types "recreational and professional" and has made the top 50 largemouth bass lakes in the United States per BASS magazine. The economic impact on an already poor Putnam County must be considered also.	We lose a true sanctuary for wildlife and fishes, the aquifer and lake levels in surrounding lakes may be affected. It would take centuries for it to restore to it's natural state if it ever could be.	I don't believe there is any other scenario that won't destroy the pristine state it is in.	
9/28/2021 10:25	Outside of state / other	Nanuet, NY	No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases vicitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a frequent visitor and future homeowner in Florida who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/28/2021 10:29	Nassau		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it!	Valuable resource for Bass fishing	Sad day for fishermen!	N/A	None
9/28/2021 10:30	Lake		No	Yes			1 time		The Rodman/ Kirkman dam is demolished and the area opened up to restoration of wildlife, improved water quality, and economic and recreational opportunities for people and animals in the area.	The Dam is in danger of collapsing and causing deaths and property damage. Any plan to prevent this happening should not be a short-term solution that ignores the the long term health and quality of life of people and wildlife in the area. There never was such a plan. Let's not repeat mistakes of the past.	That water quality in the area , which is already compromised is not restored; that the ecological and economic decline of this area is worsened, and that opportunities for restoring a healthy waterway and wilderness area is missed.	No- The danger to people and property is imminent, and decisions must be made. The investment of money in restoring the waterways will bring health and economic benefits to the area whereas restoration of the damn dam will cost millions of dollars and benefit few.	I really like the idea of enlisting University students in making plans for the restoration of the riverway. Not only are the young people enthusiastic and they have the creativity and energy to see it through.
9/28/2021 10:39	Orange		No	Yes					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	impacted plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were degraded as a result of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically.Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat.Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. A restored river provides greater economic opportunities. There are at least 20 natural springs now submerged under the reservoir, one of which is a second magnitude spring that could be a major tourist draw. Restoring the river will restore these springs and the potential for numerous nature-based tourism ventures, including better fishing and river access. Save taxpayer dollars. Currently, between $300,000 to $500,000 is spent each year to maintain the Buckman Lock, Kirkpatrick Dam, and Rodman Reservoir.	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. Impacted plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
9/28/2021 10:41	Manatee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see complete restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat, and manatees regaining open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Also, three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns A 4˚C would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No.	Please take this opportunity to undo the damage done in years past when we thought we knew better than nature.
9/28/2021 10:53	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Research site	Remove the dam! Turn the entire area into a National Wildlife Refuge or state park.	A host of scientific studies going back years to the USFWS Cross Florida Barge Canal research.	Continued degradation of the river/spring ecosystem.	No. Remove the dam and restore the river ecosystem.	Tired of hack politicians (well paid, of course) destroying the environment. Tired of special interests overcoming science in the name of commercial gain. All you get from Florida government is "blah, blah, blah" platitudes. Enough is enough.
9/28/2021 10:54	Outside of state / other	asant Hill, Ca CONTRA COSTA COUN	No	No					I would like the all decisions be guided by the goal of saving the environment and the animals that live there.	The ongoing destruction of the environment, and the negative impact of the wildlife.	No answer at this time.	If my goal cannot the completely achieved, anything that can lessen the impact on the environment and the living species in that environment, would be appreciated.	None at this time.
9/28/2021 10:55	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing		Breach the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam	Wildlife relies on the spring waters. This project alone would free nearly 2 dozen spring habitats.	Florida relies on hundreds of millions of tourist dollars and the resulting springs would encourage tourism. State visitors are interested in Florida wildlife and the resource cost is low relative to benefit.	No - now is the time to do this for current and future generations.	This year has seen record loss of endangered manatee populations. The added springs habitats could provide a foothold for population stabilization and growth.
9/28/2021 10:58	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it forever. It is a beautiful and vital area to our state and county.	Wildlife preservation and water balance.	Destruction of natural habitat for all wildlife. Aquifer and local lake areas negatively affected.	None that anyone have offered to date.	
9/28/2021 11:09	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	The benefits to native wildlife and the restoration of a wild and scenic river and associated springs.		No.	There are countless freshwater fishing opportunities in north Florida, but only one Ocklawaha River and it should be restored to its natural course of flow. Fishing opportunities will persist.
9/28/2021 11:10	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					Restore the Great Florida Riverway for manatees and other wildlife dependent on this habitat	Wildlife are currently threatened	Destroyed habitat for wildlife	Any action to preserve this habitat is desired	This habitat must be restored for manatees and other wildlife dependent on this habitat
9/28/2021 11:15	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/28/2021 11:24	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: Birding, wildlife viewing	I recommend removing the dam and letting nature recover which includes improving the quality of the St. Johns River and the other water sources which flow into it.	I have lived on the St. Johns River for over 65 years and to my dismay watched it become more polluted by various human activities including the damming at Rodman, drawing of millions of gallons from the headwaters and dredging near Mayport to name just a few. I now catch various salt water fish near my home on Old Bull Bay which was uncommon years ago, We haven't had eli grass beds which support the habitat of numerous species of fish, crabs and wildlife. The river is not healthy. It requires improved management to survive. This should include the removal of the dam.	Unfortunately if we do not act to improve the overall management of the rivers, including removal of the dam, we will lose one of the most environmentally and economically important natural resoures/assets we have.	I can support any and all improvements that can be made to reduce the negative impacts we have made to the rivers that feed the St. Johns, including those made by the St. Johns River Keepers.	Please do the right thing for future generations that deserve the opportunity to enjoy the sustainable natural resources of our state, including the St. Jons River and it tributaries.
9/28/2021 11:31	Outside of state / other	Christiansted, USVI 00820	No	No					protect the manatees living environment				
9/28/2021 11:31	Alachua		No	No					End the damming of the Ocklawaha River by the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, which has disrupted the ecosystem and the wildlife of the Great Florida Riverway and thus negatively impacts the humans who depend on this system by also disrupting the economy and water quality of the area.	The dam disrupts a critical and delicate ecosystem that humans depend now and in the future, whether it is obvious or not. For example, restoring the river will prevent $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream property owners	There are many big concerns, not just one: --We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. --The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. --Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. --A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. --Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. --Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. --Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. --Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. --Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. --The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No.	It is time to restore, preserve, and protect the environment because ultimately we humans are totally dependent on the environment and we are learning how delicate ecosystems can be and how expensive it is to correct problems compared with preventing them.
9/28/2021 11:34	Pinellas		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/28/2021 11:45	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	I would leave it as is..	it is a fantastic outdoors destination	running something that is now good that was bad at the beginning		

9/28/2021 11:46	Putnam		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam to remain and more kayak/ canoe ramps be installed. I would like a clear channel, well marked with ADS to Navigation though the lake from the lock.	Our family and guests love boating on the local waterways. The lake provides a wonderful experience.	We would only use kayak and canoes, our power boat would not be used.	Keeping the current program in place for managing the lake	Fishing is something we do while enjoying the Rodman, some of our biggest fish are caught in the reservoir, we live on the river and find this body of water to be a unique change. If everyone took a tour of this outstanding environment no one would want it changed, only enhanced.
9/28/2021 11:50	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached.	By removing the dam the eco systems of three rivers (Ocklawaha, Silver and St. johns) would be restored. Many springs would be rejuvenated. It would revitalized the natural wildlife and plant life in a wide area of north Central Florida.	That we miss the opportunity to use available state and federal funds and thus fail to restore the eco- systems of the St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers. That we allow the great Silver Springs to continue to deteriorate.	No	As a person who is passionate about the environment, I urge that you restore the Ocklawaha River to ensure a healthy future for our children and for all of the wildlife in this area of Florida.
9/28/2021 11:54	Outside of state / other	Athens, Georgia	No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other:	Manage the existing body of water and damn structure as it is for the best possible wildlife (mammal, fish, bird, insect and other) habitat. Encourage humans to visit, observe, participate and enjoy. Above all, do not remove the damn. The original construction was an ecological mistake. Removing it now would be a economic and asset mistake that no animal or insect would understand or appreciate. I would cause hardship on humans that simply is not required to continue to have a world class habitat with the lake and damn as they are currently configured.	My personal experience on the lake and on the river above the lake and below the damn. My son and I have made semiannual trips almost every year since 1982. one arrives expecting serenity and departs having bathed in it. I calculate I spent over $20,000 in the local economy.	Please look around the SJRWMD and make sure there isn't a better place to invest the funds that would be required to to remove the Kirkpatrick Dam. Surely there is better good to be done somewhere.	No. I cannot support removing the damn. Other than that lets manage the entire ecosystem for the richest possible ongoing habitat.	
9/28/2021 12:00	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other: Kayaked to see the springs when the lake was drained.	Not the way it was intended to be. Lacrosse Florida barge canal was a total boondoggle in this should've been dismantled when that was abandoned				
9/28/2021 12:01	St Johns		No	No					Destroy the dam and let nature be natural	I think the impact on plants animals and nature has been too great and we can try to do the right thing now	A damaged dam is causes damage to animals and makes the area unsafe	Not sure but I am open to ideas	
9/28/2021 12:05	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking on "Turtle Island" (just West of the Dam)	Removal of the Dam and Restoration of the Ocklawaha River to it's original source.	There are 3. 1) The engineering firm's studyconfirming the Dam's infrastructure is in serious state of repair, and has obviously been neglected. 2) The unnecessary loss of life and property if the Dam were to breach 3) Restoring the Ocklawaha would grant return of the manatee and fish migration upriver, with the natural flow of the river.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. And now it's a safety concern. I live near the reservoir in a neighboring town; there is no way to get a warning to evacuate people or livestock if the Dam were to breach. That's very scary.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	There is great environmental and financial potential in returning the Ocklawaha River to it's natural state...it would open up 20 springs that are currently under water. The area would see an increase of recreational visitors, tourists that visit the Florida Greenways & Trails. The water quality itself would improve, a variety of wildlife would have normal access of the river. Restoring the river would create more opportunity for more people to enjoy besides a select few who currently use the reservoir for a powerboat racing with no regard to polluting the waters with petroleum products. Also, there is no control or limit regarding the 'noise pollution' of the Airboats that frequent the reservoir. The Air Boats run 24/7...with no regard of day or night or for the people living in the area; not to mention the gas pollution in the water. The river should be off limit to gas powered boats, it harms the environment and the pollutes the water that sustains the fish, manatees....and us humans! Let's Restore the River and Keep it Clean.
9/28/2021 12:14	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Preserve this unique environment as is	Rodman is the only hope for saving the manatee population in mid-Florida, and provides a tremendous economic boost to mid-Florida by drawing in fishermen and tourists to the area and provides local providers with a key source of livelihood.	Loss of an irreplaceable ecosystem and ruination of many peoples lives	No	
9/28/2021 12:16	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Leave it in its current state	I have fished Rodman since I was 22 years old, I am now 73. I have seen and continue to see folks make their living guiding as well as producing dollars for the economy of Putnam County and the surrounding business establishments thru food gas etc. It is one of the most beautiful places to take your children and Grandchildren fishing and to view all the habitant in just about anywhere you go in there. The camping facilities are great and managed very well	We would lose one of our most enjoyed bodies of water we have in the state. noted for its fishing and all because a group of people that have exactly no concern whatsoever of what the Sportsman and visitors care about.	NO	If it is a money issue I would support an additional increase in license cost, even being exempt from having to buy a license I would pay in whatever form deemed necessary to protect this beautiful place.
9/28/2021 12:19	Lake		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached to restore of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River, thus connecting Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as studied.	This is an opportunity to restore the natural flow of fresh water, to improve water quality, to restore fish and wildlife habitat, and to reduce saltwater intrusion. If the dam is repaired, this opportunity will be lost. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities should not be ignored or delayed.	NO	
9/28/2021 12:19	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 12:22	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					Whatever is best for the wildlife.	Wildlife - Land / Water protection	the ecosystem is ruined // damaged // killed animals... yet another example of not working with the environment.		Would love more information. As an outsider who is donating and supporting from a land-locked state. I am unaware of the "boots-on-the-ground" news // approach. I would love to study and learn more -- send literature to grantiwordon@gmail.com.
9/28/2021 12:25	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Plese, seriously consider the cost to maintain the dam and the continuing damage of it's existence is causing costly environmental damage to water quality and plant and animal life. It is an economic and environmental disaster to keep it open for it's current limited purpose!
9/28/2021 12:26	Outside of state / other	Mesquite, NV	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha River in its current state is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/28/2021 12:33	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	The reservoir be managed for bass fishing (through drawdowns and possibly plannings) for the economic benefit of all the surrounding counties	The reservoir is a huge source of fresh water that may be needed in the near future & provides a fitter for the St John's River.	Instead of being a large recreational area and financial boom, the reservoir would become a muck/mud hole and cause damage to the St Johns River system	Maintain the reservoir as it currently is.	As outdoor recreational opportunities dwindle in today's society let's maintain the gem that we have here.
9/28/2021 12:39	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	I would like to see the Army Corp of engineers and the State of Florida work together to continue to make this our premier fishery in Northeast Florida. They should manage Rodman the way they have managed central Florida fisheries like Stick Marsh, Garcia, and others	There is nothing like this reservoir for fishing in Northeast Florida. The St Johns river is no where near Rodman as a consistent fishery.	Nowhere else in an hour of Jacksonville like it. The central and southern reaches of the state have all kinds of lakes and management areas (aka Headwaters, Stick Marsh, Garcia, ...), but nothing compares up here.	Just leave it as is and control the vegetation when it gets out of control.	Thanks for asking us about this.
9/28/2021 12:40	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed and flows restored to the Ocklawaha River. The appx 10,000 acres of terrestrial habitat uncovered by removing the dam should sky in public ownership and the area should be devoting the area to outdoor recreation (hiking, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, etc).	Reservoirs disrupt natural ecosystems and cost tax-payers. Restoring flow would reduce regulatory burden and restore the native ecosystem, which is importance to migrating fish such as sturgeon and shad and the freshwater mussels and other organisms that provide important ecological services free of charge to tax-payers.	More regulatory burden (example: more endangered species) and costs to tax-payers;	Not really, the dam needs to be removed.	
9/28/2021 12:42	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Swimming	Return to natural state	Science ecology	Damage to silver springs		
9/28/2021 12:44	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					Protect, provide for and defend manatees environment and waters.	Science	Collapse of manatee population	Not that I can think of.	
9/28/2021 12:47	Flagler		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating	Keep it viable for fishing boating recreation.	enjoy the outdoor and rodman for having a place to enjoy the outdoors as well as i run a fishing club that likes to go to rodman	Not being able to use this great fishing destination	Na	
9/28/2021 12:56	Alachua		No	No					It needs to be removed. It serves no public purpose and the public would be better served with a more natural flow of the river	Data on spring flow issues, wildlife access especially manatees	Ultimate destruction of a beautiful natural are	No. You cannot partially fix this	
9/28/2021 12:58	Duval		No	Yes				Fishing	stay as is	good fishingt of lake	loss of lake	no	none
9/28/2021 13:12	Nassau		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Mountain biking	Rodman Reservoir should be eliminated, and unimpeded, free flow and normal floodplain function restored to the lower Ocklawaha River by breaching Kirkpatrick Dam at the location of the historic river channel, as described under the partial restoration alternative. If funding permits, recreational enhancements should be considered under this restoration to promote the unique cultural and environmental amenities currently submerged under the reservoir.	The documented reduction or elimination of numerous rare or threatened fish and mammals in the upstream reaches due to the blockage of migratory passage. The reservoir eliminates a large area of potential thermal refuge and food supply for manatees, and spawning and habitat for estuary-dependent fish. As many as 20 artesian springs are submerged under the reservoir, inundating iconic and uniquely Florida resources, and the multi-faceted recreational opportunities they create.	I would be concerned about the precedent that is established when the State's management of a major Florida waterway, theoretically belonging to all of its citizens, and with such a profound ecological impact to the ecology of downstream waters, is perpetuated in an ecosystem services-limiting condition, a condition which from a wildlife and recreational perspective largely replicated in the nearby St. Johns and numerous other Florida waterbodies, to please a strident but relatively small local advocacy group.	No. The partial restoration alternative represents the most conservative, cost-effective scenario which provides the necessary unimpeded flow, natural floodplain interaction and connection to downstream waters upon which all genuine ecosystem benefits depend. I cannot envision any managed scenario, intermittent or partial impoundment that could achieve equivalent benefits.	The breaching of Rodman Dam and the restoration of the natural flow by all objective, rational, cost-benefit analysis appears to be an economic, ecological, and potentially recreational bonus for the Ocklawaha River, for the downstream Lower St. Johns River, and overall for the citizens of Florida. Elsewhere in the nation numerous reconnections of aging impoundments are demonstrating the environmental benefits and liability reduction of this practice, further adding justification for this decision.
9/28/2021 13:21	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration.	Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No	No
9/28/2021 13:22	Lee		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Also, the dam is past its life expectancy and breaching the dam will save $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the da is 50 years overdue.	Allowing the 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, to run freely again will allow the natural cleansing and scouring of the waterways to return and maintain a healthy and vibrant ecosystem.
9/28/2021 13:25	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Open the dam and let the river take its course.	Dam removal in other states.	The unnaturalness continues.	Leave the dam but remove the spillway lille at the sill on the Suwannee in the okefenokee.	
9/28/2021 13:28	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I'm a soil and water scientist retired from UF/IFAS, with a keen interest in the lands and waters and springs that feed the St. Johns River.	The dam and reservoir need to be eliminated: let the natural aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems recover. They'll do so all by themselves beginning immediately as soon as the dam is removed.	The breadth and depth of information on the ecology of the springs and rivers of the area, especially the ongoing work and information provided by Bob Knight and associates.	Continued deterioration of the river and springs.		
9/28/2021 13:32	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Take the dam down, and let the river flow naturally, as it once did.	Most dams, wherever they are, totally change the natural environment and habitat of the area, which affects wildlife, plants, etc..	Degradation of the natural habitat. Water flow.	Drain most of the reservoir, restoring most of the water flow, and leave a very small lake or pond.	
9/28/2021 13:34	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Never ever remove the dam...keep Rodman Reservoir forever	A wonderful ecosystem and future potential source of potable water was created from a boondoggle of a failed project.	One of the most diverse biological ecosystems will disappear forever to the detriment of all the animal species that depend on Rodman.	Only 1....keep the dam in place forever and stop using the lock system for access from the river.	
9/28/2021 13:36	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach the dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habits at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is UNSAFE.	No. Reaching the damn is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-off in the future. While this years crisis will cost in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the Manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida manatees depend on power plan out for to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 13:44	Orange		No	Yes	More than 5 times		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: hiking	Free the Ocklawaha! If it's possible to keep the Rodman Dam as at least a wetland area, let's do it but take down the Rodman Dam.	I was in Jr. high and high school with the Marjory Carr children. Since the age of 12, I have advocated against the cross-state barge canal and later for the return of the Ocklawaha . That's been 60 years. Let's do it already.	I've had years to think about this. The answer is no.		
9/28/2021 13:49	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating	Remove Rodman Dam	Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers are declining and need to be restored.	That they will decline further thereby damaging our locals ecosystem which we depend on for survival.	Leave the Dam open permanently.	
9/28/2021 13:50	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I'm on the fence regarding keeping or removing the dam. Sure, installing the dam and canal was not a great idea with respect to existing environmental concerns, but I don't think the arguments for removing the dam are realistic nor accurate regarding the positive environmental impacts that removal would create. There is a massive ecosystem that has adapted to the dam and reservoir.	The dam has been there now for over fifty years. I've been living in the area for 16 years and visiting the reservoir since before 2005.	The disruption to the area's environment and ecosystem (again) would probably be as catachymic as the original installation. Talk of returning species ignores the changes that have occurred everywhere.	The cost of removing the dam seems very high. My question is: how about we just open the dam for a few years and test the impact of that change? Why does the dam have to be dynamited and removed? The economic boom to resident businesses is a hopeful fantasy.	For the past five decades, generations of fish, birds, turtles, plants – thousands of species of wildlife have thrived in the environment. Will the change to revert back to what the Ocklawaha River was in the 1940's help them or disrupt them?
9/28/2021 13:55	Outside of state / other	Chicago, IL	No	No					100% increase on anything that benefits manatees. Zero of anything that harms manatees.	It's all about the manatees.	The manatees are always my biggest concern.	As long as it still helps support, nourish, and care for the manatees.	Manatees are awesome.
9/28/2021 13:57	Outside of state / other	Chicago, IL	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 13:58	St Johns		No	No					Manatees need to be protected and their habitats need to be restored.	Manatees are dying here in Florida. They are innocent, voiceless victims of mankind's greed.	Manatees will suffer, starve, and go extinct.	If people would start trying to achieve their financial goals while still caring about marine animals and taking their habitats into consideration, that would help.	
9/28/2021 14:01	St Johns		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees need help with their survival and are innocent and voiceless and can't speak up for their needs.	the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter.	They need a warm place to spend winter, so however that is achieved is good.	
9/28/2021 14:04	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing					
9/28/2021 14:04	Outside of state / other	Louisville, Kentucky	No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Maintain its current status.	Bio diversity and outstanding fishing	Loss of a beautiful reservoir and spectacular fishing spot -- over the last 30 years it has only gotten better and better.		
9/28/2021 14:06	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored.	Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored.	No.	
9/28/2021 14:08	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No					Please remove Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dams are impacting the ecology of the river. The dam flooded over 7,500 acres of forested wetlands, 20 springs, and 16 miles of the Ocklawaha River. The Rodman Dam is now past its 50-year life expectancy. It will only continue to deteriorate and cause a threat to downstream communities.	Water quality, spring flow, wetland forests, fish and wildlife populations in the Ocklawaha River will continue to decline. The environmental toll has reduced recreational use and negatively impacted the economy of Putnam and Marion Counties. These declines have also threatened the environmental and economic resiliency of downstream counties, including Duval County.	Any resolution must restore the health of the river, wetlands, and be protective of safety of downstream communities.	
9/28/2021 14:15	St Johns		No	No					Remove	Removing the dam would free the wildlife corridor for fish spawning and manatee travel, the uncovering of springs, and making for a healthier river.	Status quo. Continuing drawdowns.	What could that possibly be?	My second home is in Welaka across from the Ocklawaha confluence with the St. John's. I believe that taking down the dam will mean a healthier ecosystem.
9/28/2021 14:25	Walton		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the Dam.	Restoring the 20-drowned springs.	Taxpayer dollars unnecessarily spent to repair the Dam that does not provide any type of flood protection or necessary power & water supply.	No, breaching of the Dam is long overdue.	
9/28/2021 14:36	Outside of state / other	Dennisville, NJ 08214	No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it alone.	Large mouthbass	Beyond my control, and very depressing to think anyone would alter this impoundment.	No.	
9/28/2021 14:40	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Tear it down.	Restore the natural flow of the river.	Politics as usual, promises not kept.	No.	Politicians talk like they want to do the right thing by tearing it down however it still there.

9/28/2021 14:42	Orange		No	No				Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	At the estimated 2/4 million in dam repairs, measured in 2020 dollars, would be called by removing repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. • The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. • $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure. • Economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida demonstrate the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, and annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been on a downward trend since records began in 2004 as water quality and fish production have continued to decline year after year. • When accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit analysis determined restoration would produce a cumulative net benefit of $47.2 million over the first 10 years, versus a cumulative loss of $5.3 million with repair and maintenance of the dam. • The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. • Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. • Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. • Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass	Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Florida is the front lines of a battle ground between development and the environment. It need not be that way. The places where this battle ground is being fought are not smart development being inhibited by do-gooder hippies. It's some of the most wasteful, inefficient, and even unprofitable development in the country, paving over natural resources that captivated generations of people. They thought the fountain of youth was here - this place was so beautiful it was said to be magic. Humans are part of the environment, any talk that civilization is "cancer" or that "the earth will be fine if people all die" is silly. People need to shape their environment just like any other organism. Just like a beaver builds a dam, or an alligator digs tidal pools, humans build and design and change the land. The difference is that our skill, and our knowledge lets us cheat what our observations and senses tell us. We know this dam needs to come down. We know that the canal was a bad idea, and that it won't ever be realized. We know this is the right, and indeed, the most economically viable thing to do. The thinking behind the decision is done. The answer is clear. The dam, that serves no function, must go. We must be more intelligent about acting on our observations, and building in ways that truly benefit people, not our most short sighted ambitions. The restoration of our watersheds will build wealth for generations, and will help Florida sure itself against the ravages that are to come as sea levels rise and storms become more ferocious and more frequent. Do the right thing - there's really nothing more to be discussed.
9/28/2021 14:54	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Nothing, leave it alone	Quality fishing	I would probably stop fishing there.	None	
9/28/2021 14:54	Jefferson		No	No				I would like to see the end of the dam and the restoration of free flowing waters	Restoring the Ocklawaha River would benefit multiple species for needed habitat, especially warm water winter habitat for manatees and a wildlife corridor for black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	The short and especially the long term impact on wildlife whose habitat is shrinking drastically. Water quality.	No. Thousands of acres need to be restored to natural ecosystems.	Breaching the dam will not only benefit wildlife but also the restoration of these rivers will benefit communities and economies through ecotourism.
9/28/2021 14:59	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I bought land here in 1968 and lived overlooking the reservoir full time since 1975	The present management seems to be working very well with drawdowns whenever the aquatic plant life becomes excessive. It would be nice if an official management plan was passed by the legislature so home owners would know how they could legally could use the waterfront. Many now have built piers without permission.	For around 40 years I have watched Rodman and it's changes. For 17 of those years I collected water samples for Lake Watch. I saw the increase in nutrients in these samples as Silver Springs, Orange Creek and Deep Creek dumped more nitrogen and phosphorous into the reservoir and all the while the plant life in Rodman managed to reduce the concentration of nutrients prior to the water being sent to the St. Johns River. Fishing has changed a little during this time. but it is still good and lakes that are bad do not produce ten pound bass adn Rodman does.	First I would be concerned for the landowners loosing property values. Early in the 1900 the DEP contracted an appraiser (I think his name was Paul Hawker) to evaluate the property around the reservoir. Paul sent me a copy of his final evaluation. He said basically the highly developed property around the reservoir would have little or no value without Rodman. My second concern would be for the loss of a fresh water reservoir. With the coming salt water intrusions during the next decades, we would lose a good source of fresh water. Thirdly, I would not like to see the aquatic wildlife removed. Glenn Lao told me whenever he wanted to film any central Florida aquatic wildlife he came to Rodman because of its diverse habitat zones.	Absolutely nothing that would lower the water level. Any lower water level would make reservoir management almost impossible.	Early in the 1900's when Governor Chiles was trying to destroy Rodman for the self named "environmentalists" - Senator Kirkpatric asked Dr. Canfield at IFAS at the University of Florida to look into the available data on Rodman so that the legislators could make decisions on what ob do about the reservoir. The result was a document called "To Be or Not To Be - The Rodman Reservoir Controversy" Copies of this document were distributed to the legislators and the result was that Governor Chiles was unable to breach the dam and further environmental and economic studies were funded by the legislature. Dr. Canfield's study found that there was little wrong with Rodman and a lot of good. It also proved that a lot the "environmentalists" were saying was untrue. This is still the case.
9/28/2021 15:20	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha river returned to it's natural flow and hydrologic processes	The current state of the ecosystem in that area is detrimental to wildlife, ecology, natural resources and water conservation that all Floridians share, not just people who like to fish	Continued cost of the dam and loss of an amazing eco-tourism draw	I can't think of any	
9/28/2021 15:20	Duval		No	No					I am a Florida citizen, tax payer and voter and I want to see restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River as nature intended by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. This would reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.	Silence supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies clearly demonstrate restoration of a free-flowing totally connected system benefit the eco-system and save state dollars. It will help the manatees and natural springs plus increase native fish populations.	We will miss the opportunity to stop on-going ecological damage caused by a useless dam and miss the chance to restore 150 mgd of fresh water . This will improve water quality , restore fish populations and wild habitat. It will help the quality of the water way from Welaka to Jacksonville.	No, breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaka are 50+ years over due. There are also from what I understand dam issues which can not be ignored any longer	My family has lived in north Florida since 1845 and I have seen so many harmful things done as far as the environment which have not only hurt humans, but the wildlife. This is a chance to make some changes and help everyone including the wonderful wildlife found in our state.
9/28/2021 15:22	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/28/2021 15:26	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Other: Camping at Rodman Campground	More frequent drawdowns to kill off the hydrilla, etc. Refurbish the dam itself.	The dam is old, and like any structure, does need maintenances to keep it in good shape. Proven fact the drawdowns help kill the weeds.	Obviously the dam would fail if not maintained. The weeds would choke out marine life if not kept under control.	No	Leave the dam in place. Doesn't make good sense to revert back to the river as it was 30 years ago. A whole new ecosystem is in place now, if the dam were breached, it would take many, many years to revert to what it was. I doubt very seriously it would go back to what it was anyway.
9/28/2021 15:27	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Help restore the St. John's river	That removal will help restore wildlife and revive the river.	Water quality	No	Nobe
9/28/2021 15:31	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be moved. It will cause problems on the St Johns rive with invasive species from what's behind the dam. But it will clear up quickly.	The river needs flow freely to free the springs so the river can recover and be allowed to clear itself.	That we will loose species, and that some of the springs will be lost forever because of the debri in them	A timed release over 3 years	
9/28/2021 15:33	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: I don't use the dam. I use the Ocklawaha River below and above the dam for kayaking.	I would love to see the dam removed so that the Ocklawaha River can flow as it used to before the dam was put up.	It is my understanding that there has to be a lot of maintenance, i.e. money, needed to preserve the dam and the water it is holding back. I also know that the original purpose of the dam was for the Cross Florida Barge Canal. That project was never completed and now we are stuck with a white elephant.	The wildlife that used to be able to migrate up the river would never be able to do so again.	Dropping the water level to as least half of what it is now.	- also believe that the St Johns River is suffering. Before the dam, there was more water flowing into the St Johns River from the Ocklawaha. The water that is trapped behind the dam has a huge surface area that allows for a lot of evaporation thus loss of flowing water. The St Johns River needs the flushing that the extra water would provide.
9/28/2021 15:34	Duval		No	No					I want to see the dam torn down and the river restored!!!!	The river and lake aren't healthy	The state needs the river.	I don't have enough information to answer.	
9/28/2021 15:35	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave as is but send all the water thru the dam. No need to keep operating the locks	A great freshwater impoundment. No cheap water left that is easily accessible	The lack of concern in how precious our water sources are used. So much freshwater goes to the ocean and Rodman is our way of preserving some of it	Don't know what the other options are	Rodman is a great freshwater sanctuary for birds and fish. It did replace a beautiful River system. Our needs have changed as well with water sources should be at the top of the list to protect. Rodman should still stand as an impoundment.
9/28/2021 15:39	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 15:45	Outside of state / other	Ann Arbor Michigan	No	No					I'd like to see portions of the dam removed to restore the Great Florida Waterway.	Restore healthy habitat for wildlife and river ecosystems for all.	Continued loss of wetlands and river habitat	At least listening to and taking into consideration citizens' concerns.	
9/28/2021 15:46	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	I would like to see the dam removed.	I believe the rivers should be restored to the way they were before the dam was built.	I think the wildlife will do continue to suffer from the existing conditions.	No.	
9/28/2021 15:53	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	he science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million-dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 16:12	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Nature photography	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural free-flowing path between Silver SPrings and the St. Johns River	The improvement of 7500 no-longer flooded land upstream of the dam and 8000 acres of wetlands below the dam, and the resulting benefits to the wildlife and ecosystems in the area.	The continued ecological degradation of the area in and around the reservoir plus the danger to lives and property below the dam from a possible failure.	No	
9/28/2021 16:12	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I came to Rodman Dam simply to see it in a native context.	I believe that these dams should be retired or torn down so the Florida Taxpayers can return the Oklawaha River to the natural riverine system that it was before the Cross-Florida Barge Canal was built. Similar to the 19th Century mindset to "drain the Everglades" the restoration of the Oklawaha River could be a huge boon to Natural Florida and its citizens from over-development. Suburban and commercial development has already caused much, pollution and other environmental degradations to our rivers and springs.	The fact that twenty, maybe more, Springs along the Oklawaha River are drowned from these two Dams.	That a huge opportunity to recreate a natural treasure like the Oklawaha River is lost and future generations will never know how beautiful and unique Florida's environment was.	Not really. The damage is already done. Wildlife, particularly biodiversity has been diminished and twenty Springs are presently lost. Only removing these Dams can fix that.	
9/28/2021 16:29	Lake		No	No					Restoration of the Oklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Three rivers-- the Oklawaha, Silver, and St. John's Rivers and 50 springs are restored.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. Stats and federal funds are available, public interest is high, manatees will be saved, and ---the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the damn is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife cannot wait	Please protect our precious wildlife and our water
9/28/2021 16:31	Lake		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers along with 50 springs. This would improve water flow, quality and restore lost ecosystems.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive events. Thousand of acres of forest are not restored and taxpayers' money is unnecessarily spent to repair a dam that does not provide broad public benefit	NO this is the best opportunity to address critical environmental needs, water flow and quality, dam safety and wildlife habitat. State and Federal funds are available and taking action is long overdue	Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by increasing regional visitor traffic and removing dam safety risk. The project would uncover 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam. There are so many compelling reasons for going forward with the breaching of the dam. I sincerely hope it inspires your decision. Thank you for your time and attention.
9/28/2021 16:37	Outside of state / other	Harris County, TX	No	No					I'd love to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs, and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we all miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system, and there is an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Furthermore, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow, and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you so much for your consideration.
9/28/2021 16:46	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: hiking	remove them	environmental damage to springs and Ocklawaha River	Continued environmental damage to springs and Ocklawaha River	no	
9/28/2021 16:54	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time			Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced.	Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored.	no	I took a course on the Oklawaha River and the Rodman Dam and visited it. I was saddened to see the damage to the ecosystem and wildlife in the area, because of a human mistake. We now have the chance to restore the natural beauty and function of the river. Let's not miss it up AGAIN.
9/28/2021 17:02	Seminole		No	No					remove the dam	Provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs	We will miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam	NO! Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue	
9/28/2021 17:03	Bay		No	No									
9/28/2021 17:03	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:03	Brevard		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:04	Bay		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, I am in favor of this to restore the Ocklawaha River	there are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Also, Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. We could miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 17:04	Dade		No	No						remove dam stop destroying our water our nature	the rampant death of the beloved Manatees the whole inept conduct of de santis in doing zero to keep our beloved Nature and water sources		
9/28/2021 17:05	Pinellas		No	No						independent & unbiased assessment for the risks and opportunities in terms of removal of the dam.	Adverse effects to the ecosystem.		
9/28/2021 17:05	St Johns		No	No						Please remove the dam.	It is covering up many springs, and hinders migration of manatees.		
9/28/2021 17:06	Seminole		No	No						I would like to see the dam torn down.	The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that blocks the Ocklawaha River is in decline and in need of repair.	That manatees would not be able to migrate successfully and that more ecological harm could happen, along with wasting more taxpayer dollars.	No.
9/28/2021 17:06	Outside of state / other	Hunterdon NJ	No	No									
9/28/2021 17:06	Nassau		No	No									
9/28/2021 17:07	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:08	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:08	Charlotte		No	No					A step toward restoration of natural water flow which will become a hallmark of this century due to Human willful mismanagement.	I believer Audubon has the best interests of all Floridians and assorted species at heart.	More of the same monied interests prevail for short term gain, screw the future.	Of course! Compromise is the only recourse open to a hostile Human Race!	

9/28/2021 17:08	Indian River		No	No				I'd like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:08	Sarasota		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:09	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: hiking	get rid of he dam	the environment has been harmed by the dam.	Habitat will not be restored to support wildlife. a new dam or restored dam will cost millions.	not sure	
9/28/2021 17:09	Monroe		No	No				restoration of the rivers, obsolete the dam/reservoir	conservation of habitat for species		continued erosion of wildlife habitat		
9/28/2021 17:09	Brevard		No	No			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	fully support breaching the dam and allowing the Ocklawaha river to return to its natural state. Since the barge canal never happened, there is no good reason to maintain such significant disruption of the natural flow of the river.		The genuineness of SFWMD to make choices that best suit protecting the future of our waterways would be in serious question.		
9/28/2021 17:09	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Removed and restore the river.		Start again.	No the dam must go.	
9/28/2021 17:09	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would to see the dam torn down and the river to be restored. Free the Ocklawaha River!	This is an important watershed; tearing down this useless eyesore of a damn will give new life to the the 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	Wasted taxpayer dollars, it is ridiculous that this dam still exists!	NO, tear it down!	Thanks for you consideration of my opinions. Please know that restoring this area to it's natural state will bring visitors. Would love to eventually see this area have paid parking to support it and trails for nature lovers who are willing to pay. Use Sweetwater Wetlands as a model.
9/28/2021 17:10	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam,	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	Lower water quality and further deterioration of critical Elements of our environment. It's past time to restore our waters - the economic driver of the state.	No	
9/28/2021 17:10	Broward		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River!!!	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No!	We must fight to do what is right environmentally!!
9/28/2021 17:10	Citrus		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river!	The destruction of habitat, the blocking of manatee and fish migration, and the general destruction that the dam caused.	Further destruction of habitat and continued problems for wildlife.	No	Please please remove this dam and restore the river!!!
9/28/2021 17:11	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:11	Lake		No	No					I would like to see it removed.	The fact that the dam has no purpose.	Loss of wildlife, more flooding, more destruction of the flood plain, the forests, waste of money for something that has no purpose, waste, waste, waste. Government refusing to admit when they are dead wrong about a project they spent so much of our money on and want to do it again. Enough is enough.	No.	Enough is enough. Restore the river and flood system.
9/28/2021 17:12	Broward		No	No					demolished - lands restored to their original state - proper restoration oversight	restoration to original purpose/useage	further destruction of natural habitats	don't have funds but would give written/verbal support for the project	
9/28/2021 17:12	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove dam	Cost savings	Environmental damage	No	Removal makes good sense for all
9/28/2021 17:12	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing					
9/28/2021 17:12	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove				
9/28/2021 17:13	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Man has really caused undo harm to our environment and it is time for that to be reversed!
9/28/2021 17:15	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We need to continue to improving our natural Florida by removing outdated and ill thought out "improvements" from the past.
9/28/2021 17:15	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Nature takes care of itself if left alone. The dam should be removed to allow the natural order of things return.
9/28/2021 17:16	Outside of state / other	Washington DC	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	I enjoy visiting Florida, primarily to enjoy wildlife watching and natural spaces. Restoring ecosystems is important for wildlife and people.
9/28/2021 17:16	Osceola		No	No									
9/28/2021 17:17	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed!!!	It will provide a natural wildlife corridor	Pollution, flooding	Free the oklawaha River	It's taken Much too long already! Free the Oklawaha River
9/28/2021 17:17	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	I have family in FL. The failed Cross Florida Barge Canal Project left environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. We hate watching the destruction of critical eco systems.
9/28/2021 17:18	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Eliminate the impoundment and restore the river.	Decades of science.			
9/28/2021 17:18	Seminole		No	No									
9/28/2021 17:18	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would prefer to see the dam removed and the normal riverine flows restored.	The dam was a political decision to support a badly flawed idea to build the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Thankfully, the canal wasn't built.. This can should be removed and the area restored.	That the damage caused by creating the dam and the subsequent wildlife and habitat losses will continue.	Why? Why would we continue to pay to maintain a bad idea??	Please remove the dam and restore the habitat.
9/28/2021 17:18	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Birding	Remove the dam and restore Ocklawaha River!	Removing the dam will restore many springs, including Ocklawaha, Silver and St John's rivers.	If the dam remains, water quality will decline, causing invasive weeds, contributing to blue-green algae, kills fish, and aquatic vegetation loss.	No, breaching the dam is overdue. Improved water quality and Wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:19	Duval		No	No					I would like to see Dam removed and the area restored to it's natural ecosystem. We are in critical need of preserving more natural settings in FL since so much of the state is under great decline because of overdevelopment and resource destruction.	Visible evidence of the destruction of critical habitat that is irreplaceable is the greatest concern. We need to have natural areas restored so that our state has healthy habitat.	An increased loss of vital habitat that is irreplaceable is the greatest concern. We need to have natural areas restored so that our state has healthy habitat.	I think the return to a functioning natural ecosystem is essential. I do not know of alternative proposals that would be as beneficial for the area.	
9/28/2021 17:19	Volusia		No	No					The Rodman Dam should be removed in order to restore the Ocklawaha River.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Hundreds of manatees will lose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue .	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your time.
9/28/2021 17:20	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The dam harms the wildlife through the consistent herbicide spraying and causes the flooding of the beautiful springs.	Continued decay of the river , which looks like a tree cemetery in some areas.	Its a necessary action to breach the dam, that is eroding over time. When this happens, the local economy will surge. This will be a piece of paradise that many will wish to visit.	
9/28/2021 17:21	Clay		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	wildlife and nature matters.
9/28/2021 17:21	Manatee		No	No					Remove the Dam	Restoration of natural flora and fauna			
9/28/2021 17:23	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:23	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:24	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The ecosystems have been damaged by altering water flow to meet needs that can now be attained without dams. Let nature take its course.	Science supports dam free water flows.	Native species continue to suffer.		
9/28/2021 17:24	Charlotte		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove it.	$4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	Wasting taxpayer dollars on repairing a dam that serves no purpose other than the destruction of natural habitat for many species of Florida wildlife.	No.	
9/28/2021 17:24	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove it	Disaster for the wildlife and environment	Continued disaster for the wildlife and environment	No	Don't build another dam
9/28/2021 17:24	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam will help to restore many springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. John Rivers	Lost opportunity for forest restoration, which will improve water quality, provide flood protection and wildlife habitat.	NO	I'm a paddler. why would I visit there now? get rid of the dam and I'll go up!
9/28/2021 17:26	Brevard		No	Yes					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	loss of rivers and interference with bird life and fish migration	Loss of wild life	Not roarfa	
9/28/2021 17:26	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removed completely!		We lose a great and beautiful river		
9/28/2021 17:26	Broward		No	No					Restore area to natural				
9/28/2021 17:26	Sarasota		No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam instead of costly repairs.	Environmental, reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers supporting natural habitats and native fish and manatee migrations.	irreversible damage to the already threatened species and expensive dam repairs every 10-15 years using taxpayer money.		
9/28/2021 17:27	Charlotte		No	No					I would like to see the Dam removed	All of the waterways and areas that would benefit from having fresh flowing water restored - also a big win for wildlife and waterfowl.	Eventually all the rivers and waterways will start drying up - the dam was a "man made" mistake - nature knows best and the water flow needs to be restored to what it was before the dam was built.	No - the dam needs to be dismantled	We need to STOP MESSING WITH NATURE
9/28/2021 17:28	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Restore the natural Florida environment.
9/28/2021 17:28	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating	remove the dam and restore the river	Restore 50+ springs and restore the natural flow of the river	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is over due	
9/28/2021 17:29	Dade		No	No					remove it for ecological and economic reasons	ongoing pollution	continued ruin of Fls natural ecology	no	
9/28/2021 17:29	Manatee		No	Yes	1 time				Remove the dam				
9/28/2021 17:29	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove damn and restore the river				
9/28/2021 17:30	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Relaxing	I would like to see the dam go away	Restoring natural water flow and the springs	Stupidity remains and water quality and wildlife habitat deteriorates	No	It takes boldness to see a mistake and break the status quo. That is what is needed now.
9/28/2021 17:30	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	To have it restored.	the conditions	it would be a night mare	I hope it works for all of us	The Gov. should keep us posted on the progress.
9/28/2021 17:30	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Boating					
9/28/2021 17:30	Collier		No	No					Remove it and restore the natural flow of water.	We have messed up the natural habitats for animals.	A waste of money to do needed repairs.		
9/28/2021 17:30	Outside of state / other	South Africa	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River				
9/28/2021 17:30	Volusia		No	No					Since it has no purpose, the dam should be removed.				
9/28/2021 17:31	Martin		No	No					Preserve it.	Wildlife habitat.	Lost wilderness.		
9/28/2021 17:33	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha river.	Removing the damn helps restore the Oklawaha, Silver & St. John's river as well as 50 springs. Per the Audubon, between 4-14 Million dollars will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.		No. Bfeaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, water tower quality, and wildlife cannot wait any longer.	
9/28/2021 17:33	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Remove Dam		Environmental conservation		
9/28/2021 17:33	Hernando		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Save it saved	Water quality	Loss of water quality	No	
9/28/2021 17:34	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 17:34	Dade		No	No					I would like to see nature run its natural course. Too much human interference in our environment has led to irreversible damage.	Studies that show how dams adversely affect the natural flow of water, draining areas that are critical for animal welfare and contributing to habitat destruction.	Another man-made natural disaster...	Some kind of mitigation efforts to allow nature to exist before man-made structures like dams disrupted their balance.	
9/28/2021 17:35	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the the damn dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Impact on the ecosystem	Continued environmental destruction	No	
9/28/2021 17:36	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and reunite the rivers.	The dam has horrendous damage to the trees and fish that live in that area.	The animals and humans suffer in that area.	I don't think so.	It will cost taxpayers huge amounts to restore the dam for no good reason.
9/28/2021 17:37	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it	Breach the dam let natural flow	Destroyed springs & forests	Water quality	No	
9/28/2021 17:37	Collier		No	No					Please remove the dam.	The dam serves no significant purpose and is an ecological problem	Continued maintenance costs and deleterious environmental impacts	No	
9/28/2021 17:37	Leon		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	The Dam should be removed and the Reservior allowed to revert to its natural state.	The social and ecological expectations of citizens and tourists that exist today would bring greater economic benefit to the surrounding area if the restoration was accomplished. Numerous recreational opportunities would result and the improved habitat could support many ecological benefits including manatees, fishing, ecotourism and greater water flow to the St. John's River. Restored forests would sequester carbon and potentially provide forestry related jobs.	Continuing to spend millions of dollars on a facility that is not providing significant economic benefit is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Negative changes in the watershed have taken place over the years that could be mitigated by the removal and restoration.	not at this time	
9/28/2021 17:38	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy. Hillsborough County has a similar issue with the 100+ year old dam of the Hillsborough River. Salt water intrusion from Tampa Bay now requires routing water from Blue Spring to the river to reduce salinity. An expensive solution to a 100 year old problem.	If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. There is no reason to justify this dam.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	

9/28/2021 17:38	Dade		No	Yes	2-5 times	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing					Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.
9/28/2021 17:39	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: bicycling	I would like to see the Dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored to its original condition prior to the creation of the Reservoir.	As a retired research fishery biologist, I am most interested in the restoration of natural migratory fish populations to the waters cut off to them by the Dam. These include, but are not limited to, Striped Bass, American and Hickory Shads, and American Eel. Restoration of these populations would provide new fishing opportunities in the upper Ocklawaha River and possibly the Harris Chain of Lakes, while maintaining viable Largemouth Bass, Crappie, and sunfish populations in the free flowing River.	The St. Johns/Ocklawaha/Silver River ecosystem will continue to be disrupted, water quality threatened, food webs limited, recreational activities curtailed, water management strategies impeded, and tax payers money dissipated in a misguided effort to maintain an ill-advised status quo.	No. The Dam and Reservoir have been an environmental disaster for the riverine ecosystem they've disrupted, and breaching the Dam will result in numerous benefits for the State of Florida and its citizens.	
9/28/2021 17:40	Collier		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 92 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The dam is unnecessary, unnatural and expensive to restore.	Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. The dam should go - for our water quality and the health of our environment and its animals.	
9/28/2021 17:41	Lee		No	No					REMOVE IT!	The health of Florida's water flow	That all the detrimental affects of the dam will continue	NO...the dam should've been removed many years ago...it's WAY overdue	The white man has screwed up natural water systems all over the U.S. by damming rivers...a majority of them should never have been built...the consequences are evident all over the country.
9/28/2021 17:41	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time			Remove the dam. The benefits to follow are really important.	You are aware of the science.	We will have continued decline of our waterways.	No. Get with the program.	
9/28/2021 17:41	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of it. Restore it to a natural state.	That all of Florida is on board with restoring the water flow to the Everglades and it's time to unite this project with that goal.	Reduced water flow and a degraded natural environment.	This really is a no brainer. The environment is how this state makes money. People come here for it.	
9/28/2021 17:42	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Natural Florida is fast disappearing. We need to have more respect for the natural environment.
9/28/2021 17:42	Broward		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam to be dammed.....to restore a dam which has done nothing but damage the ecosystem is more than a further waste of money. It is a major disruption to the river system and the fish and wildlife that the natural water system once sustained. Reuniting the rivers would help to protect what is left of the birds and other species that once were abundant in Florida	The dam has been a failure from its inception. Natural resources need protection and destroying the dam will be a positive step in reclamation of the waterways.	Once again Florida will have lost an opportunity to protect what is left of its amazing natural resources. I consider wildlife, plant life a d our waters to be invaluable.	There is no alternative short of getting those rivers back together if we care at all about nature.	Every place you look the environment looses. I am tired of seeing every governmental agency I read about failing to protect the land. Development always seems to win, and hang the consequences.
9/28/2021 17:43	Okaloosa		Yes	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed and to allow the natural flow of water and wildlife. •Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	•Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	•If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:43	Clay		No	No					I would like to see it removed.	The way the dam it has affected and prevented the natural order of things in the environment and the life it supports.	Much more wetlands and natural wildlife will disappear forever.	The water needs to flow naturally as it did before the dam was built, as to allow the natural order of things to return to the environment.	Humans need to realize that interfering with nature, is already creating many problems for our planet and all living things it supports. Man is the only one destroying the balance and natural order of things...At some point people have to make a real effort to allow nature to heal itself, if not, humans will not survive themselves in the future.
9/28/2021 17:44	Hillsborough		No	No					We should remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam will help to restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:44	Palm Beach		No	No						Restoration and protection for all wildlife			
9/28/2021 17:44	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take down the Kirkpatrick Dam to open and free the natural water flow to the Oklawaha River and springs.	50 years of blocking flow of the Oklawaha River needs to be corrected.	Limited opportunity to restore nature flow of water. Also possible habitat and food supply to endangered manatees and other wild animals. Recreational opportunities for Florida's growing population.	No.	This a opportunity that Water Mgt and concern citizen need to follow through. Also the cost of upgrading the dam is a waste of state funding. 50 years is to long to interfere with the Oklawaha river systems is to long.
9/28/2021 17:44	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed so the natural course of the rivers is restored.	savings to the municipalities aside, the most important priority for me is nature and wildlife, which will greatly benefit from returning the water flow to its pre-dam state. This dam has done a lot of ecological damage over the years of its existence.	to the environment in and around the dam for a radius of many miles. For one, the forest stands to benefit by receiving the water it needs and it got before the dam came about. Also the native flora and fauna will benefit from the original pre-dam water state.	i think it really needs to go, and now. Wildlife, nature, and the environment cannot be placed on the back burner. We need to protect and restore so it is here for a long time to come, and this also helps counter the affects of global warming when we realize efforts such as this combined with other efforts globally sum up to help the planet.	i have witnessed roughly similar efforts in the Florida Everglades, where restoration of a natural water course helped the environment, wildlife, and prevented flooding that was made worse by modifications to the original, natural water flow. I think we as a state need to do more of this so that we are supporters of nature.
9/28/2021 17:44	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take it down	It prevents springs flowing and is unnecessary and unnatural	Further environmental impact	No	Has been needed a long time
9/28/2021 17:45	Leon		No	No					I believe the dam should be removed and the Ocklawaha River allowed to return to its natural state and function.	The fact that removal will restore 50 springs!!	Degradation of water quality, loss of forests that could be restored, increase in invasive weeds, loss of wildlife habitat, loss many losses to count!!!!	No!!!	Florida needs to take advantage of every opportunity to protect and restore our natural resources. Now!!!!
9/28/2021 17:45	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore natural channels	There is no reason for spending any more money on this useless structure	State resources wasted on a useless dam could be used to care for Florida's environment	Not a meaningful question. A dam comes down or it doesn't.	
9/28/2021 17:46	Lee		No	No					Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:48	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We treasure Florida's natural places. Land management practices have changed in the last 50 years. By removing this dam, we can begin to repair some of the damage we've created, decrease foul water and toxic bloom, and bring tourists back.
9/28/2021 17:48	St Johns		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Let's help restore FI to its natural ecosystem
9/28/2021 17:48	Osceloa		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that blocks the Ocklawaha River is in decline and in need of repair. Instead of investing millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate a dam with no purpose, remove it, finally reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers.
9/28/2021 17:48	Escambia		No	No					Removal of the dam	The dam serves no purpose, but causes environmental problems	Continued negative environmental impacts.	No other option	
9/28/2021 17:48	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	The removal of the dam would help to restore 50 springs and the Ocklawaha River, Silver River, and St. Johns River. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive more than 150 million gallons a day of restored natural flow. The dam is past it's life expectancy. Removing it will save $4-14 million	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No, there is not. It's past time to do the right thing. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	If concern for Florida wildlife habitat is not enough to over ride the special interests that have refused to remove this dam, then maybe the fact that wildlife viewing is a $5.8 billion dollar industry in Florida will cause decision makers to pay attention. Black bears, Florida panthers, white-tailed deer, and other large terrestrial wildlife are not likely to cross the 9,500 acre Rodman Reservoir. The dam blocks fish and aquatic wildlife from access to their historic migratory routes. These all create barriers to movement of animals through the Florida Wildlife Corridor. They sever the northern route leading to the Rice Creek Conservation Area and Wetland Preserve. Breaching the dam will remove these barriers to north/south movement and even strengthen an east/west wildlife corridor. Removing the dam will help animals thrive and survive, reduce habitat fragmentation, and decrease human-animal conflicts.
9/28/2021 17:49	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove it.	As a child way back in the 1940s my brother and I fished the river and learned how to run a small outboard motor. Oh that every kid could have that opportunity.	Habitat loss.	Doubt it	
9/28/2021 17:49	Duval		No	No					remove the dam	The negative impact it has on florida rivers interrupting the normal flow and path for multiple species including the manatee	The environmental degradation already in place will continue worsening	nothing different to the desruction of the dam	
9/28/2021 17:49	Sarasota		No	No					Having read the arguments pro and con, and having seen the benefits of restoration of comparable riverine environments around the country, I believe the dam should be dismantled, and the river restored to the extent possible to its original, pristine condition.	The enormous success of similar projects in the Northeast and Northwest, e.g. the Connecticut River, the Kennebec, et al.	Continuing degradation of the environment in Florida; we've had a great opportunity to learn from our mistakes, and there's no time like the present to correct those that can be fixed.	I think this is an either/or decision. You remove the dam or you don't ; so things could get better, or if we go for status quo, they'll remain the same.	I'm an old man and a devoted fisherman. I love bass fishing as much as anybody, and I for sure won't be around to use either the renewed river or the old artificial lake. But my children and grandchildren will, and I wish for them a better, cleaner, more beautiful and more prosperous state.
9/28/2021 17:50	Outside of state / other	sf	No	No									
9/28/2021 17:51	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:51	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 17:52	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see the river restored to it's natural condition.	Removing dams improves habitat for aquatic fauna and helps migratory fish species.	I'm concerned that the river will continue to be of diminished value to wildlife.	I'd have to know more about potential scenarios.	
9/28/2021 17:52	Charlotte		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha	Let nature flow freely	More waste of taxpayer money	No	
9/28/2021 17:53	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I was there to observe the draw down.	The Ocklawaha River is the largest tributary of the St. Johns River and should freely flow to its confluence. The dam should come down. Across the country land managers and users have come to the same conclusion and many such dams have been demolished. The purpose for construction of the dam has been deauthorized. There will never be a Cross Florida Barge Canal.	The lock and dam system prevents free flow of migratory fish and manatees from the St. Johns River to upriver springs. The current system creates a closed system with significant increases in nutrients. Fish populations have suffering and manatees have lost a significant historic habitat and winter refuge.	The reservoir and the Ocklawaha could become an eutrophic system with increased nutrients with no way to realistically exchange with downstream waters.	No. The dam needs to come down. Restoration is the preferred outcome.	The reservoir and lock system are the last vestiges of a boondoggle that was de-authorized 50 years ago! It is a scourge on the intrinsic beauty of the Ocklawaha. We have a real chance to restore this ecosystem and should take the opportunity to do so.
9/28/2021 17:53	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed.	The current situation exists because of the Cross Florida Barge Canal, which I have always believed was a bad idea environmentally. With all of that gone the rivers would be returned to their former activity, removing the water downstream, together with nutrients and aquatic species that would be allowed to move and bring greater genetic diversity to the ecosystem. Eliminate the dam, save millions for a rebuild and get an enhanced environment.	That things would continue as they are but taxpayers would have a big bill to rebuild a dam that we would be better off without.	Not really. We either decide to dismantle the dam and reap the environmental benefits, or we spend a lot of money to keep a not-so-good situation.	
9/28/2021 17:53	Alachua		No	No					Removed	Improve water quality, drainage, environmental stewardship	Quality of water will continue to diminish	no	
9/28/2021 17:54	Orange		No	No					Any activities that support conservation of resources, land restoration, preservation of wildlife, and the protecting the environment are of interest to me.	Observations and articles about the state of Florida's environment, including the negative impacts that mankind have-some impacts that cannot be reversed	Loss of wildlife habitat, destruction r negative impacts to the environment	I'd have to see a set of proposals and an evaluation of each proposal to answer this question	
9/28/2021 17:54	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	The incredible views along with mesmerizing wildlife make our home here in Florida a special place. Both here locally and nationally we need to protect our environment that we cherish on a daily basis. Continuing to ignore the decline of our natural habitat is not an option. There is no more critical time for change than now.
9/28/2021 17:54	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam. Restore Oklawaha	environmental and historical	wildlife	protection of all wildlife	
9/28/2021 17:55	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal and restoration of the natural flow of water.	The purpose of the dam was never realized and the cost to taxpayers in keeping it (both environmentally and fiscally) is far greater than the cost of removal/restoration.	Continuing to degrade the connecting rivers and spend money on a dam/reservoir that has no purpose other than recreational fishing, when it isn't even that good at that.	No. Removal of the dam would require some restoration and remediation to repair the long term damage the dam has caused.	After seeing what damage has been done locally as well as downstream, removal of the dam is long overdue. Many other locations nationally have removed outdated dams with amazing success for the environment as well as local economies.
9/28/2021 17:56	Orange		No	Yes				Other: Never. Paddled the Ocklawaha several times.	Please, please, please restore the River.	I think the burial of the many springs, the destruction of the wetland forest, and the blockage of migration of manatees and fishes were a terrible attack on the environment and beauty of that river.	My biggest concern would be if the dam were repaired and remained.	Partial removal of the dam? so that wildlife and canoes could use it again.	
9/28/2021 17:56	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Maintained as a Reservoir for fishing	Rodman is one of the finest bass fishing destinations in the country. Guide Captain Sean Rush has helped his clients land over 60 ten pound bass from Rodman this past year. People travel from far and wide to have the opportunity to catch the fish of a lifetime in Rodman. My personal best bass (10 lbs 2 oz) came from Rodman. The fishery supports a very diverse and healthy wildlife population beyond just the excellent bass fishing.	The loss of the best bass fishing destination in Northeast Florida. There is nothing like it in this area. It would have a devastating economic impact on Putnam County, one of the poorest counties in our state.	No	
9/28/2021 17:56	Escambia		No	No					Breach the dam and reopen the river	The effect on Florida wildlife	Continued destruction of wildlife	Just re-open the river.	Thank you.
9/28/2021 17:56	Pinellas		No	No					Open it up save the springs	It's the right thing to do. Brings tourist	We need our springs for wildlife .		
9/28/2021 17:57	Hillsborough		No	No						To follow my sons legacy "Save the Manatees"			
9/28/2021 17:58	Charlotte		No	No					Restore things so wildlife can return and not be blocked in their paths.		Animals being impacted.	I would support an outcome that unblocks paths for manatee and other wildlife	
9/28/2021 17:58	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please remove this useless dam and restore the rivers. Just look at how well restoring the river in central Florida benefited all our native plants and wildlife. Removing this useless dam will restore the natural ecosystem and thus bring in tourist dollars.	Ecosystem restoration equals economic benefits thru tourism dollars	Death of the river system	No	
9/28/2021 17:58	Sarasota		No	No					Please breach the dam	Water quality and economic disasters	Loss of environment and all that entails	No	It's overdue
9/28/2021 17:59	Lee		No	No					Down with the dam.	Water quality	Continued dissipation of springs and water quality	No	
9/28/2021 17:59	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it returned to it's natural state.	To do what's right for the environment and it's amazing animals.	That it will be too late for the environment and it's animals to thrive.		
9/28/2021 17:59	Dade		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	$4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	It only makes sense to tear down the dam. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.
9/28/2021 18:00	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing					
9/28/2021 18:01	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: boating	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching the dam restores the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs to their original configuration. The breach allows fish and manatees to use the free-flowing river as it was created.	This is probably the last/best opportunity to restore the river to its original conformation. If the dam is not removed now, tax payers will pay an enormous amount of money to restore an unneeded and unnecessary structure.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Habitat restoration and improved water quality can't wait.	
9/28/2021 18:01	Sumter		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	no	Thank you!
9/28/2021 18:02	Manatee		No	No					Breach it and restore the river	Cost ofrepair and ecological damage if it remains	Waste of money and loss of revenue to affected counties	None	
9/28/2021 18:02	Flagler		No	No					Pls restore the river ton original pathway	Audobon society			
9/28/2021 18:03	Duval		No	Yes					I would like the dam to be removed and restored to it's original natural state. It is well past time to fix what was damaged so long ago. There are plenty of place to fish in Florida.	I'm an avid kayaker and have seen the springs damaged over the years. I love Silver Springs in particular and we need the natural water flow to restore it. The economic benefits are around $50 million dollars, can't imagine why this would not happen for the beauty of FL and the economy.	The springs will continue to be degraded and full of weeds and that horrible algae that is deadly. As a kayaker I've encountered that algae and it's horrible. The Silver Springs area is beautiful and this would encourage more visitors to come and spend money in the area and enjoy the springs.	Absolutely not!!!! This should've been done years ago and is long overdue. Please fix this now so that Floridians and tourists can better enjoy our amazing springs and natural habitat.	I have been kayaking Silver Springs since 2007 and have seen how the river and springs are degrading. The beautiful underwater grasses now have algae and growth on them and it breaks my heart to see this. Silver River is a gem of Florida and needs to be preserved and helped by removing this dam.
9/28/2021 18:04	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 18:08	Collier		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Make the river free! Like it was before we ruined it!!!		One planet and we keep ruining it!	Let the rivers run free	This wrong on so many ways. People think they know better than nature. All we do is follow greed and rape and pillage the environment to make some people rich!
9/28/2021 18:08	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Blow the damn, restore the river but move the turtles first			no	
9/28/2021 18:09	Highlands		No	No					Complete restoration of the Ocklawaha River to its natural state! I am a 6th generation Central Floridian and remember well the natural beauty that was destroyed when that dam was forced on us!	More than ever, Florida's dwindling natural resources must be preserved.	Final replacement of old Florida with condos and cheesy shopping plazas.	No.	
9/28/2021 18:10	Pasco		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Please remove the Dam!	The eco- system there needs to thrive and cannot if Environmental issues are not resolved. Wildlife inhabitants need to be able to thrive in order to sustain themselves and this will not be able to continue without the River becoming free-flowing.	That area will undoubtedly force the wildlife there to relocate elsewhere.	No	
9/28/2021 18:14	Hillsborough		No	No					Whatever is required to help restore the area's ecosystem	Science.	Further neglect to the fauna and flora that the rivers support.	No.	None.
9/28/2021 18:16	Collier		No	No									
9/28/2021 18:17	Manatee		No	No					The damn be removed not repaired	The damage the damn has already done	Continued damage to the environment	No	
9/28/2021 18:17	Orange		No	No					I believe that the dam should be breached and restore the rivers.	Environmentally it has been a disaster on many levels and was a huge mistake to have been built.	We still could not enjoy some beautiful rivers in Florida; there is not much natural land left.	no	I have spent time on different segments of the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers and wish that all of the rivers could be reconnected as they were. The benefit to the citizens to enjoy and use special natural land far outweighs the interests of a few businesses and owners that benefited financially from the environmental catastrophe the dam created.
9/28/2021 18:17	Jefferson		No	No					Get rid of it.	All the information you provided in your email.	Disappointment.	Whatever Audubon feels would be acceptable.	
9/28/2021 18:18	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Boat trip w naturalist. stands of Cypress trees dead from damming. Springs blocked from damming. Very little bird life variety. Read dr. Steven noll's book and invited him to our historical society to lecture. So compelling we left next day to see for ourselves the damage to this once beautiful, life giving part of florida.	Do not rebuild Dam. Let this part of Florida return to its natural beauty.	100 photos i took while floating through area.	Continued deterioration of important piece of history.		
9/28/2021 18:18	Walton		No	No					To see the dam removed and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	The irreparable loss of a precious ecosystem. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No.	

9/28/2021 18:18	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored, and that ugly dam removed! Before the Dam flooded everything and kill trees and ruined the natural state of that area, my husband and children and I spent weekends fishing, boating, photographing, eating out, shopping at least once a month. It's time to rectify the loss of the natural flow and refresh the lost springs and wildlife.	Make it the outstanding river for recreation and beauty that people once enjoyed instead of the mess (at the dam itself) it is today!that so few people go out of their way to travel to.	I understand that so many of us in North Central Florida are ready and anxious for the restoration, and funds are available. This is the time to get the job done and lift the spirits of those that love the outdoors and traveling to springs and enjoying the beauty of nature. I don't want to more taxpayers money put into keeping up the Rodman Dam. I caught fresh water fish every time we fished, saw wildlife, (especially manatees) instead of what is there now dead stumps, exotic fish, weeds, and junk on one side of the dam. Who wants to buy local gas or eat out or spend the weekend locally to see that?	No! It's time to make the water flow again, now!	Water quality should improve, manatees should come back and money should flow into the surrounding communities as well!
9/28/2021 18:19	Duval		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River to help bring balance back to the FL ecosystem	I've lived in FL my entire life- from the Gulf Coast where I grew up, here to the NE corner pocket where I still am now. I've seen far too many natural waterways destroyed & die off; red tides, river damage and pollution as well as the devastating losses of our Manatees this year. My watching this damage over my lifetime, happening at the hands of terrible political choices being made, is where my position stems from. How dare we not protect our state better, for our future generations.	Loss of revenue that WOULD come back to more waterway areas were they enjoyable again, how many thousands of acers of forests would be restored with water reservoirs in a more healthy sate, is there truly any other proper choice here? A loss of this initiative will negatively impact our state in the pocket and be an environmental hit, another one we do not need and can prevent.	No. This is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 18:20	Manatee		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Removing the dam is necessary and this is our one chance to do the right thing for the environment.
9/28/2021 18:21	Alachua		No	Yes				Remove the dam and restore the river and forests.		The damage to our ecosystem will continue.	No	
9/28/2021 18:21	Pinellas		No	No								
9/28/2021 18:21	Alachua		No	No				Taken down	Restore natural historical flow	Continued mismanagement no	No	
9/28/2021 18:22	Alachua		No	Yes			Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Saving manatees	More deaths and fewer springs	I think the damage needs to be removed	The springs need to be free. The river needs restoring to help with fish and help for Silver Springs
9/28/2021 18:24	Broward		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Birding	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	I treasure all aspects of natural Florida, especially clean, clear water in rivers and springs.
9/28/2021 18:25	Pinellas		No	No				Open the dam back up instead of repairing it-the benefits will be amazing	Springs have been destroyed, manatees and fish cannot migrate here, and acres upon acres of floodplain forest have been destroyed!! This hopefully can be turned around.	Losing more critical habitat for wildlife and further destroying an ecosystem that has already sustained so much destruction will further destroy this area. It is WIN; to turn this around.	Not sure at this point.	Please make a decision based upon rightning a wrong that can once again help this area be a shining example of " fobering to nature"
9/28/2021 18:25	St Johns		No	Yes				Improve				
9/28/2021 18:26	Sarasota		No	No				Do not damage the natural environment		Increase pollution and loss of wildlife		
9/28/2021 18:26	Broward		No	No				return the waters to nature	money wasted	money wasted and native animals become exist	no	NA
9/28/2021 18:27	Outside of state / other	Phoenix, AZ	No	No				To restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an undobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide natural warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 18:29	Broward		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We deserve and need this area left natural for all citizens to enjoy!
9/28/2021 18:31	Orange		No	No								
9/28/2021 18:33	Clay		No	No				The beauty off the natural environment restored. Manatees preserved from extinction.	Money would be spend restoring a project that is not working and is detrimental to the environment.	Reaching a point of no return	Researching a compromise that lets every one win to some extent	
9/28/2021 18:34	Suwannee		No	No				Remove it	Destroyed Manatee habitat	Another colossal Florida fuckup	No	
9/28/2021 18:35	Dade		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	protecting nature is the only way to help everyone survive. it's the only way we can progress and prosper.
9/28/2021 18:35	Hendry		No	No								
9/28/2021 18:39	Brevard		No	No				I want to see the destruction of natural habitats preserved or restored. The entire ecosystem relies on a healthy environment, from fairy shrimp to humans.	If humans want to continue to enjoy natural beauty as well as continue to make money from that environment, it is imperative we protect it.	The death of ecosystems will proliferate		
9/28/2021 18:39	Marion		No	No				I want the Ocklawaha River restored.	It is part of our state's environmental system.	1 fear further damage to our delicate eco-system.		
9/28/2021 18:41	Clay		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Remain as is!	Preservation!	Florida's freshwater big game fish decline!	Not preserving the Reservoir!	
9/28/2021 18:41	Marion		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive150-millions gallons /day of restore natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam C. And. Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economince benefits ver 10 yrs. restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remails, water quality will cont. to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for water storage, and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 yrs. overdue. Dam Safety, improved water quality, and wildlife cannot wait	
9/28/2021 18:41	St Lucie		No	No				Return the area back to original state	The information that was sent to me in this communication.	All the ultimate damage that will Occur in the future.	No	
9/28/2021 18:42	Sarasota		No	No								Look
9/28/2021 18:45	Hillsborough		No	No				I canoed in the Oklawaha over 30 years ago and it was such a pristine area - like living before civilization - surrrughted nature. I support keeping it th at way.	Keeping Florida as environmentally safe for native wildlife as possible.	Loss of native species.	I'm not really sure.	
9/28/2021 18:46	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like it removed	Environmental benefits of restoring the original river	Missed opportunity	May what is best for our environment win	Best Regards
9/28/2021 18:48	Duval		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We need to preserve as much of natural Florida due to the massive number of people who are relocating to Florida. Removing the dam is a good way to do that.
9/28/2021 18:48	Lee		No	No								
9/28/2021 18:50	Outside of state / other	Greenwood, SC	No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing	To permanently maintain the dam and reservoir	Over 20 years of personal experience, staying in Palatka and Welaka, hiring local guides and independently fishing on Rodman. I've witnessed firsthand the economic value fisherman like myself have on the local economies. Hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, tackle stores, convenience stores - all benefit from us. So also does the State and local municipalities in terms of various taxes we pay on purchases from the above entities. So also does the State in terms of licensing fees.	Severe economic impact to local businesses - large and small - and the individuals associated with these businesses from fishermen and fishermenwes who travel to Rodman from near and far.	No	Rodman Reservoir is unique among Florida's premier fishing destinations. It's beauty is unlike any other I've seen in the State. So too is the quality fishing experience. I do not foresee future trips to Florida if Rodman Reservoir is drained.
9/28/2021 18:50	Leon		No	No				Tear it down.	Return to as natura intended.	Continued Environmental degradation.	No	Too many people
9/28/2021 18:51	Brevard		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove it	Return the basin to nature	If I common lands would still Bit be under water	None	
9/28/2021 18:54	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Keep it the way it is. It's a beautiful/amaing place	Just go look at the water and wildlife that thrive on it. That alone should show you how amazing that place is.	You will destroy that beautiful place	Keep the dam
9/28/2021 18:55	Hillsborough		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed	The negative environmental impacts of the dam			
9/28/2021 18:55	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Thousands of anglers fish there every year. This lake is one of the best bass fishing lakes in the country.	The reservoir would not be available for the sport fishing anglers.	No.	
9/28/2021 18:56	St Johns		No	No								I want clean unpolluted water without interference from a dam.
9/28/2021 18:59	Washington		No	No				Let the dam go and restore the river to its former state.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Getting rid of this dam is 50 years overdue and water quality and wildlife can't wait any longer.	
9/28/2021 19:00	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore natural water flow. Reestablish native species, including manatees.	Nature knows better than the Corps of Engineers.	Unnatural flooding and constant money for maintenance. Keeping natural migrations of so many species at a standstill. The abundance of native species is hindered by this massive folly.	No	Lets try to fix some of the mistakes of the past and live with nature, not constantly trying to fight it and finding out we have made mistakes that make things worst.
9/28/2021 19:01	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 19:03	Sarasota		No	No				Remove the dam/reservoir which were created to create the cross Florida canal, an environmental disaster.	I see no information that shows that NOT restoring the Oklawaha River system would benefit the environment. We need to stop the degradation of our underground water systems which feed surface waterways and drinking water.	We will see rapid pollution of our water ways. Let's not keep repeating our mistakes for the benefit of the vocal minority who have no interest in the future. They want to make money restoring the dam...period.	No comprising(,	
9/28/2021 19:03	Bay		No	No				Restoring rivers and wetlands is incredibly important and this is an opportunity that needs to be taken advantage of.				
9/28/2021 19:04	Leon		No	No				Remove the dam and allow nature to resume stewardship of the waters and land	Ecological concerns	Wasting money and destroying nature	no	
9/28/2021 19:05	Manatee		No	No				Remove the dam	Loads of data on free running rivers and streams benefiting wildlife and our environment	Same old same old in Florida		
9/28/2021 19:06	Broward		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 19:07	Lee		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 19:07	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Boating	I would like to see at least partial diversion of flow of water over the dam in order to restore the Oklawaha River to its former path.	Death of fish which cannot navigate the full course of the river.	Continued degradation of the normal activity of the original river.	No	
9/28/2021 19:07	Citrus		No	No				I would like to see the River returned to its original state. Break down the dam. Please	Our springs and waterways are what makes Florida flora and fauna so amazing. We have done so much to destroy it. It is time to replenish.	We may lose many species of plants and animals if the natural waterways are not restored. The water we depend on for drinking could be at risk if our springs and aquifer are not kept healthy with full flow		I was raised in the Ocala/ocklawaha area in the 70s. Silver river and silver springs were both so clear. Now there is so much muck and lyngba. Actually raised in Moss Bluff and remember the beautiful pristine ride up the ocklawaha river back then.
9/28/2021 19:09	Brevard		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Restore the natural water flow. The wildlife, including manatees, need the natural water flow which will improve the water quality.	The natural flow is the way it was meant to be. Water quality is declining. It would be money wasted to restore the dam	No.	
9/28/2021 19:11	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Hiking the FT; I last visited during a Forest Service Sawyer training	I would like to see the dam completely breached, the natural flow of the Ocklawaha/Orange watershed restored, and the reforestation of the existing reservoir's vast acreage. Put an elevated bridge where the spillway is now, and use some the fill to create a recreational/historical area where the locks are now. Put a wetland/channel where the canal is now, much like they did up around Eureka. Few years, some dredging equipment, should be easier than it was to put it in. Keep in mind the river can be controlled from Moss Bluff anyway.	Natural water flow is most important. Clean water is one of Florida's greatest challenges these days. Also, restoring forests and wetlands where there is nothing but muck and a reservoir for no reason would seem logical. Finally, spending all that money to maintain a structure that has no usefulness seems illogical. It's a dam with no purpose at all. There is no commercial traffic, it doesn't have any significance in flood control, all it does is impede natural water flow and wildlife transit.	We would continue to pay for a dam that does little else except degrade the environment when we could instead improve the situation and use the wasted maintenance money to pay people to fix the problem. There has already been considerable success restoring the river above the reservoir and converting the Barge Canal to a Greenway, it would be shame to not follow through with those efforts.	Although a semi permanent drawdown and partial breach are being considered, I would rather see the Ock back to the way that it was that I never got to see as I was born well into this boondoggle's start.	I was raised near here, but then I went to South Florida to spend a career protecting Florida's natural resources. I didn't know all that much about the Kirkpatrick Dam until I retired here a few years ago. I have a Biology degree. After 30 years watching the Everglades and Florida Bay die, I can say I am concerned about bad water management practices.I know a local Bass fishing guide who says there's no point in that lake anymore except it's a good muck pit to get Shiners to fish elsewhere for Bass.
9/28/2021 19:12	Alachua		No	No						Screw up environment	No	
9/28/2021 19:13	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	Other: The Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman reservoir are of no use to me.	I would like to see the dam torn down and the Oklawaha River restored.	I fondly remember childhood boat trips down the Oklawaha River before the dam was built. We could go from the St. John's all the way to Silver Springs. It was wild country and a beautiful, free-flowing river. Allowing the River to flow freely again, and draining the Rodman Reservoir would allow the forest to regrow again and the natural wildlife and fish to repopulate.	If the River is not restored algae blooms will continue. Putnam County and Silver Springs will loose millions of dollars due to lost tourist dollars and continued fish kills due to these toxic algae blooms. Plus, the government would continue to be responsible for thousands, possibly millions, of dollars in rebuilding the dam and its ongoing maintenance cost. When I visited the dam several years ago even the dam attendant expressed a desire to remove the dam and save the environment, rather than bowing to the demands of just a few fisherman.	No. The dam was built in anticipation of building the barge canal all the way across the state. That never happened. The dam is not needed, and, in effect, is causing great ecological and financial harm to the entire state. Funds that currently support the dam could be used for so many other, better, purposes.	
9/28/2021 19:14	St Johns		No	No				Approval by Florida House and Senate.	Manatees and wildlife cannot cross from the three rivers into any other river	Decline of wildlife habitat	No	
9/28/2021 19:15	St Lucie		No	No				Eliminate the dam and restore the natural flow	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We must immediately do whatever it takes to improve the environment
9/28/2021 19:15	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other	Remove the dam	Recreate the natural flow of water	Continued misuse of the land and waterway	No	
9/28/2021 19:18	Palm Beach		No	No								
9/28/2021 19:20	Palm Beach		No	No				Clean it up to serve the people and wildlife	Ecology	Another ecological catastrophe	Pro-active legislation	Stop subsidizing the sugar industry
9/28/2021 19:20	Santa Rosa		No	No				I would like the dam to be removed, and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The natural flow of many springs and rivers will be restored to do the work naturally as Mother Nature intended.	That we will continue down the path of problems like red tide, manatee habitat freedoms, just common sense stuff. Why spend all that money repairing the dam when it is not necessary in the first place.	Please put it back the way it was intended, that took years and years to GRADUALLY become as it was, before humans come in with their bulldozers. TY	
9/28/2021 19:24	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Take it down!	History books	Destruction of the river	No	
9/28/2021 19:26	Sarasota		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 19:28	Pinellas		No	Yes			Wildlife viewing	Please restore the Ocklawaha River.	Please restore the 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons per day of restored natural flow. Also, $4-14 million will be saved on restoring this dam past its life expectancy. Now is not the time to waste excessive amounts of money.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests to be restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. Restoration is necessay to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region.	No. Through the years, Floridians have repeatedly commented on this wreck. Breaching the dam is years long overdue. Please review dam safety, improved water quality, and our wildlife.	This mayhem was a mistake in the beginning and continues to be a mismanaged failure.
9/28/2021 19:31	Flagler		No	No				Take the dam out and bring back Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St.	Wildlife can be allowed to live. Everywhere you look all that seems to matter are building more and more. No concern for what this is doing to us all. Taking away natural resources takes away animals and birds. Our government doesn't seem concerned what this will do to our environment.	No. Take out the dam.	
9/28/2021 19:34	Lake		No	No								
9/28/2021 19:36	Dade		No	No								

9/28/2021 19:38	Outside of state / other	Austin, TX	No	No				I would like to see the river restored by breaching the dam.	Restoring the river will provide essential warm winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the river dammed harms the manatees' future chances of survival.	No, there is not another solution that will provide the desired result.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/28/2021 19:39	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxation	Leave the dams alone - two wrongs don't make it right again. Wildlife has adjusted to them over the years. Water is a premium, just look at California, Arizona, etc., even if it's not fit for drinking it's valuable. We need to have places for outdoor pleasures and relaxation. I beg you don't change things.	Water is a premium, just look at California, Arizona, etc., even if it's not fit for drinking it's valuable. Fire departments could use it for fighting forest fires.	People would no longer have a source to relax and enjoy nature. If we can't relax the stress could lead to more violence.	NO	
9/28/2021 19:40	Broward		No	No					Remove the dam	All of the research	Continued problems with the unconnected waterways	Not really	
9/28/2021 19:40	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Other	I would like to see the Oklawaha river restored to its natural state. The dam is not needed	Study by scientists	Deterioration of the river and harm to wildlife plus higher taxes	Not really...there is no reason to fix this aging dam	
9/28/2021 19:45	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use the dam area	Remove the dam	-have boated along the Ocklawaha River many times, both during the drawdown and when it's artificially flooded. During the drawdown the springs are exposed, the wildlife is abundant, the forest floor comes alive with plant and tree growth.	There are so many concerns. The health of the river and its dwindling inhabitants are of utmost concern.	Not really. It's a mistake and has been for over 50 years.	
9/28/2021 19:46	Manatee		No	No									
9/28/2021 19:47	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river	The dam has not been a successful project	Environmental and economic concerns	I don't believe so	
9/28/2021 19:47	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	It's absolutely essential that the dam be removed so that one of Florida's most treasured waterways is restored. As a child in the 50's I canoed with my family several times from Silver Springs down the Oklawaha River. That trip became impossible after the disastrous cross Florida Barge Canal was dug, then the dam was built.	Florida's natural river systems must be restored wherever possible.		no	
9/28/2021 19:47	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Other					
9/28/2021 19:49	Volusia		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can' wait	
9/28/2021 19:49	Broward		No	No				I think the dam should be breached and removing it will allow for several springs to flow naturally.	We will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits. This is huge!	Wildlife will be in trouble if this dam stays. The forests will be lost if this continues the way it has been.	We need the dam gone, that's it!	
9/28/2021 19:50	Sarasota		No	No					Remove the damn	Historic watershed data	Continuing impact on ecology and wildlife	No	
9/28/2021 19:51	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove it	Conservation	Wildlife	No	
9/28/2021 19:53	Lake		No	No					Dam needs to be removed.	As with all impeded rivers the flow needs to return to it's natural flow. The altering of any river has a negative effect on all wildlife in its area. A return to the natural flow will improve the local habitat that is needed to support the endemic species.	Loss of native flora and fauna	NO!	
9/28/2021 19:55	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Photography	Remove the Dam. Restore the ecosystem and preserve the environment of the rivers and ı ı Rings. Though I live now in South Florida I lived for y a yrs in Gainesville and produced television documentaries about the areas in question and others threatened by the Dam, development, logging, and habitat destruction.	These areas are very fragile and species were lost, disappeared even during the time that I lived there. Also flooding and dangers to newly developed areas were increased. I'm beyond sure the situation is much worse now.	These are beautiful areas with unique landscapes for Florida and wonderful wildlife. It ı ı important to restore the Everglades. It is just as important to restore our the natural environment in the northern part of Florida.	Realistically no. Destruction of the environment is a threat to our own species. We already know that. We live it.	I think I've said it. No short term advantage can equal the long term consequences of I'll conceived and foolish management b t and control of resources we depend on for survival.
9/28/2021 19:57	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 19:57	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam to remain in place and preserve the what is now amazing habitat and fishery created since the dam was put in place.	The fishing industry brings substantial revenue to the area not only for local bass fishirman but also professional tournaments that utilize the area and draw crowds that would not come to Rodman if the dam was take out of place.	The loss of fishing and wildlife habitat.	I would be devastated to see the dam removed.	
9/28/2021 19:59	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore florida	Interruption of natural waters.	Property destruction.	Not sure	N\a
9/28/2021 19:59	Sarasota		No	No					Take it Town	Free flowing streams maintain healthy th hy ecosystems.	Continued loss of fresh water	Tacit it half ways fown	
9/28/2021 20:00	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	get rid of it take it down	let it go back to the wat nature intended it to be--not MAN!			
9/28/2021 20:01	Alachua		No	No					Remove dam, allowing restoration of previous natural flow of waterways.	Environmental restoration. Removal of man made systems that are infringing on nature and preventing the necessary and long delayed restoration of Florida's environment. Will improve pollution by improving the natural flow of water.	Continue destruction of Florida's waterways and Eco system. Too much human interference with nature done in the past with no understanding of the long term hazards and consequences.	No, take advantage of this opportunity, now before it is too late.	
9/28/2021 20:06	Escambia		No	No					I am a Florida springs enthusiast. I would love to visit the 20 springs located on the Oklawaha River. Please restore the land to it's natural beauty. I appreciate your time & thoughtful consideration.	The failed canal project. So much of our ecology has been ruined, let's return some back while it's in our power...right the wrongs of the past.	Florida manatees. Precious springs lost forever.	Not really. I think it's time to look for alternative energy sources so this river can be free.	
9/28/2021 20:06	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: nature photography	dam removal	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 20:07	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like it to remain as is. It is a great body of water to watch wildlife and enjoy nature.	it's the reason I come to the area.	We'd lose out on all the fishing and nature this reservoir provides.	Please keep the dam.	
9/28/2021 20:08	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I wanted to know why it was there and nobody there could explain it to my satisfaction. Sounded like somebody's brother-in-law needed a job. BoonDoggle	Tear it down	It's not a cross Florida canal. It's a "bridge to nowhere " project	Spending millions that could be used on clean water projects throughout the state	No	The two crisis facing Florida is clean water to drink, swim, fish, agriculture, etc and working on the homeless problems of which there are legion.
9/28/2021 20:08	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Lack of fish species and reduced amount of manatee on the Ocklawaha River.	A waste of federal tax dollars in managing and maintaining the dam and the lack of natural flow of the Ocklawaha river.	No	
9/28/2021 20:10	Marion		No	No			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed.	Removing the dam would help restore the numerous springs as well as the Ocklawaha River, the Silver River and the St John's Rivers.	If the dam remains water quality will continue to decline and Putnam County and Silver Springs would lose out on economic benefit of restoring the water flow.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	This is important for the rivers and the surrounding communities
9/28/2021 20:11	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	This can't wait. Preserve the natural resources for Florida for generations to come.
9/28/2021 20:14	Leon		No	No									
9/28/2021 20:14	Charlotte		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait	We are in a race to preserve what is quickly dwindling of this unique ecosystem.
9/28/2021 20:15	Leon		No	No					The dam needs to be removed so the land can return to its original state	This was built as part of the ill-fated cross Florida barge canal and it no longer has a purpose.	Total waste of money to maintain it and a lost opportunity to regain natural land.	I can't think of anything worthwhile to come from leaving it in place.	Please do the righty bing . Florida Thanks you
9/28/2021 20:15	Pinellas		No	No									
9/28/2021 20:15	Martin		No	No					Destruction of the dam	Restoration of natural flow that helps our environment	Florida has been harming its environment due to ignorance and greed for generations.	I don't know if part of any plan could achieve any goal.	
9/28/2021 20:16	Charlotte		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	•Remove the dam. As far as I can tell, it no longer serves any justifiable need.	It was built to support a canal that has been obsolete for decades.	Further unnecessary destruction to the habitat of Florida wildlife.	None.	
9/28/2021 20:16	Outside of state / other	Missoula, MT	No	No					Remove Kirkpatrick Dam	Natural springs and water flow is essential to ecosystem health.	Continued decline of ecosystem health.	No	
9/28/2021 20:17	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and reunite the water flow	Studies that show the harm being done to the environment	Cost of repairs and potential damage to the eco system.	No	
9/28/2021 20:18	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	The ecosystem in Florida is unique and very special. To interfere with natural habitat throws the ecosystem off balance and it takes many, many years to rectify- if at all.
9/28/2021 20:18	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	It saves the state money and restores the Florida water systems to a healthier flow of water.	Wasted money, a worse ecological system, long term loss of eco-tourism opportunity.	No, the dam should never have been built--it is overdue removal.	
9/28/2021 20:22	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the reservoir open for our kids and grandchildren to enjoy the scenery , boating, camping and most of all the greatest memories of fishing 🎣	Saving the fish and wildlife ...	Loosing one of the best reservoirs in the state of Florida would be catastrophic. Loosing Rodman would kill thousands of fish and wildlife that rely on the reservoir.	I will only support keeping Rodman Reservoir open.	
9/28/2021 20:23	Alachua		No	No					Restore the Oklawaha river	Do not want to spend millions on the dam	Not a good use of funds	Don't know	
9/28/2021 20:23	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach it	restoring the natural flow and saving the state funds that are needed to repair it	none	no	
9/28/2021 20:24	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it as it is...	The fishery is one of the best in the USA. It is a great habitat for an abundance of wildlife including Bald Eagles.. To try to restore Rodman to the origanal state woud be a failure and cost millions if not a billion dollars. It will ruin many businesses that rely on Rodman for their income. It is not possible for it to ever be as it was originally. Keep Rodman as it is.. To try to restore it is ridiculous and insane, a big waste of manpower and money.	It would not be as fishable, no place to launch, and I am afraid many wildlife including gators would be displaced just like wildlifes displace animals and destroys habitats, and nests..	Only leaving it as it is.. I would not support a compromise....	I have expressed my thoughts.... Thank you
9/28/2021 20:25	Outside of state / other	bogota, new jersey	No	No						environment			
9/28/2021 20:25	Palm Beach		No	No					I would wish it removed	The fact that we have lost so many springs.			
9/28/2021 20:28	Dade		No	No									
9/28/2021 20:30	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam, let the water flow	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Waste of tax payers money and loss of 20 springs	No	Please restore our springs and stop maintaining this useless dam
9/28/2021 20:30	Outside of state / other	Las Vegas, NV	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 20:34	Broward		No	No					Remove the dam.	Restore the natura flow in order to revive the rivers below the dam as well as the associated springs.	Loss of recreation opportunities and increased pollution.	No.	
9/28/2021 20:34	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam	Waste of tax payer dollars and loss of water flow for manatees	Manatees are dying and they deserve this addition of water way	No this is 50 years overdue please	This will help restore life in the springs and save money
9/28/2021 20:37	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the natural waterway.	Ecologically sound idea to restore the environment	Environmental disaster of human interference.	No	
9/28/2021 20:44	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					move dam out of florida	the florida ecosystem would benefit birds and wildlife a lot	same old dreary dam not useful	no	
9/28/2021 20:53	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural river flowage	Better for wildlife in the long run	The natural ecosystem will continue to deteriorate	NO	
9/28/2021 20:55	Pinellas		No	No					Return land to its natural state	Newspaper coverage regarded to uselessness if the damage and the rerouting of natural water flow, covering numerous springs.	Further loss of habitat and missed opportunity to reclaim our natural beauty	No	
9/28/2021 20:55	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River!! Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy. If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait!!!				
9/28/2021 20:59	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Natural water flow	The lakes need it	Health of the lakes		

9/28/2021 21:00	Alachua		No	No					I am excited that partial restoration of the water flow to the Oklawaha is under review, which is definitely what I would like to see happen. I have seen video footage of the wildlife that quickly reinhabits the waterway when the dam water is released. I have seen the reemergence of the 20 drowned springs. I have seen how the trees, once allowed air, regrow and replenish the surroundings. This is an exciting opportunity. I would like to see flora and fauna thrive in the natural waterway of the Oklawaha that was stifled 50 years ago. I would like to see recreation opportunities for many activities for young and old in the Oklawaha. I belong to a group of people who kayak around Florida. I am the only Florida resident. The rest of the group comes from around the country. We're doing Silver Springs and surroundings next month, the Panhandle next spring and we would love to paddle a restored Oklawaha. I would like to see local businesses, new and old, serving the recreational participants in a restored Oklawaha. I would like to see Florida NOT spend millions of dollars to prop up a dangerously aging dam that was a mistake when it was first erected. Too much state money has gone to building and maintaining a useless artifact of an idea gone bad decades ago. Fixing the mistake by partial restoration of the waterway is far less costly fiscally as well as environmentally. I would like to see the St John's River receive the water from a restored waterway to counteract salt water encroachment. I would like to see manatees once again swim to safety in the restored waterway, adding to tourist and local manatee viewing. Especially after the absolutely calamitous year we have had with manatee deaths by starvation from our pollution. Restoring the Oklawaha waterway is an opportunity to counteract bad behavior in other parts of Florida. I would like wo see this water management organization release the water of the Oklawaha, which would be such a huge benefit to current Florida residents and for generations to come.	The most important piece of information is the absolute devastation of fish migration, fish spawning, manatee habitat, bird habitat and plant habitat that is the result of the damming of the Oklawaha. That devastation is environmental and economic. Tourism is Florida's major economic engine. More and more people want to escape to natural surroundings. Leave the city behind, leave the noise and congestion behind, and bask in the beauty of the outdoors. Florida knows that. Our tourist promo advertises that. We citizens enjoy the natural beauty of our state. That's why many of us live here and plan to stay here. Releasing the Oklawaha makes economic and environmental sense.	My biggest concer is that a large, multi-tributary river system would be blocked. I haven't mentioned that rivers flowing through wetlands is how water is ridded of pollutants and chemicals. It is nature's cleansing system. As we continue to receive thousands of new residents every year, there are a couple things we can't do without. Water is one of them. We take clean water for granted until it's gone. California is a real time example. Florida needs to treat water with the utmost regard, because it is of the utmost importance. Keeping the Oklawaha dammed would continue a practice of degrading our water. That's not smart. Free the Oklawaha.	Absolutely not. The dam was a mistake. The cross Florida canal was a mistake. It would make absolutely no sense to prolong the error. For 50 years it has made no sense. A small group of people with a single-minded pastime of fishing has prevented a wide breadth of benefits that would be achieved by freeing the waterway. Lungs are not the source of intelligence or wisdom. The loudest voice is not the smartest voice. It's time to correct the error. Free the Oklawaha.	Thank you for collecting this information. I am so hopeful that this major waterway will be released and all the plant and animal species will rebound. As we suffer the consequences of climate change this is a project that can help remediate some of the damage. As rain and hurricane intensity increases, there will not be the risk of dam breakage and flooding of homes and towns downstream. As fish and other wildlife are hindered by rising temperatures, they will be supported by the Oklawaha waterway. I cannot imagine why we would not take this opportunity to partially restore the Oklawaha waterway. Repairing the dam would be expensive financially and would cost further damage to our ecosystem. There simply is no rational arguement for repairing the dam.
9/28/2021 21:01	Seminole		No	No					Tear down the dam and reunite the rivers.	The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	Continued environmental degradation, especially the loss of floodplain. This will only worsen flooding as climate change brings increasingly severe storms. Furthermore, if the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. This is long overdue and half measures are as bad as doing nothing.	Florida's quality of life, including economic vitality, depends on water quality. Without that, I'm moving out. And not too many folks will be moving in.
9/28/2021 21:02	Pinellas		No	No					Return to natural state.	Manatees starving	More wildlife will die	No	
9/28/2021 21:03	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	NO! No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	It's one thing when we, humanity, learn how to build dams with the intention of using intelligence for the good of 'progress', but it is unfathomable why we, humanity, would insist on managing the earth when we have more than enough evidence that we don't know how much our footprint damages the earth.
9/28/2021 21:04	Levy		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		REMOVE THE DAM! Restore the river.	The loss of fishery biodiversity in the Silver River... the need for safe manatee egress and egress for feeding...the loss of access to the 20 plus spring vents for tourism and recreation.... so called bass tournaments are not using the Reservoir... maintenance of the structures has lacked to the point of pending failure and resulting damage...	That Florida and its agencies that manipulate our water get away with not doing what is right for the environment. Continued spraying of chemicals to artificially alter/manipulate floating vegetation.	Yes, remove the dam. Permanent drawdown.	Stop playing games with the environment.
9/28/2021 21:11	Columbia		No	No					I would like the dam to be dismantled	The need to restore the natural flow of the river to help the health of the ecosystem, especially the forested wetlands area and the St. John's River habitat for birds, manatees and other wildlife, as well as greenery and trees.	The health of the waterways.	Not sure how anything less can establish the outcome that will lead to restoration	Thank you for doing this survey and asking what people care about when it comes to our beautiful state and its natural treasures. I hope the right choices are made to insure future generations will be able to enjoy the springs , rivers, forests and wildlife s as much as we are able to.
9/28/2021 21:15	Outside of state / other		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing		If would really be a shame for the fish, manatees and wildlife in general!	The loss of life to the amazing creatures that live in this reservoir, the amount of animals that would lose their lives		
9/28/2021 21:15	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing		The dam should be removed to allow the Ocklawaha to flow freely again. The purpose for which it was created no longer exists and while the lake fishing is an attraction, that seems like an insufficient reason to maintain it. By restoring the natural flow, exposing the currently submerged springs, and providing an unimpeded connection to the St John's River, we would better serve the environment and also create new opportunities for recreation.	The current state of the dam, and the hope of seeing the region restored to something like its natural condition.	The state of silver springs, the possibility of a dam failure, and the continued disruption of the environment.	Compromise if possible is better than nothing.	Thanks for requesting feedback .
9/28/2021 21:17	Pinellas		No	No									
9/28/2021 21:18	Palm Beach		No	No									
9/28/2021 21:21	Monroe		No	No					Restore water flow prior to dam construction	the fact that the dam is a failure	continue degradation of natural water flow	no	
9/28/2021 21:21	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking		I would like to see the Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored to a free flowing river.	there are many important reasons to remove the dam. I am an marine scientist, and I value natural systems. IN particular, many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. In particular, three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration.	The water quality in the Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline, as would the Rodman Reservoir. I love to kayak and canoe, and increased recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. These have clear economic benefits.	No. We are long overdue to remove the dam. No other measure aside from dam removal would achieve the benefits of restoration.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River to a free-flowing water body would be an exceptional milestone in the history of Florida. We would get remarkable press coverage, which would then lead to increased visits, and the economic and environmental benefits would be huge!
9/28/2021 21:21	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville would be healthier	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/28/2021 21:22	Seminole		No	No					I would like the Dam removed and allow the River to flow freely.	That the Dam no longer serves a purpose and if it is removed the whole ecosystem from springs, waterways and wildlife can begin to thrive.	The the springs and rivers will continue to deteriorate further destroying the ecosystem.	No.	
9/28/2021 21:24	Alachua		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Ocklawaha River restoration.	In 2016, our non-profit, Paddle Florida, Inc. held our first Ocklawaha Odyssey. 68 people paddled for 4 days and camped at night. If the Ocklawaha River was restored we could have gone another 15 miles across the St. Johns River to the town of Welaka. In my opinion, if the river is allowed to run free, there would be a huge economic impact in Putnam County in general and Welaka in particular. Those who want to keep the dam in place argue otherwise, but the data suggests the dam's removal would create an economic boon.	That the state would need to spend millions to repair and maintain the dam, when it would be better for all concerned if the Ocklawaha was restored.	I don't know of any.	
9/28/2021 21:24	Volusia		No	No					Remove or breach the Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/28/2021 21:26	Dade		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing		Breach the dam and bring back the river full strength!	Wildlife survival	Another disaster for mother nature and us!	I cannot see an alternative	
9/28/2021 21:29	Manatee		No	No									
9/28/2021 21:36	Sarasota		No	No					Open up the flow of water.	Dams are almost always counterproductive.	Our priceless wildlife and environment will be unnecessarily challenged, weakened.	Unsure.	
9/28/2021 21:38	Brevard		No	No					Restore Ocklawaha by removing dam to prevent natural passage of fish and manatees and provide habitat for migratory birds and black bears.	Increase in manatee deaths and the flooding of wetlands and springs causing decline of water quality	More manatee deaths	No	
9/28/2021 21:41	Marion		No	No					The dam should be breached.	Restoring 50 springs.	Thousands of acres of forest and natural habitat would be lost.	No.	
9/28/2021 21:44	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam!	It's not natural.	Aquifer pollution.	Not likely	
9/28/2021 21:44	Brevard		No	No					Get rid of unnatural dams.	Help wildlife including manatees. Help Floridas poor water quality.	Manatee deaths will increase.	No	
9/28/2021 21:45	Martin		No	No					Destroy the dam or otherwise undo damage done to the environment by the dam.	That the dam was part of the failed cross-Florida barge canal and is destroying the environment.	Algae blooms and stagnant waters.	I can't envision such a scenario.	The Army Corps of Engineers is a corrupt organization that should be stopped from any construction projects in the future.
9/28/2021 21:45	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached, removed. The Rodman Reservoir released to allow the restoration of the natural flow of the rivers, revealing our beautiful springs.	I followed the experience and pictures of environmental groups visiting the exposed springs during the recent drawdown of the reservoir. The springs were beautiful. In contrast, the graveyard of dead, drowned cypress trees was tragic.	We would never witness the return of the wildlife that used to inhabit this amazing area, or see the natural health of the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers. We would continue to waste money on the upkeep of a useless dam.	No.	
9/28/2021 21:46	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is at least 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait any longer.	
9/28/2021 21:49	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Restore natural river flow	FDEP waiting on permits and funding	Impact to natural river system biota and water flow	Permanent draw down	
9/28/2021 21:50	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Remove it.	Knowing that its removal would be so environmentally beneficial.	Further environmental destruction.	I would support the most environmentally positive and friendly result that could be achieved.	
9/28/2021 21:56	Pinellas		No	No					Since the dam is in need of repair, I think we should take the area back to a more natural state. So remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	It was the natural vermin that attracted people to Florida in the first place. We need to maintain and restore as much of it as possible.
9/28/2021 21:57	St Lucie		No	No					Tear it down.	it's an environmental disaster. You people should know better.	A missed opportunity to repair Florida's environment!	Nope.	Do the right thing for the environment.
9/28/2021 21:57	Pinellas		No	No									
9/28/2021 21:58	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Returning the natural world to its original state is the only way it and humans will ultimately survive
9/28/2021 21:59	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing		Breach the dam	Return the area to nature	Loss of springs and all the ecosystems associated	Yes, return to nature.	
9/28/2021 22:01	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Science. Studies comparing the past and now.	More failed waterways and pollution.		Thanks for your time and caring about the future of Florida.
9/28/2021 22:07	Clay		No	No					Restore the ecosystem to its original flow to help the environment	it will restore cypress groves, allow for manatees to find shelter, open the rivers to natural flow, help the economy of Palatka on the St Johns River	Loss of wildlife and clear water	Divert water around the dam so fish could swim and water fcould flow.	
9/28/2021 22:14	Outside of state / other	Saginaw, Michigan	No	No					The removal of the reservoir and dam so the natural flow of the water can return to what it was before.	Too many dams and other features are destroying the natural habitat for wildlife and waterfowl, affecting their survival and threatening extinction. With the removal of these obstacles, nature can return to normal and preservation of the land and especially to help protect endangered species.	That the environmental impact would be devastating for both the wildlife and waterfowl.	No, not really.	
9/28/2021 22:15	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural flow.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Please do not waste more money to restore a dam that is so environmentally destructive and a significant contributor to Florida's water quality problems. Now is the time to do the right thing, restore the rivers and surrounding land and let nature work the way it is supposed to. We will all be better for it!
9/28/2021 22:17	Pinellas		No	No					it	it	it	it	it
9/28/2021 22:20	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Hunting	Keep it. Improve parking. Add boat ramps and pic nick areas.	It is a place where I can enjoy fishing by myself and with bass tournaments	I would have to change hobbies and fish salt water. I would have to find a different place to drive my side by side.	This is a great source of large mouth bass. I would not like it if that resource were taken away.	Please do not destroy the dam. There are many people who enjoy it 7 days a week.
9/28/2021 22:21	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.				
9/28/2021 22:22	Volusia		No	No					It's important to remove the dam to enable the restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 22:22	Palm Beach		No	No					Open it up	it's no longer has any value and is in fact destructive	Ecological imbalance		
9/28/2021 22:24	Outside of state / other	Lebanon, Connecticut	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the aforementioned rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. In addition, $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; also, they would lose increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs restoration would to bring to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	In Florida, you have a priceless/y beautiful environment. PLEASE protect it by removing this useless, obstructive dam and restoring the natural environment. Thank you for listening to me, even though I'm not a Floridian
9/28/2021 22:24	Outside of state / other	California	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Other: Trying to look at wildlife but can't because of needless, destructive dam.		Tear it down. Bring the Ocklawaha River back to its full glory, where it can support and sustain wildlife. The failed Cross Florida Barge Canal Project left environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	The increased, wasteful, needless destruction of the environment and wildlife that is the rodman reservoir and kirpatrick dam	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.
9/28/2021 22:26	Hillsborough		No	No					Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	restored natural flow of the river	surrounding the dam's environmental and economic impact	as long as the natural flow of the river is restored, I'd be happy	
9/28/2021 22:29	Outside of state / other	mexico (retiree)	No	No						nature of wildlife	endangered species have nowhere to go	loss of habitat	
9/28/2021 22:29	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Please remove the dam and restore all the springs and habitats to wildlife
9/28/2021 22:30	Outside of state / other	Racine, WI is my location	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 22:31	St Johns		No	No					The dam is in need of repair, has outlived its predicted lifespan, and should to be removed.	Removing the dam will save millions of dollars in repairs and will allow for flood protection following future storms. Maintaining the dam will likely result in future algal blooms, diminished water quality, and associated fish and wildlife kills.	If the dam is not removed, the negative effects described above could easily take place, such as future storm-related flooding and further fish kills.	No.	
9/28/2021 22:31	Orange		No	No					The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached to allow for a free flowing of the Ocklawaha River.This would prevent further environmental damage to this area.	The cascade of positive effects that would result from breaching the dam and draining the reservoir. These include better water flow all the way to the St Johns river , rebirth of flooded springs, restoration of floodplain forest, better connectivity in the OZO Wildlife corridor.	The terrible damage to the community and the environment that would be caused by the failure of the dam	No, the economic and environmental benefits are many and far outweigh the cost of fixing and maintaining the dam and mitigating its detriments to the environment.	
9/28/2021 22:34	Dade		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/28/2021 22:39	Collier		No	No					Get rid of it. WE don't use it. It's damaging the ecosystem.	It would bring back some much needed breathing space for wildlife movement and habitat.	Than Florida wille be paved over and we will lose all but the Burmese python.	Allow for panther and manatee migration. Restore the wetlands.	
9/28/2021 22:40	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other		Remove the dam completely. Restore the rivers. I want the springs back for myself and my grand children! Water that flows is the greatest asset the state has! Let's stop abusing the ecosystem and aquifer.	Let us not waste another penny on maintenance of a harmful structure.	Continued destruction of habitat and empty pockets as a overburdened taxpayer!	Probably not. If not total removal, allow a slow release over a fixed time period.	

9/28/2021 22:40	Dade		No	No					Removal of the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No the dam has got to go. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Act now, no more dam.
9/28/2021 22:44	Broward		No	No					Restore natural flow to the Oklawaha River by removing the dam.	Flooding and devastating effect of this on the flora and fauna of the area.	Future of manatee populations and impact on Silver Springs	No	As a college student in the late 1960s, I did a report on the boondoggle called the "Cross Florida Barge Canal" which impacted the natural flow of the Oklawaha River. It has remained a disaster since that time. Get rid of the dam. Reuben Askew was the Governor of Florida who was opposed to this project.
9/28/2021 23:27	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam	Science	Continued decline of the St.John's estuary system	No	
9/28/2021 23:31	Alachua		No	No					Remove it. Save the springs.	Knowing that it will revive springs and knowing that manatee populations have dropped heavily since the dam was built	The dam can always be rebuilt. The springs cannot.	No	
9/28/2021 23:36	Dade		No	No									
9/28/2021 23:39	Santa Rosa		No	No					Removing this non productive damaging obstruction & returning the local environment to a productive beautiful ecosystem in which more inhabitants will thrive with free flowing springs & large manatees to smallest water inhabitantsand healthy thriving plant life.	How useless this dam is & how its presence alters so much of what is a healthy system for plant & animal life.	Continued degradation & loss of the usual plant & animal life to maintain clean, self filtering environment without disease.	I do nit know enough to comment intelligently, but removing the dam would be a start.	I look forward tomlearning more.
9/28/2021 23:50	Flagler		No	No					Remove it for the environment.	It has stopped migration of manatees and blocked off small streams.	This will continue to harm the environment.	No.	
9/28/2021 23:58	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is now. What a waste to want to mke changes to such a piece of unique habitat. Spend some time out there and you'll understand how it impacts so many lives in such a positive way		The loss of such a impact full place to so many people and the loss of fishery and wdlife habitat		
9/28/2021 23:59	Outside of state / other	WA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue.
9/29/2021 0:09	Hillsborough		No	No									
9/29/2021 0:12	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklewaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/29/2021 0:14	Orange		No	No					It should be removed.	Removal of the dam will help to begin restoration of natural waterways and springs.	Further degradation of the ecosystem	No	
9/29/2021 0:18	Dade		No	No									
9/29/2021 0:23	Sarasota		No	No									
9/29/2021 0:27	Santa Rosa		No	No					get rid of the dam, don't repair it	it will aid in restoring this area back to the way it was	this environmental disaster would continue for NO good reason	no	
9/29/2021 0:28	Pasco		No	No					would like to keep informed				
9/29/2021 0:39	Lee		No	No					Removed as the cross Florida barge canal is dead.	The dam serves no good purpose.	That endangered species will continue to suffer.	No the dam must go.	
9/29/2021 0:46	Manatee		No	No									
9/29/2021 0:49	Leon		No	No					Remove it completely. Let the rivers go back to their natural state.	The fact that it serves no purpose - since the canal was never built. Thank God.	Spending a huge amount of the taxpayers money on fixing something we don't even want.	Let the dam die a natural death.	We have ruined this state enough. It's time to fix.
9/29/2021 1:04	Outside of state / other	California	No	No									
9/29/2021 1:26	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 1:54	Dade		No	No									
9/29/2021 2:15	Outside of state / other	Broomfield, CO	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklewaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/29/2021 2:33	Outside of state / other	San Francisco	No	No									
9/29/2021 4:39	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed. The river needs to be restored to its natural state.	It's not worth millions of dollars every year so some people can go fishing in an artificial lake that doesn't even have that many fish. If the 20 springs that are not accessible because of the reservoir became assessable many more tourist would visit that area. Have you ever been to a spring on a hot summer day they're packed.	That they're horrible abuse of nature would continue. This was a failed project from the beginning. There's no reason for the dam to be there.	No	
9/29/2021 4:46	Outside of state / other	ME	No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.		we will loose more and more manatee's. They need a place to eat the sea grass and they are dying every day		
9/29/2021 5:13	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removed	Audubon survey	Loss of potential wetlands	No	
9/29/2021 5:23	Flagler		No	No					Remove it!	Restoration of a vital natural area in our state that is being ruined by developers.	Our state would continue on a path of fouling springs and destroying our natural resources.	NO	Please protect our state from more and devastating development.
9/29/2021 5:41	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Emphasis on making it the cleanest and most productive fishery in NE Florida.	I have fished "The Pool" since I was a boy and have lasting memories of our favorite fishery survive battle after battle to be changed, adjusted or tampered with.	Ruining a legendary, nationally known fishery that brings enjoyment and family revenue to a growing communities in and around Putnam and surrounding counties.	Not at this time.	
9/29/2021 5:45	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The removal of the dam, restoration of the river.	the restoration of about 50 springs, water flow to the rivers, cost savings of 4-14 million on rebuilding a dam that has outlived it's purpose and obstructed a healthy ecosystem.	If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and tourism.	NO.	
9/29/2021 5:46	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam to be removed so the Ocklawaha River can be restored to its natural state.	Removing the dam will save the taxpayer around $10 million, which is what it would cost to repair the dam. Removing the dam also helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow.	Environmental and more threats to our birdlife. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Our species are declining at a rapid rate and this is adding to the burden.	I love this area and would like the eco-system restored to its natural state.
9/29/2021 5:49	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the river returned to what it once was. Climate change is here and living with nature, not man made options, is the better route to take now. I support wildlife, nature, clean water and turning back the supposed progress. Following the rules of nature is progress!	Humans want all the land, water, and resources to support their view of life. Humans don't usually extend their views to include protection for other living beings and things. Humans have burnt out nature and if we don't balance our desires with the needs of other species none of us will live through climate change.	Anther knife in the heart of nature and more harm caused by climate change.	A healthy planet is paramount! Water is life! Of all the water on earth, less than one percent is drinkable. Rivers flow but humans interferer and damage occurs with human sprawl. We need to live with nature supporting species in their natural habitat. Living side by side with nature, more trees, and protections for eco systems. We need space but must also share and give space to wildlife, and wild animals. Together we can make a better world using less chemicals, plastic, fossil fuels, and toxins.	
9/29/2021 5:58	Seminole		No	No					Remove	Florida is slowly destroying its environment and natural beauty. Horrible impacts on manatees. If this helps in anyway to improve then do it	What is the true purpose of this dam. Does it contribute to anything necessary? I do not understand it need	Does this impact the environment or economics of the surrounding areas. Does the removal of the dam cause changes to the flood plain currently and/or down stream	
9/29/2021 6:18	Alachua		No	No					The Ocklawaha River must be restored by breaching the obsolete and environmentally harmful Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, the ecosystem, water quality, and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway are compromised and threatened.	Reviving the Ocklawaha river will help restore Florida's natural environment by reviving natural springs and enabling the free movement of fish, manatees, and other aquatic wildlife. It will also boost local economies by offering more recreational opportunities along the river and saving the cost of repairs to an obsolete dam.	The dam is obsolete and unsafe, and an unplanned failure could be catastrophic. Right now, federal and state funds are available for this, and missing this opportunity now means a much greater expense, not to mention environmental degradation, later.	No--there is no good reason to keep the poorly functioning dam in place.	
9/29/2021 6:19	Sarasota		No	No					Please remove it	It serves no purpose yet harms the environments he natural ecobilogy will never be restored	Same	No	
9/29/2021 6:24	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Remove the Dam	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.		No	
9/29/2021 6:25	Sarasota		No	No									
9/29/2021 6:31	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	I would like for the dam to be removed in order to help restore and revitalize the natural ecosystems of Florida including natural springs, manatee and fish migrations, and thousands of acres of floodplain forest and to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers.	If the dam is not removed, I am concerned that Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	Removing the dam to restore natural habitats for Florida's wildlife would be the greatest gift we could give to the wildlife of our beautiful state and to ourselves as Floridians who are proud of our natural environment overflowing with a unique and diverse population of plants, animals and ecosystems and for future generations who will be able to experience the wild and beautiful Florida we know and love because of decisions we make today.	
9/29/2021 6:37	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	removal of the dam and restoration of floodplain	cost benefit analysis, economically and environmentally	continued lack of animal and plant access to Ocklawaha system (O2O corridor), continual degradation of dam infrastructure which will eventually lead to a breach	No.	The time has come for a recognition of the continuing liabilities this dam incurs. Why should taxpayers be on the hook for ongoing expenses of keeping this dam in place when it is not beneficial to the plants, animals or people of Florida?
9/29/2021 6:51	St Lucie		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	I think the dam should be removed and the area restored		Money would be wasted on repairing a dam that is not needed and destroyed the previous ecosystems		
9/29/2021 6:53	Leon		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	Fellow kayakers want it gone.	Pollution increased from the natural flow blocked.	No.	Fix it before I die.
9/29/2021 6:54	Pasco		No	No					Remove it	Natural flow needed of the water	Throwing good money just to do repairs	Mowing good money just to repair it	Our environment needs a boost Two many people moving here without concern for preserving our wetlands and nature and disregarding others who seek to protect
9/29/2021 6:54	Broward		No	No					Environmentally protected	Preservation of life	Another destruction of nature by man	No	
9/29/2021 7:01	Volusia		No	No					Remove the dam.	I believe that one of the great features of Florida is the beauty of our natural landscape. We need to do what we can to correct environmental mistakes of the past. By doing so, we invest in keeping Florida's environment healthy and beautiful. I want to see the springs and the river's flow restored.	It has been recognized for decades that this dam is a mistake. With the population growth taking place in Florida a decision to remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river will only become more difficult as people build along the lake shores and the demand for fresh water increases. This time, let's make a decision that reflects an enlightten understanding of man's place in the balance of nature.	No	
9/29/2021 7:04	Brevard		No	No					Dismantle it	The dam serves no purpose and does not support the ecosystem.	That wildlife will again be negatively impacted.		
9/29/2021 7:25	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dams and restore the river to their natural state		That natural Florida is dying		
9/29/2021 7:25	Palm Beach		No	No					Damn and restore the river	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	I think the river systems in Florida should be returned to their natural state to protect the wildlife and the people
9/29/2021 7:27	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Restore it naturally	Environment	Protection of wildlife and environment		
9/29/2021 7:28	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Fishing	Remove Kirkpatrick dam, drain Rodman Reservior and allow the Ocklawaha River to return to a more natural state.	The area flooded by the dam and upstream areas limits the wildlife and vegetation to fewer species. The natural state of this area for decades has included periodic flooding and drought periods. This presents an environment suitable to a wide variety of Florida native plants and animals (both aquatic and terrestrial). The dam and reservoir lead to a much smaller diversity of wildlife and plants.	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha River water shed and reduction of use by a wider variety of Floridians. The local economy does gain some small benefit from the fishing opportunities on the reservoir but these are outweighed by the wider public use of this waterway. Economic impact can be adjusted to take advantage of the more natural river system.	Anything that allows for a wider range of water flows and levels. The wider fluctuation is the key to plant and animal diversity.	Florida is lacking in natural ecosystems. Florida is NOT lacking in human intervention and compromised ecosystems. Allowing this ecosystem to return to a more normal state is a human, Floridian, and future resident supported, used, and enjoyed environment.
9/29/2021 7:34	Pinellas		No	No									
9/29/2021 7:36	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed. Free the Oklawaha and restore it like it is during the drawdowns every 5 year's.				
9/29/2021 7:40	Pasco		No	No									
9/29/2021 7:43	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	What do you treasure about this ecosystem, or about natural Florida in general?
9/29/2021 7:43	Alachua		No	No					Consider the well being of nearby homeowners as well as the surrounding ecosystem. Let the damn dam go. If it's only purpose is to serve as a fishing spot is it truly worth it?	The infrastructure is over 50 years old, anticipate possible disaster and consider the costs and benefits of fixing it before doing so.	Residents being displaced.	Fixing the dam rather than breaching it.	
9/29/2021 7:44	Clay		No	Yes			1 time		GET RID OF IT!				
9/29/2021 7:44	Duval		No	No					Restore		Too many to note	Not really	
9/29/2021 7:45	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 7:45	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Other: just visited it while contemplating a canoe trip.	I would like to see it breached.	Florida was actually compensated for damage done to the river by the canal project, but instead of restoring it we created a trail, we misappropriated federal money.	the springs are drowned, flow is restricted, water temp is raised, fish and wildlife diversity is restricted.	no, to recover the river the flow must first be restored	the northern ocklawaha river is historically important as the steamship route to silver springs. It is ecologically unique because it's long free shaded, spring fed route provided the only natural breeding place in fl for the highly desired striped bass. I want to canoe it's length , but have not because reports of impassable portions due to low levels and plant growth.
9/29/2021 7:47	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other: Go over it driving in the Forest	I believe the dam should be taken down. I have read too many articles about how it has covered up springs and disrupted the fish breeding and habitat. It should never have been built.	The free flow of a natural waterway. The springs that are covered. The Rodman lake is a sad looking lake. there are tree stumps sticking up everywhere, a continual reminder of how an entire ecosystem was ravaged to build the dam.	That it stays there and they never make it right. They will eventually need to rebuild or continue to throw money at it to maintain it.	Not really. A dam is a dam. there's no half a dam.	Please convince people this was a natural ecosystem destroyed by a dam. Maybe they didn't know how bad it was then. But now we know so now we need to correct the mistakes of the past.

9/29/2021 7:48	Alachua		No	No					Open the dam	Natural cycle	Not sure	More frequent water releases	Not very knowledgeable about the issues, but know that the dam is hurting our natural environment
9/29/2021 7:49	Collier		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and return the area to it's natural state	The environment and the wildlife of Florida	This is a chance to clean up one more environmental mess, the dam is in bad shape and should be removed, not repaired. This opportunity unity will not arise again if the dam is restored. It is and opportunity to correct a bad situation.	No	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. John's rivers and natural springs. The dam is in bad shape and needs to be removed and not restored
9/29/2021 7:56	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam and allow wildlife and the natural flow of water to be uninhibited.	The information I learned from Audubon Florida about how the dam impacts nature.	That by not removing the dam it would interfere with how wild waters are supposed to operate and the wildlife that lives within it not to mention what it would cost taxpayers to maintain the dam in the future.	Removing the dam sounds like the best outcome.	
9/29/2021 8:00	Indian River		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.		If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 8:06	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove it	Restoration to: Many many springs and several rivers		No	QUIT SCREWING WITH NATURE
9/29/2021 8:08	Lee		No	Yes		1 time	1 time		Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the River.	To help restore the 50 springs and 3 rivers as well as saving millions of dollars.	The area will lose out on the economic benefits and suffer more environmental damage/issues if the restoration does not happen.	No, the benefit to water quality and wildlife is long overdue.	This is a great opportunity to correct a past mistake and benefit the area both economically and environmentally. Thank You.
9/29/2021 8:08	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	get rid of the damn dam				
9/29/2021 8:11	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam.	Destruction of the ecosystem to keep the dam; restoration of the ecosystem by removing the dam.	Spending tax money to repair the dam and persistence of ecosystem impairment.	No	
9/29/2021 8:12	Madison		No	No									
9/29/2021 8:15	Manatee		No	No					It is time to remove the Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	There is a lot of talk about the deterioration of our springs. Now act.	The removal of the Dam and restoration of this region is a moral redress of past mistakes. It is an act of responsible stewardship and will stem the wasteful use of currency. If it is not achieved the deterioration of this system will continue, the faith in our state government will continue to erode and our citizens will bare witness to a lack of vision. Biodiversity is not a luxury, it is imperative.		Thank you for listening to my opinions! Frank
9/29/2021 8:16	Osceola		No	No					Restore this important ecosystem back	the ecosystem is being destroyed and animals, wildlife inhabitants of rivers and streams are dyeing because of this dam	Wildlife would die, or become extinct possibly. The loss of the natural flow of springs, rivers and streams would cause a build up of pollutants from chemicals from run off	no	lets work on saving the little bit of greenspace left for our wildlife, this damn has cost enough done enough damage already, return it to its natural state
9/29/2021 8:17	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	remove the dam, restore nature's flow, allow the surrounding ecosystems to improve	I have watched the Silver and Ocklawaha Rivers degrade over the past 25 years. Removing the dam will let natural flows deal with at least some of the pollution.	Without removing the dam, ecotourism will decline, the rivers will continue to die, the surrounding areas become less and less able to control floods, pollution etc.	No, the dam needed to never be built. The removal corrects this wrong and allows nature and people (and the economy) to flourish.	The money spent doing the removal is a far better use and the future benefits will be great.
9/29/2021 8:23	Polk		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	Remove the dam and restore the river				
9/29/2021 8:26	Gadsden		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 8:30	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by removing the dam!	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife CANNOT WAIT!	What's left of the real natural Florida is quickly disappearing every day. You have the power to make the right choice by removing the dam and restoring the river that will contribute to preserving natural Florida for wildlife, a healthy ecosystem, and our community to enjoy for generations to come. Make the right choice by removing the dam!
9/29/2021 8:33	Charlotte		No	No					Remove the dam.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 8:36	Gadsden		No	No					Get rid of the damn dam. Let the river flow as God intended it and in a way that is more natural to Florida.	The most important things to look at are the problems we already have in florida. We let the sugar growers ruin our beautiful River of Grass and thus the Everglades. Red tide and blue algae blooms are due to humans blocking up our natural cleansing elements of Florida. We had a paradise here in Florida and we let big Agriculture ruin it t fed our greed.	Florida's natural beauty and its fish and wildlife will all disappear.	Get sugar growers out of Florida. End construction projects that effect the Everglades and our coastal estuaries.	End fracking in florida too. We have a delicate aquifer system just under our feet and we can not afford to frack it away to satisfy our addiction to oil and greed.
9/29/2021 8:37	Sarasota		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	I would like to see the springs restored to there natural flow.	The dam is not removed.	No. The project to remove the dam is long overdue.	
9/29/2021 8:37	Lake		No	No									
9/29/2021 8:40	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	It is past time to understand the ecosystem of the rivers and waters of Florida. We have destroyed enough, it is now given our understanding of the river and the damage we (man) created to undo this and allow it to function as it should. with that we restore and important part of Florida ecosystem to it's original being. Listen to the Earth... it will tell you what to do.	the damage inflicted on this water system, so critical to restoration of Florida wildlife, and water quality.	We continue to damage our water ecosystem, wildlife, and on day , that which made Florida beautiful and one of a kind, is no longer. And we have what we have with algo and it will contribute to the decline of our quality of life in Florida. This was wrong when it was installed , it is wrong now.	No, no logical reason to keep it.	
9/29/2021 8:42	Hernando		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed so that nature can be restored.	Removing the dam will bring 150 MILLION gallons/day of natural flow.	I would be even more depressed and saddened that our government has no concern for the environment or the people of Florida. I served in Vietnam and am a victim of agent orange and agent blue. I know first hand the damage our government can inflict on people and the environment.	NO!	I am really tired that our own elected officials are so dumb and blind to the effects of their actions! What we need is an INDEPENDENT AGENCY reportable only to the people that has the sole authority to do what is required to preserve, protect and defend our environment. Similar to the Army Corps of engineers, but not under the control of any governmental body.
9/29/2021 8:44	Martin		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Restore springs and natural flow to Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.	Loss of economic opportunity and continued degradation of precious natural environment.	No, emphatically no.	
9/29/2021 8:44	Orange		No	No									
9/29/2021 8:46	Monroe		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	remove the dam	No return our springs back to normal and return our fish and manatee population in the Ocklawaha and/ Silver rivers	We loose the big beautiful springs and the river and all the fish, fowl, and animals that require it to live.		It is time to do it NOW!
9/29/2021 8:50	Dade		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.				
9/29/2021 8:51	Hernando		No	No					The dam must be removed or water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	So many rivers and springs would be replenished and thrive once the obstruction of the dam is removed and the area is allowed to expend in a natural, healthy manner on its own.	The environment will continue to be impacted negatively and we have this one chance to make a change.	Other revisions to the environment would more likely be more cost prohibitive and it just make sense to take something detrimental away than attempting to keep it and spend money working around it.	
9/29/2021 8:51	Lake		No	No					Remove the damn dam.	Loss of 20 springs Cost to repair existing structure Loss of fish Loss of habitat for manatee already in danger	More corruption spreading to Florida State gov not listening to people Loss of more species and habitat Not listening to Mother Nature and suffering consequences	No	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 8:55	Sarasota		No	No					Eliminate it.	restoration of right er flows and I think it is will not only save money in the long-term it will be a financial plus	degradation of the environment	no	dams over time cost a lot of money to maintain and eventually the reservoir becomes silted full resulting in loss of function at great unnecessary expense both monetarily and environmentally.
9/29/2021 8:55	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed!	The dam artificially changes the ecosystem and results in the extirpation of native species.	An important piece of the original ecosystem would be gone forever.	No	
9/29/2021 8:56	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see it brought up to standards, regardless of the upfront cost. It's past its 50 year life expectancy. Resolving any infrastructure issues now will save the county and state millions of dollars, because should the dam collapse, it would be much more expensive than to preemptively fix the issues. We shouldn't wait for another disaster to act.	That the dam is past its life expectancy, and the recent tragedies of collapsed infrastructure in our great state.	That another man made disaster would potentially take more lives and destroy more homes, as well as our waterways fragile environments.	No. The issues really need to be fixed.	Please listen before something horrible happens.
9/29/2021 8:57	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored.	Negative environmental consequences of maintaining the dam in place. Restoration of natural flow will improve conditions for dozens of springs, the Silver River, Lower Ocklawaha River, and St. Johns River. The financial and environmental costs of maintaining this relic of a failed idea, the Cross-Florida Barge Canal, are simply not worth it.	The environmental consequences of installing and maintaining this dam have been tragic. It's time to right past wrongs. Everyone talks about the economic benefit of fishing on the reservoir, but the economic losses to communities with the dam in place are just as great, if not greater. Weigh that against the environmental damage caused by the dam - declining water quality, invasive weeds that contribute to blue-green algae events, fish kills, loss of SAV - and the decision to remove the dam should have been a no-brainer years ago.	No. The dam should have been removed decades ago.	My personal observations when I've visited the reservoir and surrounding areas/facilities over the past 35 years is that the estimates of use on the reservoir by boating fishermen are overblown, and, therefore, the economic benefits of maintaining the dam are overstated. A non-scientific personal observation, but that's my impression, so I'd be interested in reviewing the details of those economic studies.
9/29/2021 8:57	Broward		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.				
9/29/2021 8:59	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	The quality of the water will improve and wildlife will be aided	Wildlife will be affected negatively.	no	Alot of taxpayer money has been wasted on this dam. Its time to do the right thing.
9/29/2021 9:04	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Walking	As a local property holder and a frequent user who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to increase the maintenance and improve access to the lake, update the boat ramps, add additional facilities, and expand park areas for public access. While public use is now tremendous these small improvements would steadily increase. The dam and adjacent parks alone are used by hundreds of people every month for fishing and recreation! A day NEVER goes by that people aren't there fishing!	Most importantly environmental needs are critical as the lake and adjacent area are homes to numerous manatee, bald eagles, black bear, and other wildlife that were rare prior to Rodman being constructed. Rodman and surrounding land have become a vibrant and vital ecosystem. It would be a sacrilege to destroy it and the fact a group who call themselves environmentalists is hard to believe.	I hear continued comments about protecting the manatees. Rodman is NOW their natural habitat and its existence has no effect on die-offs! The warm water from Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs is still there! Untold numbers of manatee habituate Rodman and access it every year to mate. Just ask the lock managers how often they open the locks to allow the manatee to gain access to rodman! I just recently watched from the bank for almost an hour more than half a dozen manatee mate. For the size of the area, it's amazing how often I get to see the manatees.	Rodman has become one of the leading fishing resources in the country and has increased historic fish populations for all species. Rodman contributes millions to the local economy every year and property values adjacent to the lake have increased over 50% just in the last five years. Putnam and Marion county economies would take a huge hit and future opportunity for economic growth in the area would be stifled if this resource was lost.	Natural Springs? Silver Springs is upriver from Rodman and is its major resource. The fact that Rodman supposedly encompasses a number of small springs has absolutely NO effect on the condition of Silver Springs. In the years prior to Rodman with few exceptions, likely none of these small springs had any visitors at all. The handful of visitors the uncovered springs would attract is laughable compared to the vast number of visitors the lake attracts.
9/29/2021 9:07	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Continue to keep lake in a fashion that will support all the above functions. I fish this lake many times each year! Started in 1971.	Fishermen, boaters, kayaking, bird viewing are all to be seen frequently. The number of the largest bass turned into state large bass program is found in Rodman.	That should be obvious! Would lose my favorite fishing place.	Leave as is, and with continued care the lake will be used into the future.	Does not seem the water level has been properly adjusted this year. That takes it hard for everyone. Don't know what it would be like without Rodman.
9/29/2021 9:07	Duval		No	No		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Nothing. Save Rodman.	The local economy there as well as the wildlife.	The local economy would not survive and people who live there and work from the reservoir would have to move/seek jobs elsewhere.	No.	
9/29/2021 9:09	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it as is!!	FWC	Present wildlife would die.	No	Leave things as is.
9/29/2021 9:10	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Fish and aquatic life continue to decline	No	
9/29/2021 9:13	Hernando		No	No					Please remove the Dam	The need to restore the river ecosystem as much as possible to it's original state.	Loss of more natural habitat that could be gained by breaching the Dam, which at present serves no useful purpose	No. There is no reason to repair this Dam, and keeping it in an a breached state would not be safe.	
9/29/2021 9:16	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 9:20	Hernando		No	No									
9/29/2021 9:20	Sumter		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Other: The fishing is amazing in this reservoir. The fish are incredibly healthy.	I believe the Rodman Reservoir should be kept. The fishing in this body of water is one of the greatest in the state and should not be disturbed.	The fish are healthy and continues to draw anglers from all over the country. Some of the largest fish in the state come from Rodman.	It would be a tremendous loss to the state. This fishing is incredible and this can not be disputed.		Thank you for considering my comments. It is my hope that Rodman will not be disturbed. It is my belief that this body of water continues to be a tremendous asset to our state and has proved to be a tremendous draw for fisherman.
9/29/2021 9:21	Lee		No	No					Restore any needed changes to maintain a healthy eco system.	Concern for neglect of the environment for animals and people	Loss of endangered animals such as the manatee	Do what needs to be done to protect the supply and quality of water	
9/29/2021 9:23	Seminole		No	No					Restored!	The manatees and other wildlife habitats are constantly being encroached upon by recreational boaters and other human interference. Residential housing, roads and other development.	You don't have to look very hard to see injured manatees (mostly boat propeller injuries) to see that our current approach is not very effective.	Give an inch give a mile.	
9/29/2021 9:26	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	this is an amazing body of water and would hate to see it removed from the the face of the earth. I love fishing this place and seeing and enjoying all of the wild like. So I would love to see it stay the same as it is today.	I feel that it would be catastrophic to the ecosystem that in there today. and would kill and displace Hundreds if not thousand of water and woodland animals and supporting food chain habitat and species.	The death and displace of hundreds if not thousands of animal species and supporting species and habitat.	NO	I still never understand that once you create a sustainable ecosystem why you would go and destroy it and all of its inhabitants.
9/29/2021 9:27	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	Restore the natural springs.	Environmental degradation		
9/29/2021 9:28	Hillsborough		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Left as is.	The wildlife that depend on the reservior.		no	
9/29/2021 9:29	Duval		No	No					Remove them.	It would restore the natural ecosystem.	Continued frustration of true restoration	No.	
9/29/2021 9:29	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the water quality improved where a healthy amount of underwater vegetation can establish itself to overall improve the ecosystem as a whole.	No underwear vegetation able to establish it's self before it dies off or eaten by manatees.	Rapidly declining ecosystem	Any steps to help improve the reservoir and not destroy it I can get on board with.	Anyone who spends any amount of time on the beautiful reservoir will fall in love with it just as I did at a early age of 5 years old. We just want to see it properly taken care of.
9/29/2021 9:30	Dade		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 9:31	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Let's repair the dam and remove any and all invasive plant life. Keep it going!	Great fishing, an real nature fulled attraction to the community, and the dam is a wonderful place to see for visitors.	We live on a canal in Putnam County and the water levels will go even higher than they all ready are. Many Folks will be in more danger when a tropical storm or hurricane comes through.	Continued great fishing, a true nature fulled attraction to the community, and the dam is a wonderful place to see for visitors.	Keep the Rodman Dam!
9/29/2021 9:36	Clay		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Bass Tournaments	Leave the dam alone, keep the barge canal cleared of obstructions, continued drawdowns as needed and continue to maintain Kenwood ramp and the Campground facilities.	I believe Rodman Reservoir is a well established, thriving eco system and fishery. In my opinion, an expensive "attempt" to restore an eco system system that existed ~ 50 years ago seems wasteful and risky. Out of the Top 25 southeastern lakes for 2021, Rodman Reservoir is listed as number 8. Source: https://www.bassmaster.com/best-bass-lakes/slideshow/best-southeastern-lakes-2021#slide5	Losing one of the finest fisheries in the United States. Nearly 100 Largemouth Bass over 8 pounds caught in 2021 alone. Source: https://myfwc.com/fishing/freshwater/sites-forecasts/rel-rodman-reservoir/	It's unclear to me what exactly those scenarios are....	I am grateful that SJRWMD is seeking input from consumers regarding Rodman Reservoir. I appreciate all your efforts in keeping our waterways healthy. Regards, Bill Abbertson Green Cove Springs, FL
9/29/2021 9:39	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Remove the dam and free up the river.	Water quality studies and the recent manatee starvation deaths. Mr. Knight has stated the corrections needed to help restore this system.	Continued ruination of this waterway. Florida needs to restore and preserve our unique ecology.	No	
9/29/2021 9:42	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. 8,000 acres of crossed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible.	No.	
9/29/2021 9:48	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Return to natural state.	Loss of habitat and natural flow of river.	Permanent disregard for our environment.	No.	So much of natural Florida is gone. As a native Floridian I would love to see a little slice restored and never again destroyed.
9/29/2021 9:50	Brevard		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 9:53	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Other: Camping	Leave it as it is, and continue to maintain it.	The money was spend ,why would you spend more to destroy it. You can not return it to the past before the dam.	Waste of tax payers dollars.	NO !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	
9/29/2021 9:54	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River returned to its natural state.	I would like to have manatees returned to their natural environments unimpeded as well as sturgeon and giant catfish.	That the state would continue footing the costs of maintaining the dam and the reservoir.	Either the dam is there or it isn't. I don't know what a half measure would be.	Dams have always resulted in one technological fix after another. This one serves no real purpose such as hydro or irrigation so to me the choice is clear.
9/29/2021 9:59	Pinellas		No	No					Please get rid of it, BREACH IT	The amount of turmoil this Dam has done to the surrounding springs & wildlife.	It's going to keep going down hill	No, there's no other option	Please listen to us. Florida's been my home for ever. Let's take care of it :)
9/29/2021 10:00	Hillsborough		No	No					It is no longer needed and it is causing problems for the natural springs in Florida.	And the huge difference it can play in so many aspects of life with just this one correction. Springs of Florida should be protected	The damage that is being done by blocking the natural flow of the springs	No	It is time politicians in Florida stop ignoring the public. If we lose these springs we lose what makes our state special.

9/29/2021 10:05	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha Rive	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 10:08	Marion		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	The health of Florida springs and rivers in addition to the fish/manatees that call these places home.	Loss of natural Florida springs and in turn the unique environmental tourism and recreation that each area could provide	No	Breach this dam and restore the natural flow!	
9/29/2021 10:09	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Just stopped by to see it when I was passing by.	I would like to see it opened up or torn down permanently so the water can flow freely as Mother Nature intended.	I paddleboard the Silver River frequently and have lived in Marion County over 40 years. Silver Springs and the Silver River look horrible. I believe tearing down the dam will help the eco system. That dam is man made and should never have been there to begin with.	That the Rivers are all going to continue to become more stagnant and ugly. I'm sure if the dam were torn down that eventually we would see far more wildlife and cleaner water.	Whatever they can do to let water flow freely as nature intended.	Please don't waste money repairing or fixing the dam. It has no purpose. Fixing it now just means fixing it later. Getting rid of the dam will cost money now but no repairs needed in the future. Let the water flow free!	
9/29/2021 10:10	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Just wanted to see it	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. And potentially earning the state additional tourism dollars.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. In addition to other counties losing money due to manatee die offs.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.	
9/29/2021 10:12	Citrus		No	No				Protect wild life	Process of elimination common sense says human activity effects wildlife	The death of wildlife	Yes let the water flow naturally		
9/29/2021 10:13	Pinellas		No	No				Breach the dam	Restoration of the river, wetlands and natural waterways for wildlife	Loss of millions of tax payer dollars used in restoring and maintaining a dam that has no use	No. The dam should have been breached 29 years ago	The breaching of the dam will help Florida overall increase tourism and make our state more wildlife friendly.	
9/29/2021 10:15	Pinellas		No	No				The Kirkpatrick dam taken away to Help out springs!	The water ways will be given back their natural systems and bring back manatee communities and fresh doing flow	That our spring systems will keep getting damaged and will be irreversible	Just take the dam away		
9/29/2021 10:15	Palm Beach		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	breach the dam	loss of habitat for wildlife	pollution of the environment	not really- dam is my main problem there		
9/29/2021 10:16	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.	
9/29/2021 10:19	Marion		No	No				Please do what is best for our manatees and restore the free flowing rivers wikth spring access.	The staggering loss of manatees in just this last year!	Loss of this precious, endangers animal.			
9/29/2021 10:20	Lee		No	No				•Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	•Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	•If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	•No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 10:23	Pinellas		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the natural ecology!	The dwindling populations of manatees and other important wildlife	The increased loss of biodiversity.	No		
9/29/2021 10:24	Outside of state / other	USA	No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	I enjoy the natural habitats for animals to survive without human interference and hopefully without invasive species. Dams are made for mankind, not for animals and nature. Most everything mankind does, harms animals and nature. It is way past time to reverse these actions to save our planet.
9/29/2021 10:24	Martin		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 10:27	Suwannee		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 200 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project making the breach the most cost efficient and beneficial springs project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical, and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitats are restored, we can expect for die-offs in the future.	
9/29/2021 10:29	Duval		No	No				remove the dam and restore the rivers to their natural state					
9/29/2021 10:29	Citrus		No	No				Remove the dam	Environmental, plants and animals.	The environment would continue to be degraded. The dam should not have ever been built.	no		
9/29/2021 10:30	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times	Other: to photograph the monstrosity;	open it to the free flowing river.	Ecological restoration.	continued degradation and waste of money. A free flowing river is free.	more frequent and longer draw-downs.	thank you	
9/29/2021 10:36	Outside of state / other	Durham NC	No	No		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam to restore the river to its more natural state.	I understand removing the dam will help restore multiple springs, as well as the three dependent rivers, restoring the natural flow of water to this area of the state.	Decline in water quality, decline in native plants and animals, eventual decline in the natural beauty that brings nature living visitors to Florida.	No. This is the most logical course of action.	I was born and raised in Florida, grew to love the diverse natural beauty of the state where my heart still lives. Whenever I return to visit family and friends, I'm saddened by the continuing disregard many seem to have towards sustaining Florida's unique environment. Please think to the future and don't be a part of that - please dismantle this irrelevant dam. Thanks.	
9/29/2021 10:37	Pasco		No	No				Breach the dam	That breaching the dam would allow water flow to restore many drowned springs, offer habitat to wildlife including wintering plaices for manatees.	That tax money goes to repairs to the dam that have no benefits for power production, flood retention ect.	No, breaching is overdue. Keeping our waterways as natural as possible is the only solution.	Keep our waterways as nature intends.	
9/29/2021 10:38	Sarasota		No	No				For the sake of Florida's environmental health, please remove the dam and restore the environment back to it's natural state.	It will help restore the rivers and springs that supported a healthy ecosystem. Plus it will save money on trying to keep an antiquated dam in good condition.	The continued loss of an important ecosystem, but economic opportunities and continued cost of upkeep for something that is not needed. Water quality is a buzzword in Florida right now and this would restore the health of the river systems.	No. Dam removal is needed to save money, improve water quality and increase economic vitality.		
9/29/2021 10:39	Orange		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	If the dam is removed then not only will the Ocklawaha River be restored but also the Silver River and the St. Johns River as well as 50 springs. The Lower Ocklawaha and St Johns River will receive over 150 million gallons of natural flow. Clean, useable water is such a precious resource to all of Florida.	If the dam remains water quality will continue to decline resulting in the loss of fish, other aquatic animal and plant life. Florida will lose out on economic benefit that would result from a free flowing river that will be enjoyed by tourists, bird watchers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Money will be saved on not fixing a dam that is past its life expectancy.	No. Breaching this dam is long overdue. Improved water quality and the restoration of the river ecosystem can't wait.	I am a Florida Master Naturalist and I understand the importance of keeping our natural ecosystems intact. Allowing the Ocklawaha River to flow free again will be a big step in restoring Florida's natural areas to a healthy balance.
9/29/2021 10:41	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman Res. and Kirkpatrick Dam abolished and returned to its natural state as soon as possible! Stop wasting money on the dam restoration. Reunite the the Ocklawaha, St Johns and Silver springs.	I love the Ocklawaha River and its being destroyed slowly by being dammed, not allowing a natural flow for native species, through poor water quality.	My biggest concern is destroying thousands of acres of floodplain forest which helps us all especially with climate change upon us now! More money spent to repair the damns and rivers because of its unnatural state. Blocked Manatee and native fish migration, invasive weed blockages, and less wildlife habitats.	no	Stop wasting my tax dollars on a damn that serves no purpose at all.	
9/29/2021 10:43	Pinellas		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Thank you for doing the best thing for the environmental health of the region!
9/29/2021 10:46	Dade		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provideadequatefi cant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 10:47	Marion		No	No				Restore habitat	Habitat disappearing at an alarming rate everywhere in Florida. Developers are allowed to operate unchecked. It's time to rewild as much as possible.	That we lose some of our most iconic Florida species forever. All wildlife is under more and more pressure every day. They're running out of places to go	Stop the rampant overdevelopment of Florida! We need wild Florida, not a manicured Disney version		
9/29/2021 10:47	Gilchrist		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	I would like to see the removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River to its natural shoreline.	The Kirkpatrick Dam is one of the last remaining relics of the Florida Barge canal. The Florida Barge Canal was conceived in a time when many Floridians did not fully appreciate the destruction that such a project could cause. The Kirkpatrick Dam, which does not provide flood protection, power, or a water supply, is beyond its life expectancy; destruction of the dam will save our state millions of dollars.	Now is the time to complete this project. The national economy is booming, leaving state and federal funds to complete a project such as this. When we are struck by a downturn in the economy (as we most likely will be in the next 5 years), allocations to complete a project such as this will disappear. The dam is unsafe and contributes to the overall degradation of the Ocklawaha River and its fish stocks.	Unfortunately no. The time has come for the dam to be removed.	
9/29/2021 10:52	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take it down and let the river flow!	The river needs to flow in her natural state to allow wildlife to survive.	We will lose precious, irreplaceable wildlife.	Mo		
9/29/2021 10:53	Orange		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No	Florida waterways desperately needs help. You can see the damage being done to the springs day by day. Algae blooms due to overpumping and overuse are killing the eel grass, changing the habitat for fish, turtles, manatees etc. Breaching the dam is a cost efficient step on the way to clean(er) water.
9/29/2021 10:54	Sarasota		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Thu dam should be breached and removed and that is long overdue.	taking down the dam will restore dozens of streams and a river, add wildlife, prevent unwanted water plant growth and add to tourism and recreation.	The environment will die and be polluted by overgrowth of algae and plants.	no		
9/29/2021 10:56	Leon		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam will help restore a large number of springs, as well as restoring the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. John's Rivers...	Economic losses for Putnam County and Silver Springs, as well as continued water quality to decline in the springs and rivers.. BAD!	No		
9/29/2021 10:58	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		
9/29/2021 10:59	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and have a natural waterway. Let nature, over time, correct the damage that has been done.	poor water quality in Florida and the St Johns in particular.	poor and non life sustaining water quality. Less fish and wildlife that support a healthy natural environment and our waterways.	Not really, please remove the dam :)	thank you for your time and concern for Florida's waterways!	
9/29/2021 10:59	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by opening the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day the dam is in place there is harm to the water quality, wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway and thus, the economy.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do correct the damage from the continued dam. At the moment state and federal funds are available, public interest is high and environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat).	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150-million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 11:02	Seminole		No	No				Save the springs!	Must reunite springs.	Unsafe dam, missed chance for progress.	No.		
9/29/2021 11:04	Outside of state / other	Citrus County, Florida	No	Yes		1 time	Other: none of the above	Removal. Restore the site to its original configuration.	The failed Cross Florida Barge Canal Project left environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	The state has to decide whether to invest millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate a dam with no purpose or remove it, finally reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers.		
9/29/2021 11:09	Sarasota		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No	
9/29/2021 11:10	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Boating	Breach the damn to better the community environment	The dam was made for a project abandoned 50 years ago	Manatees have no refuge	No		
9/29/2021 11:10	Escambia		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River and fill the great mistake called the cross Florida barge canal.	I have personally seen what the barge-brained canal has done to the coast ecosystem over the past 40 years. Rodman is just a component of that mistake and is beeing more of a cesspool than a healthy lake. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	The Everglades restoration effort, particularly turning the Kissimmee River back into a river versus a canal, has shown us what can be done the reverse the idiotic schemes of the money-grabbers who don't give a damn about the environmental havoc they cause. Why continue to facilitate the actions of morons that have such a wide-ranging impact on a wide variety of animals, hydrology and water quality, and human populations?
9/29/2021 11:16	Lake		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam and restoration of the natural resources.	Lack of use of the canal	Costs of restoration of the dam.	Let the dam deteriorate naturally.		
9/29/2021 11:17	Collier		No	No				Twenty natural springs will be restored and the flow to the St. John and Lower Oklawaha Rivers will be restored. This will improve the ecosystem for humans and the natural environment, and support the economy which is dependent on tourism and quality of life.		We will spend millions of dollars needlessly if the money is spent on repairing the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Any other scenario than breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam will not produce the desirable results to benefit people, the environment and the economy.	For once, you, are representative officials, are able to make a good decision that does NOT require spending millions of dollars.	
9/29/2021 11:21	Monroe		No	No				Think preservation of nature and wildlife !!!	Future existence !	Death !	Preservation and conservation of nauture and wildlife !		
9/29/2021 11:22	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 11:26	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Open the Kenwood area back up to camping and add kayak ramps to kenwood and at the dam. More areas to fish from	Kenwood was once a beautiful camo ground. It can be that and more now.. It will be an asset to the community.				
9/29/2021 11:27	Monroe		No	No				•Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	•Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	•If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	•No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Please do the right thing, as we have a treasure in the natural environment of Florida.
9/29/2021 11:33	Escambia		No	No				get rid of it and save what God created.	It is costing the area around it money, destroying nature and cost of upkeep is high.	Many river creatures will did, money will be wasted.	no	It is time for humans to start fixing the damage we have done to the earth.	
9/29/2021 11:34	Seminole		No	No				Removal of the dam and restoration of river/land to a more natural state. my	Cross FL barge canal was a failed project that had negative environmental impacts. Putting taxpayer funds into restoration and not a new dam makes economic sense.	More money being spent to maintain status quo	removal of the dam		
9/29/2021 11:34	Volusia		No	No				We need to see the restoration of natural glow and improvement of our natural springs.	The Florida Springs are favorite for tourist to our area. The quality has plummeted in the past 30yrs in part due to the damn and over use of the ground water for ranching and farming	Loss of another natural gift in our state	Absolutely no need for this damn as far as the general public is concerned	Please vote on the side off the people of Florida and not special intetests	
9/29/2021 11:37	Pasco		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing						
9/29/2021 11:45	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: I was so despondent in seeing this dam and reservoir that I have not returned - despite the good fishing	Breach the dam and restore the amazing Oklawaha River	Water quality reports throughout the state that show we need natural water filtering systems like river systems and wetlands.	Silting in of the the reservoir, diminishing of water quality, loss of plant and animal species	No		Can we finally acknowledge that natural systems are nearly always far superior to human-made systems for maintaining water quality and intact ecosystems.? As we continue to destroy Florida with "development," we loosen the quality of life for humans right along with all the other plant and animal species.

9/29/2021 11:48	Leon		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	It's pretty simple: removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	Absolutely not. There is no time to waste. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Just do what you have been elected for.	Thank you.
9/29/2021 11:48	Indian River		No	No					Remove it, stop wasting taxpayer monies for it maintenance. If it doesn't work, remove it!	The environment was natural before the dam. We interrupted the natural flow of the river and decided we knew better… Stop trying to better Mother Nature, it seldom works.	Along with global warming, and rising animal extinctions… We are not invulnerable to the same.	Ya DAM or NOT TO DAM, what's the compromise?	Common sense, use it!
9/29/2021 11:49	St Lucie		No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam & Rodman Reservoir to let the rivers flow naturally again.	They are smothering 20 springs, blocking manatee and fish migration, and destroying thousands of acres of floodplain forest.	Loss of manatees and fish are destroying the ecosystem & the local economy.	Removal is the only choice.	
9/29/2021 11:50	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep the water lettuce controlled, also possibly a few additional buoyed boat lanes.	Water lettuce gets so thick you cannot launch and or safely navigate	None its a win / win	Water Lettuce still needs to be controlled boat lanes are optional	
9/29/2021 11:53	Pasco		No	No					Breach the dam	The worsening water quality and lack of flow of the main river	Water quality and flow would continue to decrease and native species would lose even more habitat	No, it's overdue	The dam prevents native species like manatees and largemouth bass from having more space and food to continue to compete with invasives. Breaching would also open up way more recreational opportunities to residents and restore the water quality immensely.
9/29/2021 11:53	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as it is. It is a Great resource and ecosystem that should be protected and the economic impact is vital to community.	It is a Great resource and ecosystem that should be protected and the economic impact is vital to community. It offers some of the best Trophy Bass fishing in the country…	Unthinkable.. if it is not kept as is,, the resource will be gone, the economic impact on community will be very negative… Rodman is a Destination! While the initial plans that created Rodman were ill conceived, the end results is a wonderful resource that shld not be reversed… two wrongs don't make a right	Not sure how to respond to this…. No! Keep it as it is… I would like to see more frequent draw downs, planting of Live Cypress, re-position of dead / fallen trees / logs to maintain structure… over the years a lot of logs have been removed. instead relocate and strategically build wood piles around the lake	
9/29/2021 11:54	Pinellas		Yes	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.
9/29/2021 12:02	Orange		No	No					Privaninvation!	Protonic!	Not sure	No	
9/29/2021 12:07	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Save Rodman	The habitat	The mess	No	
9/29/2021 12:08	Charlotte		No	No					remove the dam		harm to the aco system		
9/29/2021 12:09	Collier		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored. We in Florida have done enough damage to the water systems in our state.	As I mentioned above, restoring the natural flow of water in the state is most important.	Continued degradation of the natural flow of water in the state……and, I expect, a negative economic impact in the counties most directly affected.	No, none.	Please, please, please….let us begin to move in the direction of restoring the ecosystem and natural habitat of Florida, our most important resource!
9/29/2021 12:12	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river.	We need to restore more natural green space to preserve what makes Florida so special.	More of the same inaction for environmental improvement projects.		
9/29/2021 12:14	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Bass fishing	Please keep in place. Awesome bass fishery. One of my favorite places in Florida	We love a great fishery	No	
9/29/2021 12:16	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 12:20	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove it	More local mess	No. Just open the dam thing	Why are we still pissing around with the obvious after over 30 years of debate
9/29/2021 12:21	Pinellas		No	No					Breached	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	That the population of wildlife will greatly suffer	No the dam needs to be breached	
9/29/2021 12:21	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	leave it as is	I know several persons that come to Florida to fish Rodman along with other hot spots in our state	lose of a valuable income stream for the surrounding businesses.	None that i can think of	
9/29/2021 12:22	Volusia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoration of the springs	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future.
9/29/2021 12:27	Orange		No	No					No	Our natural springs is a vital resource here in Florida	Wildlife		
9/29/2021 12:27	Hillsborough		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed as it doesn't serve a purpose other than to take taxpayers money to maintain it.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. Millions will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, while allowing blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Florida's eco systems need protections, we are running out of natural Florida areas from development. We need to preserve them and make sure that our water quality doesn't decline.
9/29/2021 12:28	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Remove it.	The many native species that are blocked from the dam.	That down river non native species are flourishing. Removal of the Rodman brings more native migration of top species.. Open flow of the river helps manatees.	No.	1st whats the possibilities with a dam thats beyond it expiration date. Ck lessup in Seminole county is a prime example of river's blocking natural flow. What more the Everglades in which I grew up on is another similar situation.
9/29/2021 12:28	Jackson		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed and the waterways restored.	Wildlife migration and well being	Wildlife destruction continues and species experience more stress and destruction.	No	
9/29/2021 12:29	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating	Remove it	Open flow for ocklawaha river and allow manatees to enter silver river	We keep wasting money maintaining a dam that is not needed for a few fisher people	Yes, disabling it into weir design, so fishing could still be good, but opening the main channel	
9/29/2021 12:32	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove it and restore natural water flows.	We have seen how disrupting the natural flow of rivers has hurt Florida's environment and natural habitat for our native species of plants and animals.	Loss of habitat for Florida plants and animals	Restore natural flows.	
9/29/2021 12:33	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Events were held around the area so we stopped by.	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 12:33	Outside of state / other	Franktin Wisconsin	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Clean it up	600+ manatees have died due to the pollution	Manatees would become extinct because of humans	no	
9/29/2021 12:35	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Went to a wedding in the area. We stopped by.	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No! Breaching the damn is 59 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 12:38	Outside of state / other	Bethlehem, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpstrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No.	
9/29/2021 12:44	Citrus		No	No					I would like to have the dam removed	Restoration of fish and habitat for manatees	Amount if money needed for restoration of current dam and contributing to the further decline of manatee populations	No	I have seen many dam removals come to fruition in Massachusetts with extremely beneficial results
9/29/2021 12:47	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Observing the dam and surroundings, seeing how many people are benefiting from it.	It should be removed.	It costs lots of taxpayer money, benefits very few people, and its removal will all recovery of a natural river and numerous springs contributing to the ecotourism economy.	Continued degredation of the environment and huge future cost maintaining and dredging to keep the lake open, and also contributing further to ecological damage.	No. This dam serves no useful purpose.	Building this dam was a boondoggle to begin with, allowing it to continue just continues that waste of resources. We know so much more now than 50 years ago about what is best for our environment, our economy, and what is of greatest benefit to all the people of Florida.
9/29/2021 12:54	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Recutting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. Let us be the generation that takes decisive action in the vital matter of improving the environment for coming generations.
9/29/2021 13:02	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River is an important and feasible conservation action that will greatly impact manatees and other wildlife.	Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns rivers are restored plus 10,000 plus acres of the Florida Wildlife corridor are restored or positively impacted. The wildlife impact is significant. This is an important piece of improving Florida's environmental sustainability	Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam serves no purpose and can be drawn down gradually. This would be the same old, same old do of nothing until a crisis strikes. Algae blooms on both coasts are a classic example of waiting too long.	This action is way overdue - the time is right to do this.	
9/29/2021 13:10	Orange		No	No					As stated in initial statement, the dam needs to be breached and let normal flow and restoration of wetlands occur now. Long over due. This states ecosystem depends on flow of water if it is to survive. We are seeing the ramifications of bad decisions on our state. Now is the time to reverse decades of this approach.	All the data and research on these wetland systems.	Destruction of water ways and all species concerned if this is not done now	no	no
9/29/2021 13:10	Lake		No	No					Breach the dam and free the river and springs for the manatees and nature enthusiasts !	Manatee and springs are not just essential parts of the FL ecosystem, water quality for the FL aquifer is at risk in the area and all over the state. More and more people are enjoying the springs and manatee or fish related tourism, whereas a stagnant body of water has limited usefullness for anyone or living thing. The dam has outlived its usefullness, time to apply what we know about FL environment and state water needs to get rid of it.	Are we really going to spend millions repairing a useless dam? Manatees are dying at record numbers, this dam freeing up warm water habitat helps counter this nightmare. FL residents and tourists love the springs, love the fish, love the manatees - getting rid of the dam is the right ecological and economic decision.		Ask all the Springs just how much demand for manatee sightings and springs water fun has grown. We have a chance to improve A LOT if we free this river for animals and people to enjoy!
9/29/2021 13:15	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time				Remove the dam to put the land and waterways back to the way it was before somebody thought it was a good idea to put a barge canal across Florida and destroyed natural areas that have never been the same since then.	History tells us that man can't interfere with natural habitat without destroying it and everything around it. Put it back the way it was.	It needs to be done completely and not just started and then let sit for years. The barge canal project was a huge mistake and should never have been started. Now let's try and fix our stupid mistakes.	The dam has to go to restore all the springs and rivers back to their original state. Some minor issues could wait as long as there is a solid plan to address them in a specific time frame.	
9/29/2021 13:17	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Emphasis on making it the cleanest and most productive fishery in NE Florida.	I have fished "The Pool" since I was a boy and have lasting memories of our favorite fishery survive battle after battle to be changed, adjusted or tampered with.	Ruining a legendary, nationally known fishery that brings enjoyment and frankly revenue to a growing communities in and around Putnam and surrounding counties.	Not at this time.	
9/29/2021 13:17	Hillsborough		No	No					I'd like the dam to be responsibly uninstalled and discontinued.	I believe the future health of our springs and water table depends on the free-flow of natural resources.	My biggest concern is in regards to what is currently happening there. Dams are an outdated tool, costs too much to upkeep. Dams have unintentional consequences to our natural ecosystems.	We ought to be more mindful in how we store/treat/transfer hazardous waste and contaminated waters. We can't simply inject hazardous materials deep in the ground thinking it'll all go away. We need a harmonic relationship with nature.	
9/29/2021 13:18	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Boating					
9/29/2021 13:18	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it retained in its current state.	It's a thriving ecosystem and acts to purify the water that passes through it before it reaches the St. John's!	The destruction and displacement of so much wildlife habitat! Lots of nitrates that are now cleansed reaching the St. John's!	No	
9/29/2021 13:18	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Return the whole area to the way God had it. Restore riverbanks with cypress trees and other native trees and plants.	Kayak and canoe and water enthusiast with decades of paddling central Florida with friends that are biologists and scientists.	More years of chemical use, wasted tax money, ecosystem collapse, and lack of water.	None whatsoever.	Removing something that should not have been started is the right thing to do.
9/29/2021 13:18	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/29/2021 13:19	Lee		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam	* There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. * Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. * Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. * The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	* We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. * The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. * Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. * Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. * Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. * Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/29/2021 13:23	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to have it left in it's present condition	When I go there I can really enjoy the solitude. Most importantly is that I really enjoy looking for and finding the manatee that live in Rodman … The wild life viewing is second to none other in the state.	There is an abundance of different wildlife that rely on Rodman for their home and I would hate to think of what would happen to them, especially the manatee.	I don't see that there is.	Please leave Rodman like it is at the present.
9/29/2021 13:29	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.
9/29/2021 13:29	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Maintain Rodman reservoir current state	Protecting the endangered manatee	Contributing to the endangerment of the manatee	Have not heard a resolutions but would be will to hear one.	
9/29/2021 13:31	Collier		No	No						the dam serves no purpose	wasting money unneeded project	no. water quality has enough challenges in Florida.	
9/29/2021 13:34	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	What do you treasure about this ecosystem, or about natural Florida in general?
9/29/2021 13:35	Highlands		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the removal of the Rodman Dam to provide access to natural springs which are instrumental in providing warm water habitats for threatened manatees during the winter months.	The very recent and dramatic increase in manatee deaths directly attributable to a lack of seagrasses in the Indian River Lagoon region. Removing the Rodman Dam will give manatees access to a bounty of eelgrass on which to feed and access to springs needed as a warm water refuge during Florida's winter months.	We greatest concerns are an increasing level of manatee deaths because they cannot access an abundance of aquatic grasses and from cold stress from decreased access to warm water springs.	No!!	Thank you for your time and consideration of my input.
9/29/2021 13:35	Columbia		No	No					free the water supply	my concern for the main flow in South Florida…. any thing to restore back to original pattern of rivers flowing	another environmental failure.	yes.. blow it up	
9/29/2021 13:37	Outside of state / other	- former resident in Manatee and La	No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this project, making it an impactful and cost-effective program; it would also save taxpayer money not to have to repair the dam, while improving the health of the spring and safety for fish and manatees.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. As the effects of man-made climate disasters become more widespread and longer-lasting, it is clear that any actions we can do to improve environmental outcomes cannot simply be pushed off to another generation.	No. This action is long overdue.	Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

9/29/2021 13:42	Orange		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please act QUICKLY!
9/29/2021 13:43	St Lucie		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam. I was so sad in 1971 when canoeing and realized that the springs and river on the maps we had were flooded due to this horrific dam. We need the springs and the river and the land back. More economic benefits from so many ways than just this narrow minded small fishing faction.		We have an opportunity to help our waters. It's been long overdue. IT should never have been done. We need to reclaim the springs, the rivers and the land.	No.	
9/29/2021 13:48	Orange		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities. The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored. If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 13:56	Hillsborough		No	No				I would like the Ocklawaha River restored by having the dam removed.	The fact that the dam is past its life expectancy. When the river is allowed to flow, it will rejuvenate many of our natural springs. Over 4 million dollars would be saved from becoming a burden onto the tax payer.	If the dam is not removed, Florida will miss out on thousands of acres of restored forests and Putnam county will continue to have its water quality decline.	No, the dam must be removed.	Florida is the most beautiful state in the nation and one of the primary reasons for that is our amazing ecosystem. Our springs, beaches, and forests deserve to be at the forefront of development in order to keep our home beautiful and our tourist economy booming.
9/29/2021 13:58	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	remove dam and restore Ocklawaha			no	
9/29/2021 14:01	Collier		No	No				Florida's richness is slowly being depleted. Any opportunity to restore the natural environment and support the unique wildlife of Florida is critical. It supports all of us in ways often we are not always aware of in the present moment.	Protecting what makes Florida so special.	A missed opportunity to do the right thing.		
9/29/2021 14:05	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting	Leave it as is. I don't see the benefit or monetary gain if the dam is removed.	It an outstanding fishery which provides ample opportunity for recreational fisherman to catch a basis of a lifetime.	Environmental impact	No
9/29/2021 14:05	Outside of state / other	United States	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 14:06	Duval		No	No					Take it down let it flow naturally	Fishing	Not sure	
9/29/2021 14:09	Marion		No	Yes			Other: While I have used the Ocklawaha for boating, canoeing/kayaking and wildlife viewing, I have only toured Rodman in my official capacity as a former County Commissioner in an effort to gain firsthand knowledge of the impace of Rodman from an economic and environmental standpoint. It has been over 10 years since I was in office - Rodman was an issue then and it remains an issue today - perhaps even more so.	It is long past time to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha by breaching the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam not only from an economic standpoint but most especially from an environmental standpoint. It is my understanding the the Kirkpatrick Dam is in need of critical repairs - the cost of which could run in the millions of dollars...why not invest those same dollars to breach the dam and finally restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha.	Restoring the environmental integrity of the Ocklawaha has far reaching implications for the entire Great Florida Riverway as evidenced during the 10 year drawdown - the degradation that has occurred must be remedied for the long-term sustainability of the springs, the fish and wildlife and natural fauna and flora along the length of the waterway...the positive economic benefits follow "naturally".	The stop gap measures have been tried; the focus groups have been held; the studies have been done ad infinitum - we know what needs to be done - the time for courageous action is now...breach the dam...	I often use the closing line of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings iconic CROSS CREEK... The earth may be borrowed but not bought, may be used, not owned. It gives itself in response to love and tenderness, offers its seasonal flowering and fruiting. Cross Creek belongs to the wind and the rain, to the sun and seasons, to the cosmic secrecy of seed, and beyond all, to time. I would argue that one can substitute any other environmental entity for Cross Creek ...in this case the Ocklawaha/Great FL Waterway...the reflection is the same...this natural flowing waterway is not ours to own and control by the Rodman...We must recognize and acknowledge our stewardship role. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.
9/29/2021 14:15	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Dismantle it and call it a day. No sense in maintaining a public structure that has no future purpose! Waste of taxpayers money. The State had many other social and environmental priorities.	Restoring our precious natural resources i.e. Everglades, Kissimmee River, Floridas natural springs watershed.	Completing the Barge canal!	There is always room for compromise but not on this current issue.	Open the dam Dam!!
9/29/2021 14:19	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 14:28	Seminole		No	No				I would like to see the damn dismantled so the Ocklawaha river can flow freely.	The building of the dam submerged valuable habitat and flooded many freshwater springs. Springs are important for habitat and provide valuable eco tourism opportunities	Continued degradation of habitat	No	
9/29/2021 14:31	Hillsborough		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River, remove the dam!	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No...the dam is outdated. Florida residents will benefit greatly from removal of the dam.	Florida has unique waterways - springs, rivers, inlets, bays and oceans. Preservation benefits all of us.
9/29/2021 14:36	Outside of state / other	Oxford OH formerly Jupiter	No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	removal asap	Why put more money after bad for an outdated structure that does more harm than good	SS wasted and wildlife challenged	Know of none	check out state of Maine and how dam removal has benefitted environment and citizens
9/29/2021 14:38	Dade		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Restoring the Florida springs is extremely important for future generations of Floridians. The reestablishment of wetlands, forests and springs will also help to stop deleterious climate change effects on the environment.
9/29/2021 14:45	Monroe		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of native fish and prohibits manatees from obtaining refuge in winter months. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide millions of gallons of freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers making them less susceptible to saltwater intrusion. The St. Johns Estuary will be healthier. With restoration, taxpayer money will be saved on dam repairs.	The dam is unsafe to peoples' property and also to animals such as manatees and fish.	No.	
9/29/2021 14:46	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Manage it for fishing and boating. Improve access to the lake. Keep the lock operational	The economic benifit to the surrounding areas from the fishing and boating community.	We would loose a valuable resource if the lake is destroyed. The wildlife has adapted to the lake and the surrounding area and taking it back to its natural state would achieve nothing.	Keeping the lake open and fishable.	
9/29/2021 14:46	Outside of state / other	El Paso, TX	No	No				To have it protected and preserved so that I can visit it in the future.		I would not be able to enjoy the beautiful birds and animals that depend on this ecosystem when I visit in the future.		
9/29/2021 14:53	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	removed	wildlife corridor, clear up the water below the dam, restore the springs, and better fishing.	The black bears need more space to roam. The OCALA FORREST is overpopulated with them now.	nope	I live out there by the dam for over 25 years and have seen many drawdowns. The deer raccoons,bob cats turkeys and wading birds utilize the land every time they have a drawdown. Not to mention the billions of mussels they kill every time they draw the water down. You can only use 10 a day to fish with. Gather anymore and you get a ticket. The water below the dam would clear up after a drawdown. You could see the bottom of the river from the dam all the way to the bridge on 19(Johnsons Field). The manatees would return too. I know from personal observation that ten times more people fish the river than that stump filled pond.
9/29/2021 14:56	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	I hope it stays the way it is because it is an unbelievable fishery.	My son is 12 years old and I love taking him fishing, he loves fishing Rodman, he's has caught one of his biggest bass there.	That the place that my father took me fishing for so many years and the place I've been taking my son with now for a few years will be gone for our futuer kids to fish.	I really don't think that there is one, either it stays as it is or it will be gone forever as we know it.	
9/29/2021 15:02	Palm Beach		No	No				Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. • 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. • Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida • Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. • Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. • Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. • Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. • At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. • An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. • The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. • Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. • The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. • Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida • The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. • Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. • Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
9/29/2021 15:12	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating	leave it alone			
9/29/2021 15:20	Marion		No	No					Like to keep the preservation of the lake. Wouldn't want to disturb.	Ongoing issue of the subject	The community will suffer jobs will be lost in the habitat to wildlife will be destroyed.	Keeping those working out in the field	I'm not 100% sure we can make it but I know some things are certain of why we should contest and to my understanding for many years they have been trying to remove the dam and drain the lake but here are my reasons why they should not take away the lake that is home to popular fishing tournaments, it will take away tourism, it will affect our fish camps financially and economically and also take away a natural habitat to our wildlife that remains in the area.
9/29/2021 15:22	Marion		No	No					Let the waters flow freely and return us to way God created it.	This will give more habitat to the bears and other creatures.	This defeat will give the Army Corp of Engineers a license to destroy what nature intended for us all.	No	The environment should be the #1 priority in Florida. What kind of place do we want Florida to be for our kids?
9/29/2021 15:24	St Johns		No	No				We need to restore this important ecosystem. I support breaching the dam and bringing the river back to its former glory. Manatees need this for their winter survival! Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Please remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River! The failed Cross Florida Barge Canal Project left environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest.
9/29/2021 15:26	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time		I would like the dam to be removed	The dam is harming the springs and harming manatee populations	Irreversible impacts to Florida's wildlife	No	
9/29/2021 15:26	Pinellas		No	No								
9/29/2021 15:26	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I want to see the State of Florida maintain the current ecosystem to support wildlife conservation and manage the habitat for the fisheries.	The existing dams have created 1 of the best fresh water trophy bass fisheries in the state.	My biggest concern would be that the loss of commerce and tourism revenues would cause local businesses to go out of business due to the loss of business.	The dams MUST remain. I am always open minded to alternate solutions that may be better for the overall interests of the area, businesses and the residents.	
9/29/2021 15:30	St Johns		No	No				For the sake of wildlife, please remove the useless, crumbling dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If this harmful dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We are at a crossroads. The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that blocks the Ocklawaha River is in decline. Florida should NOT invest millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate a dam that is a detriment to the environment. Instead, this dam, thus finally reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers, which will help manatees and other wildlife thrive.
9/29/2021 15:33	Lee		No	No				Remove the dam and fully restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities.	No	The dam serves no useful purpose and would cost a substantial amount to maintain.
9/29/2021 15:35	Orange		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	I fully support actions to restore Florida waterways to their original, natural state, especially when there is little to no influence on human quality of life. We all benefit from making Florida waterways pristine.
9/29/2021 15:35	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing	Remove the dam, restore the river	My own opinion as a Florida resident and taxpayer.	I don't think we should spend money to maintain the dam, the reservoir, spray the weeds in the reservoir.	Not really, quit spending money on true dagum thing.	Are used to fish on the Rodman, but the fishing is not what it used to be, it's hard to use the boat ramps with so many weeds, there are many more places to spend our resources and have a gruit fishing elsewhere, the water management District has done a great job with the headwaters project, etc. And we should do things like that and not spend money I worn out dam and Reservoir. Put your resources into cleaning up our water and improving the submerged vegetation in the Saint Johns, that's where your money is better spent improving fishing.
9/29/2021 15:36	Lee		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No	The time has come to remove the dam.
9/29/2021 15:41	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Other: we tried to fish but boat ramp we tried over grown with water Lilies	remove it and restore at least some of Floridas nature. with so many people moving here we need to have something in place before its to late.	When I visited I was in shock at the condition of this place being overtaken by invasive water species.	visitors loose out on another view of native florida habitat.	use taxpayer money to clean up the invasive species and restore access to fishing through multiple working boat ramps.	
9/29/2021 15:45	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Other: Wildlife viewing, fishing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000 or more acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	100 miles of the St Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of natural water flow to improve water quality. restore fish and wildlife habitat and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 15:46	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it as is,	Attracts numerous sportsmen to the area to fish. Brings in a large influx of money.	The area would lose a great deal of money	No	
9/29/2021 15:51	Palm Beach		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by removing the dam.	I've read that removing the dam will help restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers and that the Lower Ocklawaha and St.Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. Also, a lot of money will be saved by not restoring a dam whose life expediency is over.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss & Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. We need to help bring back our planet.	No. Improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Please help restore natural Florida.
9/29/2021 15:55	Sarasota		No	No				Let the river flow. My family was from Gainesville and Preacher Gordon was always against the Cross Barge Canal.	St Johns need free flowing water.	St Johns will be an algae slump.	No Free flow	You do not want the St. Johns to be Piney Point.
9/29/2021 16:07	Collier		No	No				•Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	•Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	•If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	•No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Thanks for asking water in Fl is our MOST important resource for animals plants and US. If we do not reistore water flow our environment will suffer and water will suffer and tourism will end
9/29/2021 16:15	Outside of state / other	marvland	No	No								

9/29/2021 16:23	Orange		No	No					A removal of the dam and restoration of the site	Dam removal would restore the ecosystem and promote tourism	Continued degradation of the area			
9/29/2021 16:35	Lee		No	No										
9/29/2021 16:35	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore all or much of the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River to the St. Johns river	Need for return of natural flow to the Ocklawaha and St Johns rivers.	Loss of historic water quantity inputs to the St Johns River	No		
9/29/2021 16:35	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached so the Ocklawaha can return to its original channel. Existing facilities could remain in place, including the spillway structure. The original bridge that ties between the spillway and the Ocala National Forest could be revamped to allow passage as it is now. The boat ramps, fishing piers, bathrooms, picnic areas could be updated as needed to allow for more recreational opportunities.	Recent user survey that clearly shows that more recreation is possible with breaching the dam. Recent study by the SJRWMD by John Hendrickson which explains how nutrient loading to the St. Johns could be controlled. The 2000 Record of Decision by the USFS on the staged drawdowns over 6 years and breaching of 2000 feet of the dam on the USFS side where the original Ocklawaha River lies. Numerous past studies done and included in the FDEP 20 volume study of the restore or maintain question.	1) Florida continues to grow in population and subsequent development. The need to not only preserve what is left of natural Florida but to restore and correct past mistakes that cost us in wildlife corridors, green space, water resources, and, carbon sequestration. 2) Putnam County will continue to suffer the consequences of reduced eco-tourism opportunities we so badly need to rise above our near bottom ranking of Florida counties. 3) The St. Johns River will continue to degrade without the fresh water inflow of its largest tributary. 4) Manatees will be denied access to quiet areas for breeding and warm water refugia. The publicly owned Florida Greenway habitat will continue to be decimated by adjacent private landowners that insist on clearing, mowing and building structures while the Florida Park Service looks the other way. 5) Continued flooding in the Cypress Bayou area and north of Highway 315 in the Deep and Sweetwater creek areas drown more and more woodlands. Many of the forested areas are severely stressed but could recover if the dam was breached and water levels lowered. Many of these flooded areas cannot support flora and fauna that flourish in intermittent wetlands as in a healthy floodplain forest but are severely impacted by constant flooding.	My desired outcome would be a complete restoration that would include removal of the locks and dam but I would be satisfied with partial restoration by breaching 200 feet of the dam.	The idea of using Rodman as an alternative water supply has been researched thoroughly by SJRWMD. A study done by Grenville (Sonny) Hall in 2002 (?) specifically stated that more water could be extracted from the restored river than from Rodman. While I hope Florida can learn to live within its water means, this seems to invalidate using Rodman as a potable water resource to be piped at great expense to populated areas. That doesn't help the local economy and surely would impact the usability of boat ramps which provide the only access to the pool.
9/29/2021 16:37	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other	Restore the river. Tear down the dam.	Natural Rivers are best for the earth and wildlife.				
9/29/2021 16:40	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Other: BASS TOURMENTS	STAY THE SAME	STAY THE SAME	BASS FISHING IS GOING TO SUCK!!	YES LEAVE IT LIKE IT IS		
9/29/2021 16:43	Sarasota		No	No					Dismantle and remove the dam in order to restore the original rivers and allow the springs to recover.	The dam is not allowing any sort of positive outcome. The restoration of the rivers and the springs will allow a very positive outcome in terms of environmental and water reclamation for the region.	If the dam is not removed, then the consequences would be dire for both water quality and environmental impact, both of which impact the region's economic prosperity. If restoration of the rivers and springs can occur then a variety of positive effects can buoy the surrounding communities. There are large costs associated with keeping the dam functional.	No. The dam must be removed and the rivers and springs allowed to recover fully.	Thank you for allowing public input.	
9/29/2021 16:43	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: Hiking	Removal of the dam	Historic flow to the river downstream	Habitat impacts for estuary species	No		
9/29/2021 16:45	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	It should be removed to return the river to a free flowing condition.	The dam is an unnatural barrier along the river	The river will continue to be prevented from being a free flowing river	No, the dam needs to be removed		
9/29/2021 16:46	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam gone and the river restored.	Continued maintenance costs on a system that silts up, stops the free movement of fish.	Continued maintenance costs on an unnatural system.	restore the river while leaving much of the dam structure in place.	The time to fix a problem is never better than now.	
9/29/2021 16:47	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Audubon	Environmental damage	No		
9/29/2021 16:53	Pinellas		No	No					As half of a couple who travels to hike and see birds I am in favor of restoring the river and habitats to help wildlife.	Humans are destroying habitat and wildlife at an alarming rate. We must do what is available to us to restore habitat.	The continued disruption of natural habitat.	Incremental restoration		
9/29/2021 16:58	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and allow the water to flow naturally	$4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers.	water quality will continue to decline, contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	no		We are suffering a huge loss of birds and other wildlife across the entire US and need to restore natural habitats to encourage growth of endangered and critical endangered birds and wildlife
9/29/2021 17:02	Putnam		No	No					Remove the dam--let the Ocklawaha River run free again	The research done about the harm by the dam to the ecosystem and wildlife in the area	That the backed-up water would continue to degrade. more loss of indigenous flora and fauna	No		Maintaining this useless dam is also costing us as taxpayers
9/29/2021 17:04	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the natural flow to the Oklawaha. I will then be eager to visit several times a year for paddling. Not the one or two times in several years that I do now. I'm waiting to come up and spend time and money in the area.	Existing springs are swamped under. Habitat is degraded. Fishing tournament participants are leaving the lake through the dam lock in order to catch tournament worthy fish in the naturally flowing St Johns.	That the existing dedicate would continue. That public money will be spent defending the existing illegal operation of this dam.	I do not know of any.	This always seems to boil down to one marina and one congressperson. Could we not just buy out the marina with public funds. The cost will seem negligible 20 years from now.	
9/29/2021 17:05	Osceloa		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Tear it down	Return it to it's natural direction and flow and to help Manatees migratee	Further conversation deterioration	No		
9/29/2021 17:07	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Visit to see the dam and know a bit of its history and present condition.	Remove the dam. The dam is not needed and with Florida waterways being drained and overcome with invasive species we would do well to put available finance into the restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha will have a significant impact on the restoration of multiple springs as well as the Silver and St. Johns Rivers as more than 150 million gallons of water a day of natural flow will be added.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline with increased invasive weeds, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.. Most immediate is impact of restoration of the Ocklawaha would be on Putnam County and Silver Springs as restoration would bring increased better health, increased visitation to the area, jobs and construction to the area. Thousands of acres of forests can be planted which will ensure good water storage and filtration for downstream communities.	NO. Improved water control and quality will provide for community safety and a more healthy life for people and wildlife alike.	Florida is blessed with extensive and unique geology (aquifers,),flora and fauna. We need to use our 21 century knowledge and technology to use and enjoy these resources while preserving them not destroying them.
9/29/2021 17:30	Orange		No	No					For it to be breached/destroyed.	The drowned springs and the welfare of the manatee population.	That the manatees would be cut off from a vital winter habitat.	Only if it includes getting rid of the dam.	Breaching the dam is necessary for helping the manatee population to flourish.	
9/29/2021 17:33	Osceloa		No	No					It needs to be removed so the environment surrounding it can go back to its normal state of being.	Removing the dam will help restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow, and anywhere from 4-14 million dollars will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is way overdue. Dam safety is an issue, and improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. We need to make this happen soon so the area can resume its normal course and balance can be restored to the whole surrounding area.	The area in question was disrupted by the construction of that dam, and the area needs to be restored so that nature can go back to its normal state. The animals and people in that area will need the flow of the water to be restored or it may soon become hard to sustain their way of life there. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. This needs to be rectified, and soon.
9/29/2021 17:33	Hillsborough		No	No					Keep environment in good condition	Florida is in need of better environment	Destruction of the environment			
9/29/2021 17:36	Polk		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking						Rodman was a mistake. It should be corrected for the sake of a NATURAL water system.
9/29/2021 17:39	Indian River		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	As a scientist I would like to see the dam removed so that the river flows freely again. We should restore fluvial and anadromous fisheries to the River, especially that of the Striped Bass. Florida has many Largemouth Bass fisheries so the loss of this artificial waterbody is not critical. However restoration of Striped Bass and American Shad fisheries would benefit both the ecology and economy of the region.	Knowledge of anadromous fisheries and 45 years of experience in studying Florida's waters	A continued decline in the existing fishery and continued costs of maintenance of this obsolete dam	There will still be a Largemouth Bass fishery once the dam is removed. I see no outcome that is desirable except full removal of that barrier.	The recovery of drowned springs along the river will attract many kayakers and canoeists to support the local economy
9/29/2021 17:41	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/29/2021 17:50	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove and restore natural flow	Nature must not be attered or wildlife will suffer.	Extinction of manatee	No. The dam must be removed. it serves zero purpose.		
9/29/2021 17:51	Outside of state / other	however, I grew up in Volusia county,	No	No					I would like to see the dam breached to allow the natural flow of the river to return.	The scientifically supported positive impacts of returning the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river. These include winter warm water habits for manatees with the return of the numerous springs currently drowned by the reservoir, as well as access to the Silver River. Additionally, the restoration of historical migration routes of fish to Silver Springs will benefit the health of the entire Silver River. Furthermore, the dam is past it's life expectancy, and has never served a purpose after the cross Florida barge canal was, rightfully, abandoned. Additional money spent on repairs and upkeep is fiscally irresponsible; this fact is compounded when compared with the numerous upsides of breaching the dam.	Taxpayer money is wasted on repairs and upkeep of the dam. Loss of economic growth surrounding the natural beauty of the area. Continued natural degradation that has already gone too far. Loss of winter warm weather habitat that is vital for the struggling manatee population. The continued decline of fish populations and the overall health of the Silver River.	No, breaching the dam should have been done 50 years ago.	While I do not currently live in the area, I grew up in central Florida and spent countless hours and days along the St. John's, Ocklawaha, and Silver River. Many of my earliest and fondest memories were riding the glass bottom boats at Silver Springs, fishing with my family along the Ocklawaha, and boating, skiing and tubing in the St. John's River. Returning to the area with my daughter has been bitter-sweet seeing the decline of the natural beauty of these rivers. Breaching the dam is a good start in correcting the mistakes that have lead to the issues we now face. From an environmental, fiscal, and public awareness standpoint the time to breach the dam has never been more opportune. I pray the decision makers come to the correct conclusion as well.
9/29/2021 17:54	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep and maintain Kirkpatrick dam!	Rodman reservoir is an excellent bass fishery and supports the local economy in the area.	Detriment to the local economy. And the destruction of rodman reservoir!	No. The damn must remain in place in good working order. To preserve the pristine ecosystem and excellent bass fishery like Rodman reservoir.		
9/29/2021 18:07	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to a more natural state.	Dam removal will restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Dam safety, improved water quality, added economic benefits, and wildlife need the river restored to a more natural state.	
9/29/2021 18:11	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I think it would be beneficial to restore the springs and breech the dam. Manatees need access to them and a clearer path to Silver river and silver springs.	This reservoir is no long needed as the barge canal did not get completed. This passage can be utilized to help manatees have access to warmer water that is vital for them in the winter months.	Manatees will suffer as the water in the reservoir is too cold for the them especially in winter months.	I believe the right thing is to restore this area to its original condition.	Please consider restoring this area to its original state to benefit the manatees. We must protect them and their natural habit! Thank you!	
9/29/2021 18:15	Pasco		No	No										
9/29/2021 18:17	Sarasota		No	No					Restore the river					
9/29/2021 18:18	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing	I would like to see it left alone!!	Rodman is one to the top fisheries in the country. It supports all kinds of habitat and is a wonderful place to enjoy.	it would be very concerned that it would take many many years for this area to ever get back to a natural landscape.	Not at all!! Leave it alone!!!		I have fished Rodman and the river basin for over 50 years. It's one of the most beautiful bodies of water and is loaded with fish. The people that are pushing this most likely has never been out and enjoyed this wonderful place.
9/29/2021 18:20	Palm Beach		No	Yes					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	* There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. * Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. * Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. * The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	* We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. * The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. * Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. * Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. * Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. * Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	* MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. * SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/29/2021 18:25	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river	Restoring the natural flow will benefit wildlife, residents, and visitors.	Continuation of what has been an environmental tragedy	No		
9/29/2021 18:43	Citrus		No	No					return our Waterways back to its normal flow.	Natural flow of the old Florida waters seem to be best ecology. The proposed waterway would have been good but since it is not going to be completed it only makes since to restore it.	algae and red tide destroying those waterways for lack of good water exghane	no		
9/29/2021 18:49	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay the way it is. Great fishery	Thousand if people visit every year.	That they mess the whole place up.	No		I've been fishing rodman for 51 years, please leave this beautiful place alone.
9/29/2021 18:53	Marion		No	No					Get rid of that dam. I've been hearing about this for 27 years. It's time!	It opens up areas for manatees and it's the way it was intended by nature.	I have no concerns because when you remove it, it will go back to how it is supposed to be.	No.		
9/29/2021 18:56	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	To be left alone, to be left a beautiful sanctuary, fishing spot	I've grown up going there. I Know.	That they mess it all up . fish kills .	No		A native Floridian, been fishing rodman forever. And I hope it stays the way it is
9/29/2021 19:00	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: Kayaking	Free flowing for Manatee & to help other natural springs' environments	It's beneficial for the environment	Lack of natural vegetation and environment	Partial opening		
9/29/2021 19:02	Marion		No	No					Take the damn down	It impedes the manatees from the springs when they need the warmer water.	The manatees are dying off we need to help them.	No.		
9/29/2021 19:05	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	preserve the Dam	Nature and the beautiful of the revivor that is amazing	move away from this area	none		Its unbelievable that we are still dealing with this, the most beautiful lake with all wildlife thriving and still dealing with people who don't know what nature is. Save the lake poeple or were going to lose everything
9/29/2021 19:08	Manatee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.		I want and value natural Florida...including its wildlife ...this can't wait...long overdue
9/29/2021 19:11	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Photography. I am a Fine Art Photographer	I would like to see a free moving area, connecting Silver Springs and other waterways, as nature wanted it to be.	I have read tons of articles and listened to newscasts about the Rodman dam and the controversy over it, and it is time, now, to remove the dam and let the waters flow as they should be, so more people can enjoy it, not just the fishermen and women. It would open the way for so much more enjoyment of that whole area!	Also, while I have your attention, stop letting water companies drain the Ocklawaha! It is a travesty!	No		As a Fine Art photographer, I moved to Florida over 50 years ago. I tubed the Oklawaha many many times, just enjoying nature and the natural waterway. I explored so many places in Florida, including the area around the dam in question. I stayed here that long because of the natural beauty. Let it be. Let nature run it's course. Let the water flow.
9/29/2021 19:12	Outside of state / other	america	No	No						yes				
9/29/2021 19:13	Bradford		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	leave it be.	the amount of wildlife you see above and below the surface. also the amount of visitors i've seen enjoying themselves since the Mid 1970's.	Development for corporations, residences on a large scale, pollution from these entities and the loss of wildlife that has been generated since it's inception.	NO!		
9/29/2021 19:22	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.		
9/29/2021 19:30	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is.	I've fished and hunted on Rodman all my life.	We would loose true sportsman's paradise.	Keep it as is.		
9/29/2021 19:36	Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	More wildlife protection. Many areas are left unregulated.	A severe decline in manatee sightings I personally can attest to.	An even higher decline in overall manatee population numbers.	Yes. Maybe lowering number of water vehicles allowed. Allowing for a decrease of manatee strikes.		
9/29/2021 19:38	Outside of state / other	Alpharetta, GA	No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it. Don't cut it.	Amazing wildlife habitat. Nature flourishes.	Loss of one of the most amazing fisheries in the nation.			Save Rodman!
9/29/2021 19:41	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Other	Breach the Dam	Allowing manatees access to warmer waters	Manatee deaths	No		
9/29/2021 19:51	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Bring it back to. Close to former natural . Natural river.	Many years ago, I was on the river many times, boating and fishing. I lived in Gainesville, and my family loved the river as it was, in its natural state.	Too many of our natural springs, waterways and lakes have been changed and ruined in Florida. The Oklawaha River needs to have more of its original river returned.	I am sure there could and would be some negotiating.		Thank everyone who brings conversation and solutions to bringing back the River we all love.
9/29/2021 19:56	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam!	I would love for my son to be able to see any of the 20 springs that the damn has subsequently drowned.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	for my entire life people have been begging the state to do something. It's time to take steps to properly restore our most precious resource, fresh water.		Please! I beg you to consider breaching the dam. I love our beautiful state and we should treat its waters with respect.
9/29/2021 20:11	Baker		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Economic impacts from the fishing industry and the loss of the mass ecosystem that lives there	Millions of dead fish and wildlife	No		Rodman reservoir has been around long enough and has flourished with wildlife and has its own ecosystem It should be protected just the way it is
9/29/2021 20:13	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	that they be left as is for people to enjoy like they have since 1968	I have taken my kids and grandkids there to enjoy the fishing and abundant wildlife, from Bald Eagles to the numerous Manatees. Endangered species that need a natural habitat to survive.	If you drive up to Gainesville you will see the mud flats that was once an area like Rodman that was supposed to be restored back to what it was before. Not sure how many years ago this was done but it's still mud flats that supports no form of life either human or nature. is that what we want to do with something beautiful that was created for a specific reason and should be left well alone.	No, not really. Sometimes the behest of the minority should not be implemented against the wishes of the majority. Rodman reservoir sounds so much better than Rodman mud flats. I have taken 3 generations of my family there and hope they can take future generations of my family there .		I understand that some studies have been done on this, please keep in mind that if you pay someone enough money then they will say exactly what you want them to say, thank you.
9/29/2021 20:18	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Repair and upgrades for future generations					
9/29/2021 20:27	Columbia		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Upgrade boat ramps so you can host larger tournaments	increasing the boat ramp size and and parking areas would positively impact local communities	None	None		I have grown up fishing and enjoying the reservoir and want to make sure future generations get to use and enjoy this wonderful place
9/29/2021 20:32	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Leave it like it is.	Without those dams working we the fishing community are screwed.	That fish won't be able to thrive and live like they are supposed to.			Please do not spray this place it would easily be the best place in the world to fish if you would just keep the fec out of there.
9/29/2021 20:36	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it better maintained. If it cannot be maintained efficiently, it needs to be taken out and the river restored and maintained as a wildlife habitat for the community.	I live and work at the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch. I don't have a position either way. I simply want the rivers (Ocklawaha / it Johns) managed in a way to decrease risk of flooding, decrease algae blooms and to increase aquatic wildlife habitats and improve recreational opportunities.	I am concerned about the poor condition of the dam and the possibility of unstable water levels in the surrounding areas.	I would support the improved maintenance of the dam and reservoir. It is not in good condition. The area surrounding the dam is poorly maintained and people are trashing it regularly. If the property can't be maintained, it needs to be eliminated if this would bring about a more beautiful and wildlife friendly area.		trust those who study the rivers and area to do what's best for the future environment.
9/29/2021 20:38	Nassau		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see this preserved. It is a huge freshwater resource.	Wildlife living in the lake	We lose a great resource of fresh water in north Florida.	No the damn must stay		
9/29/2021 20:40	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam operating	With the growth of north central Florida water is and will become a greater needed resource	Loss of Rodman pool	No		
9/29/2021 20:41	Sumter		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.		
9/29/2021 20:49	Putnam		No	Yes				Fishing Wildlife viewing Other	Make the necessary repairs to the Kirkpatrick Dam and continue water quality, marine and wildlife studies.	I have fished the Rodman from the first year it was created to this date (0/28/21). It's has it's own echo system and cannot be restored to what it was 55 years ago.	Not sure.	None		
9/29/2021 20:50	Duval		No	No					I would very much like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam be breached. Restoring the Ocklawaha River & the springs by doing this would restore critical manatee habitat (an iconic FL species! tourists LOVE them!) as well as for migratory fish - another key FL tourist draw! Anyway, the dam is past its useful life, & breaching it will save us taxpayers from $4M to $14M. This really does seem like a no-brainer decision.	Weird question, but here goes: that breaching this one old, expensive to maintain dam will restore migratory fish populations AND provide habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Wasted taxpayer money on a dam we don't need that destroys wildlife that we do (helloooo tourism!) and results in lower water quality for us humans.	No.		very much hope that the decisionmakers who read these comments make the right decision & breach this dam. Fifty years ago, we had a different understanding of how to manage the natural world in which we live for better human health & prosperity. Now, our understanding of how to achieve those goals is far better, & we know breaching this dam is the correct decision. Please make it. Thank you.
9/29/2021 20:53	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like it to remain as is. It is a great body of water to watch wildlife and enjoy nature.	It's the reason I come to the area.	We'd lose out on all the fishing and nature this reservoir provides.	Please keep the dam.		
9/29/2021 20:55	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	Repair existing structures, clear vegetation out of the waterway, keep locks up and running several times per day, support manatees and other wildlife (avoid herbicides that harm them)	As a frequent visitor I know how great Rodman is to the Florida outdoors lifestyle	Destruction of homes for wildlife, lack of good quality fishing	Keep Rodman open even if locks aren't able to keep running		Save rodman

9/29/2021 21:03	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Manatees dying from loss of habitat.	If there is another proposal that will help restore manatee habitat, I believe people would be willing to listen. I know I'm not a Florida resident, but it's crucial that manatees are protected to prevent their extinction which affects everyone. !	Thank you for your time.
9/29/2021 21:07	Hillsborough		No	No					remove the dam	restore the Ocklawaha, Silver Springs and St. Johnriver systems	water quality continues to decline	No, the rivers should be allowed to flow naturally	
9/29/2021 21:09	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam	The dam is old	Taxpayer dollars would go to waste on dam repairs	No	
9/29/2021 21:10	Outside of state / other	Memphis, Tennessee	No	No					I would love to see it breached	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. I have fallen in love with these beautiful peaceful creatures, and it's been cruel to take away their warm waters.	* Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. * Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Very sad when this in-needed dam could be taken out to help the situation.	None. Breaching the dam is over due and needs to be done.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.
9/29/2021 21:13	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/29/2021 21:13	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We are losing our beautiful native habitats and wildlife. We should be doing everything possible to protect it all.
9/29/2021 21:36	Marion		No	Yes				Other	Restore the oklawaha river, get rid of the dam	Water quality, environmental protection' wildlife habitat, enjoyment of nature.	Water,environment, loss of flora and fauna	No	Florida water is i danger. The springs are getting contaminated by river backflow into springs as the springs are losing flow due to overuse of water, selling it to Nestlé, ect.
9/29/2021 21:36	Clay		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating	Nothing. Leave it alone.	This eco system was created years ago. It is full of life, and removing the damn would be catastrophic to the eco system that has been created	Like I said, this was created, by man, years ago. This entire habitat would be a mud hole for years to come. My children's children would never see the end result that those who are claiming that it would return to its natural state.	No. Just leave it alone.	This is one of the most unique fisheries in the state of Florida, or maybe even the entire country. Full of wildlife from fish, to birds, manatee, and of course alligators. What purpose would it serve to remove the dams, and turn it into an inaccessible swamp. Right now. The animals are happy, and I think that's what it's all about.
9/29/2021 21:53	Alachua		No						Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
9/29/2021 21:59	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Let the Ocklawaha river return to how it originally was.	The dam is preventing important water flow which helps support the ecosystem and recharge dozens of springs and rivers. It negatively impacts the natural environment. The Bible says that we are supposed to be good stewards of the land, and destroying God's creations by preventing the natural flow of the river is going against his will.	The water quality is going to decline because it is preventing recharge of the river so pollutants are building up faster. It is going to lead to massive algae blooms and fish die offs which we are already experiencing due to our destruction of Florida's natural ecosystem. If we do not do the bare minimum by removing the dam, then massive catastrophe will happen in the long run. And even if you do not care about the ecosystem and are okay with it being destroyed, it is going to cost the tax payers a lot of money when the dam eventually breaks!	No. We need to get rid of the dam.	People have been manipulating Florida's natural ecosystem for decades. The cross Florida Canal was a terrible idea and should have never happened. As I mentioned previously, we are going against God's will by tearing up his environment. We are not being stewards of the land. God created Florida the way that it was meant to be, and man is going against God's will by destroying the land to make a quick buck.
9/29/2021 22:02	Brevard		No	No									
9/29/2021 22:04	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	How much of the natural flow of the river would improve the fish and other wildlife population.	Continued degradation of the river.	No.	
9/29/2021 22:11	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is more than 50 years overdue.	Florida wildlife and water quality, not to mention dam safety, are at risk if this does not happen.
9/29/2021 22:19	Outside of state / other	Chattanooga, TN	No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing	Nothing	Personal experience	We would lose a great place to fish	Is there something in between removing the dam and doing nothing ?	The Oklawaha River is long and beautiful, but I think there would be tremendous drop in public use to the area if Rodman Reservoir is no longer there. I'm sure I would remove it as a destination, but I am a fisherman. Maybe there would be more kayaking, but would there be an increase in public use compared to current use? I hope THAT is the question!
9/29/2021 22:19	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha river.	Restoring the natural springs and improving water quality.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region.	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue.	
9/29/2021 22:20	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam stay open for all of the recreational users to have access	I am on the water around the time 2-3 times a week bowfishing about 9 months out of the year and when Alligator season starts im normally around the dam 5-7 days/nights a week hunting. It is a very important place in the area for hunting,fishing,boat ing,wildlife watching and everything in between.	My biggest concern is the loss of one of the best recreational places in this part of the state.	No	
9/29/2021 22:29	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it stay opened.	We are out there several times throughout the year, hunting , fishing, watching all the wildlife in the area. It's an amazing place for all outdoor enthusiast.	My biggest concern is the lost of all the wildlife and the area to recreate.	No	
9/29/2021 22:29	Outside of state / other	Cook County Georgia	No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain Ecosystem for wildlife and recreation	Friends that share the same views	Fishery , wildlife endangerment in certain species , plants , animals , eagles	Would depend	Keeping this ecosystem alive is important foe That region , Rodman is well known world-wide , there are hundreds of species that thrive in Rodman reservoir . People love fishing Rodman and have for years and years , I believe Rodman should continue to stay for our youth for generations to come .
9/29/2021 22:29	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it, Please!	Spring restoration, and help impact manatee population, and hopefully help with migratory fish populations.		No, I see no other option. It is the only way and the right thing to do.	Please take this seriously. Put nature above petty short term human needs for once. Thx
9/29/2021 22:30	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Take it out	The dam causes toxic algae blooms and massive fish die-offs as well as enables the spread of invasive aquatic plants. It also causes the tax payers millions of dollars. Worst of all, it causes the build up of pollution in the water by preventing flow of multiple rivers and stops the recharge of dozens of important springs.	The further destruction of Florida's water/eco system.		
9/29/2021 22:30	Alachua		No	No					To see it removed	It causes a lot of ecological damage to our waterways and costs a lot of money to maintain.	That there would be continued damage to Florida's waterways.	To see it partially removed.	
9/29/2021 22:36	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	It needs the hydrilla tamed down a tad bit but other than that leave it in its natural beautiful state the ecosystem out there is amazing it's true Florida at its best	The amazing wildlife an habitat it supports for them an the lessons my kids learn out there how to respect nature at its finest	The government steady taking our rights an places we can express those American rights as outdoors men our future generations will not be able to experience or learn life lessons and how to survive		Please don't shut down Rodman most of my best memories have been made in that channel an some are best yet to come with my 8 year old son
9/29/2021 22:41	Outside of state / other		No	No									
9/29/2021 22:43	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/29/2021 22:47	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Picnicking	Gradual removal of the dam and restoration efforts of the Ocklawaha River.	Costs associated with maintenance and upkeep, historical documents and information on why the dam was initially constructed, and it's present effect on the environment, wildlife migration, and mating habits.	Taxpayer money allocation and long term environmental effects.		
9/29/2021 22:48	Pinellas		No	No					Open allowing water to flow to springs	save Florida wildlife	The dam will stay up	N/A	
9/29/2021 22:56	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it continue to operate in the same manner as it has for over five decades.	The reservoir has a well established ecosystem that would suffer greatly if the dam was removed.	Rodman would become a desolate wasteland of a beautiful fishery that is a crown jewel of Florida, which offers so much more than simply fishing	Absolutely not. Anything short of leaving the reservoir "as is" would be inexcusable and I would never support it.	The continued efforts of ill-informed citizens who do not use simple measures of checks and balances when fighting for the removal of the reservoir and dam must be stopped. The economic impact that it would have on the area is enormous. The fishermen and general nature lovers drive the economy of the adjacent towns surrounding Rodman. Why would an ecosystem of this magnitude even be in jeopardy of being destroyed? The Oklawaha river on either side of Rodman pool is as natural and beautiful as ever. The water flowing continues all the way to the St. John's as it always has.
9/29/2021 22:57	Pinellas		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Please destroy the dam and let the natural waterways join again	Four to fourteen million dollars in overdue repairs to the Rodman Dam can be saved.	The dam is flooded and overflows and we owe millons of dollars to homes that are flooded. Look at the map! Please!	This dam has been there way too long. It's going to cost a lot of money to keep and it's bad for the ecosystem. Let a few fishermen mean the loss but everyone else has been moaning a long damn time.	My college buddies and I eat at the Dam Diner twice a year when we gather in the forest to remember old times. We've been coming here for over fifty years. We want our river back. Please help us.
9/29/2021 22:59	Alachua		No	No					Take down or breach the Dam.	With no other real vues for the Dam, the amount saved by not restoring the Dam in addition to the number of springs that would be restored makes this a very cost-effective move with very few cons.	Millions in taxpayer money used to restore or repair the Dam, which does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or any other public benefit. There would be greater public benefit by restoring the wildlife of the area.	No.	Breaching the Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River will be the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Protecting the natural areas will help foster (sustainable) tourism to the area and allow us to grow the local economy in other more creative, less harmful ways.
9/29/2021 23:00	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Hunting	Continue to stay open for recreational use by the public as well as hunting and fishing. This is a beautiful place that we as outdoorsman treasure.	There are certainly not many places like Rodman, and as outdoorsman we treasure the ability to be able to hunt and fish there. Please continue to allow us to do so	It would take a huge opportunity away from outdoorsman to hunt and fish such a beautiful place that is abundant with opportunity	No. Rodman should stay open	Rodman needs to stay open to hunting and fishing. The public deserves access to Rodman and to be able to enjoy it to the fullest.
9/29/2021 23:11	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take it down	I remember the abundant migratory fish and wilderness before the dam...stirped bass up river...it stopped the natural movement of wildlife. The manatees need the habitat at this critical time.	Continued deterioration of the waterway.	Ummm, no.	
9/29/2021 23:13	Sarasota		No	No					I would like to see manatees allowed to move freely between the springs.	Manatees require these consistent temperatures of the springs to survive the winter.	Manatees are doing at a record number because of lack of breeding and winter grounds. This could only get worse.	Not unless there's another way to allow the manatees to freely move.	
9/29/2021 23:57	Seminole		No	No					To bring the river water flow back to the way it is supposed to be	All changes to waterway flows eventually end up worse for our environment and ecology.	There is no concern because the outcome will be the way 'mother nature' intended it to be	No	
9/30/2021 0:03	Broward		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the damn breached.	The return of habitat to wildlife.	The certain environmental blight.	Unfortunately no	
9/30/2021 0:28	Marion		No	No					Tear it down!just back what was once so. for the animals that can't migrate and for the waste of my hard-earned tax money for upkeep.futhermore the place is a dump people have no respect garbage everywhere, restore what was once pristine.	I am a lifelong resident of areas around dam it's a shame that we as humans cannot learn from our mistakes!	That one of the most beautiful places on earth would be forever lost to mans stupidity	No	
9/30/2021 0:29	Flagler		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Other: When I was young (some thirty years ago) I did some canoeing in the area	Restore the wetlands and Ocklawaha to the way the Creator created them.	If we've learned anything over the years it's that natural systems function better than anything we can engineer. Florida needs to protects its water and water recharge areas. The boys in their motorboats have plenty of other places to play in.	Desalination plants as our main source of drinking water.	Boardwalks for those who feel a need to know it's there.	This was a mistake from the get go. A few good old boys wanted a playground and taxpayers, the vast majority of whom got no benefit from it whatsoever, paid for it. The one's who want the dam are the ones who whine about socialism and taxes and big government. Well, now is their chance to undo a boondoggle for good.
9/30/2021 0:32	Dade		No	No					It would be nice to preserve fishing and recreation, but the restoration of river flows takes precedence.	If the dam is about to fail, why not help it along in a controlled manner?	Continued environmental damage.	No, restoration of as much of Florida as possible is the best outcome for people and nature as well. As a native of Florida, I remember well how it was even half a century ago, and it was a fine place to live. Now it's sad and awful.	
9/30/2021 0:34	Alachua		No	No		More than 5 times			Leave it the way it is	Wildlife			
9/30/2021 0:43	Outside of state / other	UK	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	For a regular holiday visitor to the area, coming predominantly for the wildlife, breaching the Dam would enhance the area and undoubtedly improve the habitat for manatee and other aquatic wildlife.	Improvement to the habitat of wildlife as stated by several groups	Continued erosion of natural habitats, endangering particularly manatee by bringing them into an ever more populated area used by motorised leisure participants	No	The area relies heavily on tourism and particularly on those coming for the wildlife. This is an opportunity to not only support wildlife, but also to further attract visitors to the area, boosting the local economy at a time when it has been hit by global events and the lack of international visitors.
9/30/2021 1:01	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam	Toxic algae blooms are caused by the dam, and too much money has gone into maintaining the decrepit dam	Continue to spend money on a useless piece of infrastructure that causes negative environmental impact	No	
9/30/2021 1:15	Orange		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Artist sketching	Remove the dam	Increase in water quality, return of wildlife and environmental viability. Funding opportunities for area responsible development	Increase in negative environmental impact on area and surrounding communities	No. Fix what's broken before it's too late.	Thank you for your time.
9/30/2021 2:00	Leon		No	Yes				Other: I don't use the reservoir, but what difference does it make.	Removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River	Restoring the river and flood plane and benefiting the St. Johns River is more important than maintaining the reservoir that should never have happened.	That the St. Johns WMD pays more attention to local politics than its responsibilities to protect and enhance the district's water and natural resources.	No.	This survey appears to be biased towards users of the reservoir. The general public would probably have varying opinions....I was onsite with Governor Martinez at the celebration of the deauthorization of the barge canal and assumed that the canal's destruction would be rectified. Will send an email.
9/30/2021 2:02	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see it removed.	The existence of the dam benefits few and causes continuous damage to the local environment as well as contributing to toxic algae bloom, an increasingly disturbing problem in the Florida. As the purpose of the dam will never see completion, it serves no purpose other than to drain tax dollars.	Continued growth of toxic algae blooms which in turn causes a steadily declining fish population. Lack of water choking out springs and contributing to the pollution of surrounding waterways. Wasted tax dollars on dam maintenance.	I'm not sure how one could partially remove a dam, but if some arcane method is devised to do so, I suppose I could potentially support it if it resulted in greater water flow to the area.	None.
9/30/2021 2:27	Pasco		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/30/2021 3:36	Alachua		No	No					remove the dam	The dam has blocked the path of fish and manatees at a time when manatees are dying at an alarming rate.	More manatees would die, water quality would worsen, and money is wasted on repairing a dam that doesn't anything to help the majority of people in Florida	no	The dam isn't contributing flood protection, power, water supply or any other broad public benefit so we should remove it to help the environment, which is a public good. Also, unblocking the 20 natural springs buried by the reservoir would increase tourism because everyone loves springs.
9/30/2021 4:27	Taylor		No	No									
9/30/2021 4:48	Marion		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. The dam was built to support the barge canal. The dam was found to be an environmental disaster and keeping it is also.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 60% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
9/30/2021 5:08	Manatee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the rivers.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	For far too long humans have manipulated Earth's natural systems, mostly with grave results. This is just another example. This can be easily remedied.
9/30/2021 5:09	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam before disaster strikes	FEMA, Silver Springs biodiversity scientists		Don't replace the dam	
9/30/2021 5:19	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting	Take it down	Saving the springs, wildlife,	Springs will dry up, wildlife will die, air pollution	No	
9/30/2021 5:32	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please return the water to the springs to help increase the populations of manatees & migratory fish. These animals are intrinsic to the health of our ecosystems.		Manatee populations are in serious decline and we must do everything we can to save them.		
9/30/2021 5:52	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it. Two wrongs don't make a right. Strong eco system in place, and I personally know guides who rely on the reservoir.	Reservoir. Proven, time and time again. The eco system is in tact and thriving. Every drawdown, people in the area experience problems with their wells. The basin holds emergency use water for Putnam County. We have more important things to productively spend taxpayer dollars on in Putnam County than DE shrutting the dam. The reservoir is a major source of income for one of the poorest counties in FL. We not only have guide services, but hotels, restaurants and tackle shops that rely on the fishing industry as well as gas stations and marine exchanges. makes no economical or ecological sense. On any given trip you see manatees, Eagles, ospreys, alligators, snakes along with ducks all freshwater species of fishes. The place is thriving and healthy. You will displace more wildlife the removal than people realize. The reservoir is also a proven filter for the river.	Displacement of wildlife, major loss of water retainage for West Putnam and major loss of income for many business.	NO. Keep the dam and reservoir as is.	
9/30/2021 5:55	Brevard		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No.	
9/30/2021 5:56	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breached	Let the river flow freely and restore itself all the way downstream	the river is dying and will continue to degrade		

9/30/2021 6:09	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the free flowing river.	The profound economic and environmental costs of maintaining a damn increase over time. I would love to be able to see manatees in Silver Springs in my lifetime.	Damn failure. That structure is getting old	There is no "half a damn" scenario. Wmd does a pretty good job with drawdowns, etc. but that is not a free flowing river.	Really, it's time. Just remove the damn.
9/30/2021 6:14	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove it	Would like to see the flooded springs under the reservoir	I could not see the area in its natural state.	Like what?!	Free the Ocklawaha River. There are plenty of places to fish. Springs are unique.
9/30/2021 6:25	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam so that the water can flow freely. It will be a different kind of attraction, but there will still be fishing, boating, and wildlife and hopefully the natural balance will improve.	I have been following this debate for years, and I understand the concerns people have about changes to the river. However, one the dame is gone and the river restored, there will be new possibilities for all the current uses. Our watershed needs to be as natural as possible in order to keep the level of pollutants down.	Continuing rise in the level of pollutants in the watershed; continued difficulties for plants, animals, fish, and invertebrates, adjustments for those who rely on the dam for their livelihood (which could be bridged with some grants or loans to give people time to adjust their businesses).	We need a free-flowing river.	Thank you for asking what we think.
9/30/2021 6:30	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other	Remove them and restore the flow of the Ocklawaha River	Structural and environmental studies	Collapse of the dam long past it's life expectancy or frivolous continued maintenance of unneeded infrastructure	Phased removal	
9/30/2021 6:31	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Protected/cared for	Resource protection	Health of the ecosystem	Improve the health of the water	
9/30/2021 6:31	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	Restoring the natural flow of the river.		Greatly increasing the flow of water on the Oklawaha river.	
9/30/2021 6:37	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	I would like to see the dam either removed or altered for a free flowing river.	The manatees, aquatic animals and springs are perishing. The water used to be clean and clear. I had to report a dead manatee.	The ocklawaha river suffers further damage.	Open the dam so wildlife can pass.	
9/30/2021 6:39	Alachua		No	Yes					Remove the dam				
9/30/2021 6:42	Marion		No	No					I'd like to see the Ocklawaha River restored to better ensure a healthier water environment. The dam should be removed, at least partially. I understand this will positively impact the St. Johns River estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville.	The rising salinity in parts of the St. Johns River.	The river's rising salinity will lead to greater environmental damage along the St. Johns River and estuary.	While I believe removing the dam entirely is the best method and solution, I would be OK if part of the dam were removed to accomplish an improved environment along the St. Johns and its estuary.	Thanks for asking for public input.
9/30/2021 6:52	Putnam		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Continue to make necessary repairs and maintenance. Invest in the facilities to improve community use.	Effects to the environment and ecosystem if removed would be detrimental on both sides of the dam.	Loss of ecosystem, environmental damage, loss of community activities, loss of tourism.	I don't think any other scenario would benefit the surrounding environments.	
9/30/2021 6:53	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the Dam and Reservoir. It is world famous.	The reservoir has created a unique environment for wildlife. Jacksonville government should not have the right to influence another county's right to make its own decision on what is or is not important. The river keepers studies have been slanted toward their bias.	We would lose this unique environment. I fear those making the most noise don't even use the reservoir. This would make a poor country even poorer at the expense of a greedy few.	No	This reservoir is visited by people from around the country I suspect they would not return.
9/30/2021 6:57	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		Remove Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha river to its natural state.	The aging dam will need continuing maintenance to avoid failing and that records from Florida's Department of Environmental Protection showed it was 'subject to catastrophic failure' that could affect hundreds of properties.	Failure of the structure, especially during a severe weather event (or caused by such) could cause untold hardship on residential and commercial properties, whereas a staged dam removal would mitigate such an occurrence.	A partial removal of the dam	
9/30/2021 7:00	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the springs and connection between the Ocklawaha, St John's and Silver River so that fish and manatee can return as they once were. Stop spending tax payers money on maintaining the dam.	Water quality and manatee and fish populations are declining in the rivers and we are spending millions of taxpayer money to support a dam that is unnecessary and harmful to the historic natural environment.	Continued environmental degradation. Loss of historic ecosystem.	Not really.	Until recently I was a resident of Putnam county and I regularly visited the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St John's river to kayak and just enjoy nature. During the drawdowns I was amazed at the changes in the Ocklawaha and visited the lost springs. I live in Gainesville now but still visit the rivers, but I am increasingly concerned about the way the rivers are declining in health. I just don't understand why the water district retains the Rodman Dam at such a high cost to taxpayers and just for special fishing. I feel like tourist dollars would increase if the area is restored to it's natural state.
9/30/2021 7:01	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	We would like the dam to be removed and the river returned to a free flowing, natural state.	The continued upkeep of the dam and waterway is not a long term solution. The free water connection to the St. Johns River will benefit the St. Johns River and local environment.	The health of the St. Johns River.	None that I have heard or thought were viable and practical.	
9/30/2021 7:02	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I think the dam is no longer needed in order that the Ocklawaha River downstream becomes environmentally friendly again.	Environmental protection of the river. Central Florida has many other fishing areas both accessible from shore and boats. Fishermen and women do not need Rodman reservoir and the canal.	The dam falls and destroys all in its wake of escaping water.	Don't know of one	
9/30/2021 7:03	Hernando		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam help will restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Comments submitted on behalf of Hernando Audubon Society, Inc. by Tom St Clair, PhD, Conservation Chair. Our mission statement is that "Hernando Audubon works to promote an awareness and appreciation of nature, to preserve and protect natural ecosystems, and to encourage responsible environmental stewardship.
9/30/2021 7:05	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river	it's necessary to periodically drain and clean the artificial reservoir. The river would thrive in its natural condition	Expense to maintain the dam and reservoir.	No	
9/30/2021 7:07	Duval		No	No					I'd like to see both removed and the river allowed to return to it's original footprint.	A free-flowing Ocklawaha would supply fresh water that's needed to offset rising salinity in parts of the St. Johns nearer to where it meets the ocean at Mayport.	Salinity levels will continue to rise as water from the river continues to be diverted for other uses. This increase will affect the wildlife and plants that really on the river. Ex: Kill off grasses that rely on freshwater. Reduction in grasses will directly affect Manatee populations and fishes that use them as nurseries.	Partial breach, but full removal is preferred.	NA
9/30/2021 7:12	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam. Restore the river. The dam is old and not useful. Its removal would restore many fresh water springs and several rivers. These natural waters are the lifeblood of Florida, upon which we ALL depend.		Leaving the dam dooms us to the loss of more than natural resources and wildlife habitat. Florida's economy depends upon tourism, which requires clean and sustainable ecosystems. Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. Leaving the dam dooms many fresh water Springs and several key rivers. Florida's economy depends upon eco tourism. Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. I've been opposed to this dam as long as I've known about it. Since I grew up in Florida, this is my whole life. Removing it is long overdue.	Fresh water and the life it supports are priceless. That means that no amount of money is worth losing them. That means we must act to protect LIFE.
9/30/2021 7:13	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Destroy it	It's too costly to keep up and provides no benefit.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	No. This is long overdue	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/30/2021 7:14	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Other: Beautiful to see various wildlife and no homes or traffic		Nothing unless it needs repairs	Florida is losing areas like Rodman and the dam to development. It is such a peaceful area. I go to watch Eagles flying and have fished it a few times. I was amazed to see so many manatees in the reservoir.	I have read a few articles about wanting to remove the dam and let the natural flow return. It boggles my mind that this is being proposed, especially by people who say they are naturalist. I've never been to a place that has so many different species of birds and various other wildlife. I have fished the lake multiple times since 1985 and the fishing is great. I also believe if they change anything there will be the potential for development.	Not really	I also don't believe we should spend tax payer dollars to change something we spent tax dollars on to build. It's a beautiful nature sanctuary, leave it alone.
9/30/2021 7:14	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restored to its original flow	To help wild life	Slow continual deteriation of wildlife	no	
9/30/2021 7:19	Marion		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Please leave it be.	I frequently go and watch the manatees and bald eagles.	Rodman played as one of the key factors to getting the bald eagle off the endangered species list.	You can't meet in the middle with nature, so no.	Is this really what the state needs to worry about and use valuable time on when we have a bigger problem statewide with spraying of our waterways.
9/30/2021 7:19	Sarasota		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	I would like to see it removed immediately.	The removing of the dam would restore 50 natural springs in the area and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers. The natural water flow would remove invasive weeds, blue-green algae and fish kills, therefore improving the overall water quality and wildlife habitat. This would also save millions of dollars that it will cost to maintain a dam that is well past it's life expectancy.	The creation of dead rivers where no aquatic life or wildlife can survive.	No	
9/30/2021 7:24	Alachua		No	No					Demolish it and restore River flow	Ed Johns river flow salinity	Cost of maintaining dam and environmental effects on river habitat	Probably not	
9/30/2021 7:26	Duval		No	Yes				Boating	Tear it down	Bass will be restored in the Ocklawaha River if the dam is torn down. A UNF student in approximately 2015 did a study that showed bass levels in the Ocklawaha were much higher before the dam than after. This would appease the fishers - show them that they get better fishing if the dam comes down, which has the added benefit of restoring the Ocklawaha and helping the health of the Silver River	Continued declining health of the river system	Not sure	Stop letting businesses take water out of the Silver River. It's killing the springs.
9/30/2021 7:26	Hernando		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the dam and restore the Ockawaha River.	The dam shouldn't have been put there in the first place. Now is the time to correct a past mistake.	continued stupidity.	no	
9/30/2021 7:32	Flagler		No	Yes				Other: Used to go look at it when I lived in Palatka	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River (or leave it to Mother Nature to restore itself).	Knowing that an important part of Florida ecosystem is restored	The failure to correct a big mistake and the continued waste of money to maintain the artificial structure.	Sorry. I cannot think of any.	It's about time.
9/30/2021 7:34	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I do not use the facilities in their present state.	I would like to see the dam removed and the reservoir drained/returned to its natural state existing prior to dam placement.	Ecological restoration.	That, once again, big money trumps environmental justice.	No.	Please remove the dam. I've been reading about this for decades. It's time to take action. Thank you.
9/30/2021 7:35	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and restore the natural flow, water access and fish and wildlife habitat as much as possible. Allow striped bass, and sturgeon to spawn again.	Much environmental harm was and is caused by the dam. There will be much more recreational opportunities if it is removed and habitats and functions restored. It is much more expensive to maintain a dam than to restore the naturally functioning ecosystem.	Wasting taxpayer money to further harm the ecosystem, fisheries, threatened species and recreational opportunities.	Fish and manatees must be able to migrate.	High speed bass boats may have reduced use in the former reservoir area, but there is ample open areas on the St. John's River and lakes for them. It will open up much more area and higher quality resources for slower boats, canoes, and kayaks as well as shoreline fishing and perhaps hunting.
9/30/2021 7:38	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Don't mess with it. one of the best fishing lakes around	The fishing	The Fishing	no	
9/30/2021 7:39	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman Reservoir/ Kirkpatrick dam.	The dams have artificially raised water levels have drowned TWENTY natural springs that would be restored with the breach of Kirkpatrick dam, making the breach the single most effective spring restoration project in Florida.	Due to the drowned springs, hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. There is no purpose for the dam's presence; it only causes harm.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.
9/30/2021 7:41	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I drove there one day with my family just to see the reservoir	Remove the dam and allow the river to return to its original intent	The reservoir was created under false pretenses	Ultimately, it will be what it will be, however, i simply feel there is more potential good from the river flowing unimpeded (spring re-charge, etc.)		
9/30/2021 7:42	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Take it down.	Restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River and the original ecosystem.	The continued decline of the entire St. John's River system.	No.	Supporters of the dam are concerned about the loss of a "fisherman's paradise"? Really? There are plenty of places to fish in that area.
9/30/2021 7:45	Nassau		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Would love to be able to enjoy the Reservior and my family continue to visit amd enjoy for years to come.	The preservation of the wildlife related to Rodman is vital for Florida.	Loss of wildlife and loss of family owned businesses that rely on the Reservior for their livelihood.	N/A	
9/30/2021 7:59	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Take the dam down and return the area to its natural state.	The importance of the natural state and the damage by man made changes.	The health of the environment	Increased flow from the dam	
9/30/2021 8:02	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking	It is time to remove the damn.	Blocks natural flow of river. Requires too much money, time and effort to maintain for the benefit of a few.	The politically driven non-sense will continue	no	
9/30/2021 8:04	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Other: Only during the drawdown, otherwise only kayak on the river	Removed	The history of the canal that was clearly not economically feasible as a transportation channel but was pursued long beyond those determinations. The dam is a relic of that misguided project and as such should be removed and the river restored.	That North Florida will permanently lose a unique natural environmental treasue.	no	
9/30/2021 8:04	Alachua		No	No					Removal of the dam	River restoration	Algae blooms	More water drained every year	
9/30/2021 8:09	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		The dam should be removed and river restored.	Removing the dam will help restore a natural ecosystem that will benefit native plants and animals. It will also create a new natural recreation area that will draw visitors. Keeping the dam is expensive.	We may miss a rare opportunity to restore and preserve a natural Florida resource.	No	
9/30/2021 8:11	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Maintain & improve			No	
9/30/2021 8:12	Outside of state / other	pennsylvania	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	stay open for fishing	wildlife	loss of wildlife	no	
9/30/2021 8:13	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Removed to allow the free flow of the river and allowing the SJWMD to focus on other more important issues.	Allow the natural system to operate. We are diverting funds from critical needs to support an attempt to change the natural flow of this river.	Missed opportunities for water protection and land conservation. Continued adverse effects of this ill conceived water project.	Not certain.	Restoring natural flow can still provide jobs.
9/30/2021 8:13	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	left as it is now			no	
9/30/2021 8:14	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking	The dam should be removed and the Ocklawaha River restored to its original channel.	Degradation of native fish species and other aquatic life in Silver Springs and Ocklawaha River.	Continued degradation of Silver Springs and Ocklawaha River.	No.	Removal of the dam and the restoration of the Ocklawaha River is long overdue. This should be done as soon as possible.
9/30/2021 8:14	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow. This will increase tourism, and collateral income for businesses.	Where are most of the large fish caught in tournaments? St. John's River. Not the lake.	Continued stagnation on environment and economy.	No	
9/30/2021 8:18	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it breached to let the river flow free.	This will greatly enhance the habitat for wildlife.	A huge missed opportunity to restore an important ecosystem.	Not really - unless the dam is breached, I don't see how the ecosystem would be restored.	
9/30/2021 8:21	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam removed to restore the St. Johns River to its original place. I would like to see the springs hidden by these unnecessary structures restored.	The ongoing cost of maintaining these 2 structures is a burden to the US and Florida taxpayers should be of concern to all of us. I support the restoration of the St. Johns River	Funds available now to remove the Dam may not be available in the future. Florida has a chance now to reverse the damage done in the past.	I do not know of any options other than full restoration that I would support.	Maintaining a flawed fishing hole for a few people is a misuse of funds and a misguided assault on the environment.
9/30/2021 8:27	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the Dam removed and the Ocklawaha restored to its natural state.	I have seen many pictures from family members that went up the River before the Dam was built. My generation has been deprived of the natural beauty and grandeur of this marvelous river and it would be a dream to enjoy the river as generations prior have done.	Taxpayer dollars are being wasted away to preserve a dam and reservoir that has no purpose whatsoever. The only reason cited for keeping the dam is recreational, yet the recreational opportunities of a natural Ocklawaha are much more numerous and will bring much more economic activity to the area.	No	Please, for the love of our beautiful state, remove the dam and reservoir and restore the river. The dam was built for a purpose that never was realized. It has stood for way too long. Let's get on the right side of history and remove this monstrosity and stop wasting money on a pointless dam. Removing the dam is a win-win, we save taxpayer money, while restoring the river to its natural state, for all Floridians and visitors to enjoy.
9/30/2021 8:28	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times		Removal	It is not necessary	Undesirable outcome for nature	No	
9/30/2021 8:30	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Save Rodman for future generations!	It is a GIFT to Wildlife.	The upper communities would Suffer flooding Just recently heavy rains flooding Probably saved by the Dam controlling Outflow. PLUS it is an water reserve For fresh water for surrounding Communities.	None.	It would take 150 years to restore The River to original .
9/30/2021 8:30	Leon		No	No					Breach the dam! Doing so will restore the many springs and be beneficial to fish, migratory birds, and manatees. The dam is expensive to maintain and harmful to the environment.	The research done by The Florida Srings Council and by the American Rivers Foundation.	I am most concerned about the quality of Florida's springs.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Maintaining the dam is a huge waste of money and detrimental in many ways.	Restoring the natural flow of the river is both economically and environmentally the right thing to do.
9/30/2021 8:32	Marion		No	No					restore the river; take down the dam	restoration of the river flow, eco-systems and wildlife, lost springs; opportunities for eco-tourism, better fishing with greater numbers and varieties of fish; canoeing and kayaking	further deterioration of all of the above mentioned concerns	Absolutely not.	Restore and save the river for future generations. Please. Please. Please
9/30/2021 8:36	Volusia		No	No					Remove it as it serves no purpose and does harm to the environment.	studies from Audubon.	The dam needs repair and is a hazard.	NO	
9/30/2021 8:37	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam entirely. Return the reservoir to its original natural river state.	The benefit to the local fishing economy does not justify the cost of maintaining the dam and the environmental harm caused by the dam.	Tax dollars wasted on repairs, and continued environmental damage	No	
9/30/2021 8:37	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it alone. Do whatever maintenance is needed.	N A	No concerns other than the loss of fishing	No. If the dam is removed and reservoir is drained...what's to support?	
9/30/2021 8:37	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: hiked by the dam	remove the dam	It was an ill conceived project from the start. The time is long past for the government to right this wrong.	It would perpetuate the mistake, and require maintaining a structure that should never have been built.	Well, it's an either / or question. I can't conceive of anything in the way of a compromise that makes any sense. The answer is no.	This structure has been kept in place for purely political reasons. It's time the SJWMD finally uses reasoned decision making and overcomes the politics.
9/30/2021 8:43	Duval		No	No					Tear it down	No need for fishermen to use it when there are other places to fish	Man trumphs over nature	No.	
9/30/2021 8:44	Duval		No	Yes	1 time		2-5 times	Boating Other	Keep it as it is. It is its own thriving ecosystem.	I am an armature environmentalist. I have been up and down the Ocklawaha River many times. The damn helps maintain a flow during drought. It is a water shed among fears of water shortages. The lake is thriving with native vegetation and animal life.	A tremendous amount of money spent, and the environmental damage caused by restoration with little benefit.	Not sure	The road to Hell is paved with good intentions. Leave well enough alone.
9/30/2021 8:47	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove, or partially remove, the dam to restore the Ocklawaha to its natural flow.	The legislative Canal Lands Advisory Committee final report (1992); U.S. Forest Service Environmental Impact Statement for Occupancy and Use of National Forest Lands and Ocklawaha River Restoration (2001); SJRWMD Environmental Studies Concerning Four Alternatives for Rodman Dam (1994); Fla. Attorney General Opinion 96-10	Continued deterioration of the river	no	
9/30/2021 8:48	Alachua		No	No					Have it removed and let the river flow	environmental sustainability & safety for people (damn failure vs regular river swelling)	environmental, animal, & human costs		
9/30/2021 8:50	Alachua		No	No					Remove it to restore natural flow to the Ocklawaha River.	Years of studies showing deteriorating water quality in the Ocklawaha and tributaries	More water quality issues affecting fish, wildlife, tourism	Not really	
9/30/2021 8:54	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait	Wildlife and nature areas are being destroyed all over the world. We have to start bringing our nature areas back to how they were intended to be. Please help us bring Florida back.
9/30/2021 8:54	Sarasota		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. John's Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. John's If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Florida wildlife is like no other on earth! We need to protect our environment for future generations to enjoy!
9/30/2021 8:55	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam for restoration! The dam is harming wildlife and water quality.	The cost to our natural resources is the cost to the people as well: $57 million in potential flood damages to property owners. $4-$14 million in dam repairs across the future.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized	No - our state is DECADES past breaching this dam. We NEED this.	Thank you so much for this survey.
9/30/2021 8:58	Suwannee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha's natural flow	News articles from various groups and publications	Continued environmental degradation on the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs	No	
9/30/2021 8:59	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Keep the water flowing.	Study of springs. We have too much development in FL that is already running the land.	Manatees need more feeding grounds. We do not promote the healthiest FL that we can be.	No.	It's already frightening that they want us to recycle used waste water. Why isn't the state promoting and protecting all the free flowing water in our state?
9/30/2021 9:00	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Restore the habitat	Three fact that the dam is pointless and has negative effects	Environmental impacts	Not in this situation.	
9/30/2021 9:03	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Hydro electricity.	opinion.	It's too late to restore the oklawaha. i believe there will be more damage if the dam is removed.	I suppose.	

9/30/2021 9:07	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Return the area to its natural state, by removing the dam.	The natural migration of fish has been disrupted by the dam and the dam is subject to a catastrophic failure.	Failure of the dam would be very costly to all concerned, such as property owners, taxpayers, and our government.	Breaching the barrier of the reservoir to allow the natural flow and leave the dam in place for the historical record. Thus showing how difficult it is to make changes to restore our environment.	When this project was shut down, it left a scar which shows to this day. It should have been removed before the shutdown, as it is incomplete. We owe and own it to return it to its natural state.
9/30/2021 9:09	Alachua		No	No					I would like the dam to be removed.	I personally know an author who wrote book about the Cross Florida canal project	Environmental impact (toxic algae blooms, buildup of pollution, etc) and cost to tax payers.	No.	
9/30/2021 9:13	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha restored.	The environmental benefits of restoring the river. The dam was part of the misguided and failed barge canal and should have been removed when that project was scrapped.	Failure of the dam and continued artificial manipulation of the river's course.		
9/30/2021 9:15	Marion		No	No					Take it down and allow the Oklawaha to return to as near its prior state as possible	Ocala has been my home for 78 years and I have seen the degradation of water flows, springs, and fish numbers and diversity in Silver Springs, Silver Run, and the Oklawaha River. The fishing in the reservoir would be more than made up for by improved fishing in the river.	Large amounts of money wasted to repair a dam that shouldn't have been built in the first place.	No.	I believe in the principle of majority rule, and I think polls have shown that the majority of people want the dam removed. Political donations by a few fishermen should not overrule that.
9/30/2021 9:17	Alachua		No	No					The dam being breached with restoration of critical wildlife habitat, River systems, and springs.	Water quality, restoration of the river systems, habitat restoration, protection of vulnerable wildlife including the manatee. End of the economic waste of dam repairs	Continued demise of the springs and water quality, loss of critical wildlife corridor and species	Absolutely not.	Now is the time and opportunity when funds are available and before the environmental loss is irreversible. If looked at purely from an economic standpoint, restoration of the rivers, springs and wildlife corridors will bring in tourism dollars to the state with visits to the springs, fishing opportunities and wildlife viewing. We have lost so much of our state to development and with an ever increasing population water quality and quality of life are paramount.
9/30/2021 9:18	Alachua		No	Yes				Fishing	Take down the dam. Restore river to its natural state			No	
9/30/2021 9:18	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Florida's fragile environment should be respected and allowed to combat the encroachment of development.
9/30/2021 9:19	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/30/2021 9:20	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Springs would not be restored. Water quality and manatee habitat would continue to decline. Expenses would increase. Poor quality would have negative effects on tourism and economy.	Not really	
9/30/2021 9:22	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	remove the damn	restore the natural wild life	Waste money for a damn that was NEVER needed	no remove the not needed damn don't waste money	
9/30/2021 9:23	Indian River		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River!	Removing that dam would help restore 50 springs! as well and the Ocklawaha Silver and St Johns rivers - thats huge! The Lower Ocklawah and St Johns Rivers will receive over 150 million gals a day! To restore the natural flow. Plus, 4.14 million dollars will be saved to not try to keep up the repairs on an old dam.	Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on 47mil dollars in economic benefits in a 10yr time. Restoration is needed!! It will bring more visitation, construction and hospitality jobs to that area. If you dont remove the dam, water quality will continue to decline, and contribute to that scourge blue green algae, killing fish and more vegetation loss. Plus, if you dont remove the dam, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored - which creates water storage, filtration, flood protection! More wildlife habitat and more	Sorry, NO! Breaching the dam is at least 50 years overdue - that dam is old and needs to come down and let the waters flow again.	Please, please do this, its best for florida and our waters -- with thanks
9/30/2021 9:24	Alachua		No	No						Removal of the Kirkpatrick!	The Barrier that the dam provides that hinders the Natural or Wildlife and Green Development!	Lost and Decline of the Naural Area!	At this time ,given the loss of the Natural Environment over the years,I do not see a compromise that would be effective!	ACTION is NEEDED NOW!!!!.....Thank You
9/30/2021 9:25	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Free the river	A free flow of the river would restore the important eco system - provide flood protection, and offset the salinity of the St John river near Jacksonville.	The sluggish pollution will continue. The eco system will not be restored.		
9/30/2021 9:26	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the normal water flow	Restoration of the river system for water quality, restoration of critical habitat for many species including those that are threatened or endangered and restoration the springs. In summary, the environment and water quality which ultimately translates into quality of life and safety for the human population.	Continued loss of water quality, our spring system, wildlife and quality of life.	No	For those that view economics more important than environment it needs to be understood that in the long run the economic costs of not breaching the dam will prove far higher with repairs, risk of collapse and property damage, loss of tourism dollars from springs loss, problems with water quality which will require economic and technological solutions and ultimately loss of quality of life.
9/30/2021 9:26	Baker		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Keep it. The reservoir isn't hurting anything. Tearing it down would cause more harm than good.	The reservoir brings a great deal of tourism dollars to Putnam county as it is a nationally known renowned fishing destination.	Loss of income to an already struggling county. If it was removed an entire thriving ecosystem would be ruined.	No	
9/30/2021 9:29	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Return the river to it's natural course. Nature recovers quickly historically and the resumption of flow will salvage the region ecologically.	After 50+ years as a Mainer and a teacher of environmental sciences I've personally serene the benefits of dam removal. See the record for other states.	The usual sacrifice of nature's imperitives to Florida's emphasis on tourism and recreational sports. There has been systematic commercialization of the very things that create Florida's value naturally.	Only the pace of implementation to reduce shock to the environment leading to removal of the dam.	
9/30/2021 9:29	Alachua		No	No					Remove it	Environmental information	Rising salinity levels, lack f a free flowing river.	Not really.	The dam should never have been built. Free the Oklawaha!
9/30/2021 9:33	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other	,that the Ocklawaha be restored and the dam removed	Impact on the Environment, recreation	Cost of maintenance , polution	Permanent Drawdown	
9/30/2021 9:34	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing					
9/30/2021 9:35	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the Dam and t's time to restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife. Time and science is showing how Dams provide more harm than good and is not helping with Climate change nor wildlife or environment. Do the right thing and remove the dam.	Reading science magazines, listening to biologists and various scholars. Also various environmental organizations and proof such as red tide, obscene increase in manatees death.	We would be constricting the reasources for Florida's great river waterways, which would decrease the natural habitat of wildlife, including our Manatees and hundreds of other species. We need to stop interfering with Nature and let it run its course. We need to figure out better ways than Dams. See what happened in Utah, Nevada and Calif. when there are dams? They eventually become empty pits.	Not really? What is the purpose of this comment section. Either we remove or leave it. This decision impacts all of Florida. Let's do what is best for the majority and not minority. Thanks for reading and your time and consideration in this critical decision.	
9/30/2021 9:41	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha to it's orginal condition.	The scientific studies that show the harm done by the dam.	The continued damage to the overall ecosystem from the St. John's down to the end of the Ocklawaha.	No.	
9/30/2021 9:41	Alachua		No	No					Remove it	The massive ecological harm it causes	Continued and worsened ecological damage	No	It's a remnant of a failed project, long overdue for removal
9/30/2021 9:43	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Observe dam	Remove dam to restore river to natural state	Dam blocks manatee and fish migration. Covers natural springs. Reduces flow to silver springs silver river	Dam sudden failure. Loss of wildlife habitat	More frequent release of river beyond dam. Permanent lowering of dam so flow levels increased. Open dams during winter months for manatee migrations to warmer springs	Put vote on state agenda for a voter mandate
9/30/2021 9:44	Nassau		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	restore a free flowing Ocklawaha	Floodplain destroyed, springs covered up, natural habitat lost, freshwater flow to St. Johns River decreased, saltwater inflow to St. Johns increased	decrease in water quality, recreational opportunities lost, natural habitat lost, new business opportunities lost	No	Stop wasting taxpayer money on a dam that should be removed
9/30/2021 9:47	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Get rid of it	Science	Algae bloom	Nope	
9/30/2021 9:48	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam. Restoration cost for something never used for its intended purpose would be foolish. Ecosystems would be restored to a more natural status. Fishing and leisure activities would be different but they wouldn't likely end.	Costs financial and environmental	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha River basin and its ecosystems.	Why keep any part of the dam?	
9/30/2021 9:48	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the barrier to let the Ocklawaha be rejoined and flow freely to the St. Johns River. This opens many of the now flooded springs in the River. Without the barrier boaters will be free to boat the entire Ocklawaha, not just to the dam. Buckman Lock is ineffective and needs to go as well. By removing the barrier more fish/manatees etc will have open range. Fishing will improve. Fishermen do not fish in the pool anyway. They can be found in the river channel around the pool. I live in Welaka. My husband was practically raised on the Oklawaha. He saw the first explosion to start this boondoggle and hopes that in his lifetime he will see the river free once again. Welaka has a lot of boat traffic. Many would be happy if they could boat further than the dam. If this controversary had been resolved even 10 years ago, nature would have reclaimed the land and new growth would be well in progress. This has been a political football and never should have been. It is an environmental disaster and those with the education and knowledge should have been listened to. This has NOT been a financial boom for Putnam County. Can you say buying a little bait here and there is a good impact? I think NOT. With the barrier gone, there will be many places for boaters/fishers/families to camp and fish along the banks. At this time it is all flooded. The people on the left have been trying for these many decades to get those in favor of the dam to be outnumbered. I hope by this survey, and voices of the many in favor of removal, will be heard. PLEASE HEAR US!	Environmental Impact on the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. Improving the health of both.	Continuation of the destruction of the environment. Continued promotion of the falacy that the pool has such great fishing. Would you take your boat into an area full of submerged trees???	I DO NOT SUPPORT KEEPING RODMAN. THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION - KEEP OR BREACH AND WE ALL HOPE BREACH WILL BE THE DECISION. GROW SOME CONJONES AND DO THE RIGHT THING.	Those of us who remember the river before the dam would like the honor of celebrating the destruction of this barrier and hopefully be still living to enjoy the new growth and life of this beautiful and historical Ocklawaha. Is all this worth a few redneck fishermen?
9/30/2021 9:52	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Have it be removed				
9/30/2021 9:52	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating	Get rid of the dam and let nature do the rest!	The fact that so many springs are covered.	The manatees being displaced.	No	
9/30/2021 9:54	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Return the Oklawaha River to it's natural state. Fishing might be good for a few, but the dam is not a natural state. We lose so much of natural Florida to growth and development, let's do the right thing here. Restore the river to it's natural state	64 years as a native Floridian.	Money ill spent, and permanent loss of a treasured ecosystem.	No	
9/30/2021 9:54	Duval		No	No					removed 100%	news articles	further pollution of the St. Johns River	no	the use for which it was built was never completed and the natural flow of water needs and should have been restored many years ago.
9/30/2021 9:56	Duval		No	No					Remove the Dam.				
9/30/2021 9:56	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Other: just to see how it's backing up the oklawaha					
9/30/2021 9:56	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time		I'd like to see the river restored to its original state, or a reasonable facsimile thereof.	The numerous conservationist op-eds published to date.	The sitting-in of the St. Johns Rivr shoraline (notably on Wilson's Cove) once the dredging of the Lower St. Johns River is completed.	No.	
9/30/2021 9:59	Duval		No	No						I want it to be breached	Catastrophic flooding among properties costing millions of private and government dollars and an ongoing expensive project.	A partial breaching.	
9/30/2021 10:00	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: just to see how it's backing up the oklawaha		I want to support the St Johns River and it's tributaries' health. It does not serve any purpose since the construction was stopped.	Silver Springs may be beyond reclamation	some method of allowing fish & mammals to traverse the area without impediment	
9/30/2021 10:03	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	remove it	Silver Springs - growing up I used to see Manatees & schools of mullet that kept the springs clean. Now the silver river is cloudy & the water grass is covered in silt			
9/30/2021 10:03	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like it removed to restore the natural environment	That this was a man made structure that is not part of the natural environment	That we continue to influence the natural flow of water in our state.	We need to allow the natural flow of water to limit down stream flooding such as happened in hurricane Irma.	
9/30/2021 10:04	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Breach the dam - it's important for the health of the river. Remove the dam and naturalize the area.	The inability of species to migrate due to the dams presence.	Lack of resiliency in Florida to climate change.	No. No	Please remove this outdated dam and restore this beautiful area.
9/30/2021 10:06	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 11,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/30/2021 10:06	Manatee		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 310-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds support.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 310-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway	
9/30/2021 10:07	Outside of state / other	Wichita KS	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	I would like to see it stay, we vacation there and bass fish we have seen more manitees there than any other body of water we've fished in Florida its a beautiful place and one of the finest bass fisheries in the state.	Support of privately owned business that depend on the fishery to support their families.	That future generation will not get to enjoy one of Florida's hidden treasures and impacts on mantees.	I'd have to see a proposal	None
9/30/2021 10:07	Citrus		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	It should be removed.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored, in wildlife habitat restored.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No	This restoration will improve water quality and flow; support coastal resiliency; and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha.
9/30/2021 10:08	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	People move to Florida for its abundance of wildlife and natural elements. Please help to restore this.
9/30/2021 10:10	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed.	After kayaking the Ocklawaha and Silver rivers on numerous occasions, I've come to realize the Kirkpatrick Dam has negatively impacted the quality of those rivers and the springs that support them.	The continued degradation of those rivers and springs.	No	
9/30/2021 10:10	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	remove the dam and allow the Ocklawaha to flow	The condition of the river and its springs that existed prior to the dam's construction	wasting millions of dollars spent to maintain this unnatural ecosystem	no	
9/30/2021 10:11	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I'd like it to be removed.	Removing the dam would allow manatees access to a vital part of their ecosystem, potentially aiding in their recovery. It would also allow over a dozen springs to be restored, providing vital habitats for native species and aiding in ecosystem recovery.	The dam is overdue for repairs, which would be a waste of money that could go to other projects. Also, reservoirs like this one cause nitrogen build-up, which in turn creates deadly and toxic algae blooms, further destroying our already precarious native ecosystems.	No. The dam is a relic of a failed project.	Climate change is already impacting our beautiful state in terrible ways; removing the dam is just one small thing we can do to help our wildlife and flora remain resilient in the face of other changes. Especially for manatees, who rely on that access to warm springs in the winter. The dam does not provide power, it does not stop flooding, it does not improve water quality, and it will require taxpayer funding to fix. Removing it will impact sportsfishing and boating in the short term, but not removing it would impact both in the longterm due to fish die-off and algae blooms anyway. Funds are available now to make this needed change - it's never been easier to do the right thing.
9/30/2021 10:15	Alachua		No	No					Remove it	The dam is a remnant from the failed Cross-Florida canal project. It causes toxic algae blooms and massive fish die-offs	Toxic algae blooms and massive fish die-offs	No	
9/30/2021 10:16	Martin		No	No					They need to be breached to allow the river to run free, recreating the natural ecology of the area, allowing the springs to regenerate, opening pathways for the animals and plants in the area to move to new locations.	The history of the area as a floodplain forest	Would want to know who is resisting the repair of the natural area. A renewed Oklawaha will help the St John's and other waterways to resist salt water intrusion as sea levels rise.	No	The dam has no future except as a drain on Florida's pocketbook!
9/30/2021 10:18	Alachua		No	No					Breaching the Dam.	The Dam is causing ongoing harm to local ecosystems and economies -- reduced fish populations in Silver Springs, nearby drowned springs, reduced manatee habitat.	Ongoing ecological and economic harm in nearby areas, including reduced job growth and tourism, lack of habitat for fish and manatees, and millions funneled into repair of a Dam that does nothing for flood protection, power generation, water supply, or public benefit.	The Dam really needs to be breached.	Breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam benefits both the public and the environment. Manatees are facing brutal die-offs without access to the warm water habitats the reservoir has destroyed. Springs provide great benefit to the people and ecology of this state, but 20 are drowned in the reservoir. Breaching the dam makes a better Florida for every living thing in the state.

9/30/2021 10:20	Bradford		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove dam structure and let the Ocklawaha run free again.	Reports by SJRWMD staff	We will lose the springs along the River and the fish won't be able to thrive	No. It's been too long. Take the dam structure down	
9/30/2021 10:21	Alachua		No	No					take down the damn, let the natural water flow return	The dam causes toxic algae blooms and massive fish die-offs as well as enables the spread of invasive aquatic plants	The dam causes toxic algae blooms and massive fish die-offs as well as enables the spread of invasive aquatic plants	Open the damn at times.	
9/30/2021 10:24	Bradford		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times		The dam should be breached!	There are 20 drowned springs flooded by the reservoir, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs and river restoration project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs…remember "catfish football" in Silver Springs? Where are the catfish now?	The entire river ecosystem will continue to degrade; counties more dollars will be wasted repairing the unsafe dam, and water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages that require constant application of poisonous herbicides. Hundreds of manatees would lose the potential access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	No, the Ocklawaha and St Johns rivers need to be allowed to heal	I vividly remember a fishing trip on the Ocklawaha as a child, before the dam. It was a magical place and experience, as we went up many spring runs and into little coves catching a variety of fish; bass, panfish, catfish. To keep this dam in place for the benefit of bass fisherman only, destroying a unique and priceless river ecosystem for countless wildlife species and humans, is totally unsustainable and hugely unfair.
9/30/2021 10:26	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the river get rid of dam	The wetlands improve water quality and many springs have been inundated by the dam. Also stagnant water is not great for biodiversity	The deteriorating water quality of the river. Tax payer money going to waste on a dam that doesn't even produce electricity	Increasing drawdowns of reservoir	
9/30/2021 10:32	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Camping at the campground	The dam needs to be removed and the river restored.	The purpose of the reservoir is obsolete, and its permit is expired. It has no regulatory legitimacy. The water resource in the reservoir is wasted due to evaporation and suppression of spring outflow. The dam blocks migration of imperiled species like manatees, and important economic gamefish like striped bass. The reservoir is expensive to maintain. The dam is over 50 years old and due for major maintenance and/or replacement, it could be unsafe. Who (what agency) is going to pay the $300 million to make it sustainable and safe?	Impacts to fish and wildlife, and increasing risk of dam failure.	NO	
9/30/2021 10:35	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam completely and, budget allowing, do as much remediation work as possible to expedite recovery of the Ocklawaha River. Manage and maintain and expand public access.	What I've read mainly in the newspaper since moving to Florida in 1986	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha River basin.	Anything that restores the natural River flow.	Thanks for the survey.
9/30/2021 10:35	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
9/30/2021 10:36	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the rivers natural flow and destroy the dam	Health of the river which is an asset to us all	Politics at its worst will continue the decline of the St. John's water basin	If we can start by restoring 75% of the natural flow that would be a good start	
9/30/2021 10:36	Marion		No	No					Removed	improve the environment	Continue to harm the local eco system	No	
9/30/2021 10:37	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the Dam(m), and restore the Oklawaha River	Everything written about water quality, climate change, and wildlife habitat that I have read	Restore natural water course. Nature first, Big Ag last.	End corporate campaign contributions.	The earth was a perfect system until man started f-n it up.
9/30/2021 10:37	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Driving over the dam after paddling the Ocklawaha during the last drawdown	The dam breached, and the original channel restored as much as possible	it's objectively the right thing to do	More money would be wasted on a deadbeat dam and the Ocklawaha will continue to suffer from it	The FDE partial restoration plan	
9/30/2021 10:37	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	I am torn in 1000 ways on this item. I live in Putnam County and have always been a big fan of the Ocklawaha River, south of the dam. I spent many days as a youngster with my Dad and friends fishing this area and have many cherished moments on this section of waterway. The lower Ocklawaha River has provided for many fish fries. I have even canoed the south portion and camped along the way. Many memories. To this day, I still take my john boat to the lower Ocklawaha to spend time with friends or just get away from the craziness of society. Recently, a Jacksonville couple with their two kids saw me at the dam boat ramp and asked me if I would take them on a tour of the lower Ocklawaha River. I obliged. We all loaded up and cruised the River in my little john boat as I explained little details about the beautiful River along the way. We saw otters, freshwater turtles, gar, and gators as well. My time spent on Lake Ocklawaha is not as extensive but I have fished and camped in the campground. The area around the dam and lake are beautiful and provide many outlets for people to pursue the outdoors. You can even sit on the south side of Lake Ocklawaha in the evening and see a beautiful sunset shimmer to the west of the lake. I can see both sides of the argument, but for some reason my heart wants to release the caged up Ocklawaha and let her run free. The one environmental change I envision is the migration of some fish species such as stripped bass making their migration back to the springs. In addition, this may allow for more opportunities for our beautiful "mermaids" to forage and have more warm water access in the winter as I know currently the manatee population is in dire trouble. As I mentioned, my heart is torn. The diversity of wildlife, environmental beauty, and recreational opportunities are awesome on both sides of the dam.	See previous response.	The biggest concern I have is nothing being done due to lack of future funds and/or indecisiveness in which both sides of the dam become good for nothing sass pools of inactivity, devoid of wildlife, being environmentally decimated, with all recreational opportunities removed. To maintain Lake Ocklawaha or release the Ocklawaha River is going to require allocation of adequate funds way beyond our generation. To this point, if the area around Lake Ocklawaha is to be devoid of funds which help to maintain its beauty as a resource, then I am completely for releasing the Ocklawaha.	At this time, I have not seen any scenario's presented which are hybrids. I only envision the area the way it is, or the Ocklawaha River released.	Tough decision. Not one factor overrides another. Concerns include environmental, water quality, business, economic, recreation, funding, fisheries, the dam, the lock, surrounding communities, etc.
9/30/2021 10:37	Alachua		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Other: Access to the Florida Trail and Ocala NF	Tear it Down! All rivers WILD AND FREE! The NIMBY attitude of people that live around the reservoir are not reason enough. People can fish in the river instead of the lake.	The dam serves no purpose at this point except to promote boating and fishing opportunities. Those same opportunities will exist on a free flowing river. The land will adapt to becoming a river once again.	A dam that isn't needed serves only to disrupt the natural water cycle in the ecosystem. We spend millions on ecological restoration of forests, springs, prairies, everglades, so why are we not restoring the Okawaha to it's true path?	No. It's either a lake or a river, there is no middle ground.	I recognize that Putnam County is poor and the the reservoir brings in money. I also know how much money the sportsmen's lobby has. When the dam comes down there should be funds made available to keep recreation in Putnam County thriving.
9/30/2021 10:39	Hernando		No	No					Unlock the flow of water to the other rivers.	Environment Destruction.	We need to provide for our wildlife and native vegetation	No	
9/30/2021 10:40	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing	I think it has outlived it's usefullness and should be taken down. Although it will take years to heal and reclaim itself, the Ocklawaha needs to be reverted back to it's orginal flow.	Studies by the University of Florida.	I do not have an answer for that, other than it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to either repair or replace the Dam.	Yes, I am open to other scienctifically based decisions.	Good luck!!!
9/30/2021 10:42	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed and the area reclaimed for ecological conservation.	Our waterways are a vital part of Florida's ecosystem, and restoring proper flow and environmental conditions are more important than ever.	Long term damage to the area's ecosystem		
9/30/2021 10:44	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and rehabilitate the Ocklawaha	Diminished ecological state of the watershed	Continuing degradation of water quality and flora/fauna diversity	No	The longer we wait the more damage that is done and the more costly to repair.
9/30/2021 10:47	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Route in an atv through the Ocala National park to the Rodman Damn					
9/30/2021 10:47	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. I'd love for it to remain the glorious preserve that it is. Our FL ecosystem is more important than ever with the thousands of people moving here every year! We NEED to preserve SAFE corridors and wildlife areas as well as KEEP FLORIDA WILD! Maybe adding a biking trail is the only addition I'd like to see.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait. I mean, its GREAT that FL repurposed One of the nation's largest incomplete public works projects and transformed it into the diverse Cross Florida Greenway, spanning Central Florida from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Johns River. We NEED areas like this to help preserve FLORIDA FRESH and REAL FLORIDA. Let's not New Jersey/York our state!!	Yes, I am one of the MANY transplants from the tri-state area. Why? Because we NEEDED Florida and LOVE how real and fresh it is. Unfortunately, we've watched the growth and building of communities in wetlands and other areas that should be preserved. I've never seen a deer in Florida - and that's a GOOD thing!! Why? Because it means that FL still has wildlife areas for them to live in! IN the tri-state area they are everywhere, because they have nowhere else to live, let's keep it that way. Demolish the dam and give MORE wildlife a place to live and our FL ecosystem a fighting chance.
9/30/2021 10:48	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam so that water quality, wildlife and the economy are improved.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Water quality continues to decline, killing native fish, while exotics increase. Manatees lose opportunity to access warm water, and thousands of acres of forest are not restored.	No, this should have been done decades ago. Breach the dam!!	
9/30/2021 10:52	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Demolished	it's completely defunct and damaging to the Ocklawaha River, lost springs, detrimental to wildlife.	That the dam will fail and endanger people and property	Not really.	
9/30/2021 10:56	Broward		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Greetings, I am a farmer, entrepreneur and Floridian asking you to please restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/30/2021 10:56	Lee		No	No					Restoration of natural water flow throughout Florida is necessary to support wildlife and maintain access to springs. Not only with this project but throughout Florida. We need to have a comprehensive conservation plan to provide for the population, both human and animal in light of decreasing access to fresh water, planetary warming, and rising sea levels.	Science	Decreased access to fresh water resources and invasion of fresh water springs by seawater	Only a fully comprehensive plan made by dedicated people with future projections based in science will actually work. Plans will need to be updated, tweaked and evaluated as new information becomes available	Too many departments looking out for themselves and poof communication between/among them; this is what we currently have. This needs to be streamlined before appropriate progress can be made.
9/30/2021 10:56	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	Letting the River flow to its natural State.	Looking back at old photos of the area I feel it would ensure more wildlife habitat if the lands are Preserved around the flow of the River and not allowed to develop.	People trespassing onto more State owned property!	Compromise should be a factor in any decesion of this magnitude! When nature is charge and man!	Good luck pleases the masses!
9/30/2021 10:57	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue and a great decision for all Floridians. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/30/2021 10:58	Clay		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Outdoor activities, biking, swimming	Remove it, restore the 20 springs which are now submerged so local Floridians can enjoy our natural springs. If these were made into parks, potentially great revenue source.	I regularly visit Florida springs with my family, more springs close to home would be a great thing for my family and the local economy. Rodman dam provides none of that.	Increased pollution, green algea due to stagnet water. Not being able to enjoy Florida natural spring close to my home.	Leave the dam open at all times.	Florida springs are a state treasure and should be a protected resource for Floridians and state visitors to enjoy for years to come. Don't think the dam is providing that, plus it is past it life span and a danger to Floridians.
9/30/2021 11:07	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Returned to its natural state	Writings of Marjorie Carr	Unnecessary monies spent on upkeep and the natural progression of wildlife through the river not happening	Don't know what that would be	it's just time to make the change!!
9/30/2021 11:08	St Lucie		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps to restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. John's Rivers with 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural water flow.	If the dam remains: 1) water quality will continue to decline. 2) invasive weeds will flourish. 3) the dam will contribute to blue-green algae outbreaks. 4) thousands of acres of forest will not be restored. 5) the region will lose out on millions of dollars of economic benefit from environmental restoration.	No.	
9/30/2021 11:09	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam.	Pollution	Pollution	No.	
9/30/2021 11:12	Lee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Photography & interested in purchasing property	Would love to see the dam removed & allow the water to move freely.	Connection of waterways is vital for wildlife. Manatees and many others, If you repair the dam & constrict the natural water it will cost taxpayers much $$$$$. By letting it flow we will encourage FT visitors which creates jobs.	Ecosystem damage	No	
9/30/2021 11:12	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Please stop investing millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate a dam with no purpose and restore these ecosystems. This will benefit all Floridians and I appreciate your consideration.
9/30/2021 11:14	Alachua		No	No					Eliminate it !	It was never meant to be permanent...it was another bad idea from years ago...completely messed up the natural flow of water that feeds the springs..and estuaries...it's important as a life long resident of fla. to correct the mistakes of the past. let the Ocklawaha rive back to its natural course and just like the need to unleash the other rivers in fla. from ill advised damping and altering the course..stupid things like the cross channel bad idea..damn up the flows to create ag land for wealthy cattle and ag producers..that so Damaged the Everglades..let's correct these bad decisions..	Environmental catastrophe...stop messing with the natural flow of water..stop allowing companies like Nestle to rob us of our heritage and drain the springs and rivers	No!it's not a relevant damn never was..but the damage it cause is..	Grow a spine .quit selling out fla. To special interest and protect our waters and natural ebb and flow..thanks..everyone I know has been opposed the Rodman dam and resiver as long as I have been a Floridian which is well over 60 years..
9/30/2021 11:15	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: To gain first hand information	Remove the dam to allow the water to flow as it was prior to its construction or as close to that as possible. So much of Florida's natural environment has been destroyed and can never be repaired. This is an opportunity to actually fix something and bring it back to a more natural state!	Scientific research that has been ongoing for many years plus common sense. Things that seemed reasonable years ago have turned out to be harmful to the larger ecology.	Water is essential for all life not just a few. Restoring the springs and rivers allow a greater chance of survival and this is an important step to show that Florida recognizes the importance of working towards the future not living in the past.		
9/30/2021 11:15	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Other: Birding, great place to take pictures of ospreys and bald eagles	Keep it up. The reservoir is its own (granted, man-made) ecosystem that has been around longer than most of us. Taking it down will disrupt this ecosystem.	The diversity of wildlife that you can find on the reservoir, especially compared to other stretches of the Oklawaha river.	Lack of access to a nice fishing place. One you don't need a boat for.		
9/30/2021 11:15	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time		1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Other: Camping	The dam needs to be removed. This would restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St Johns rivers. To restore the natural migration of not only fish, but also the manatees that are upriver from the dam. To help the health of the rivers. Help control the invasive species of fish (Blue Tilapia and Armor Catfish) that are increasing in population by an alarming rate in the Silver River.	Research by Robert Knight	The DEDINNI) health of the Silver River's ecosystem.	NO	Please return the rivers to their natural flow for the larger good for everyone and future generations, not the few!! The Cross Florida Barge Canal was a HUGE mistake back then. Please fix the problem now, before it gets worse.
9/30/2021 11:17	Alachua		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it leave it alone	Leave it for the local fisherman that depend on it	Would not be a lake to fish anymore	No	
9/30/2021 11:17	Alachua		No	No					Would like to see it breached.	Florida's natural waterways are extremely important and I think the more we tamper with them, the more we're hurting our beautiful state's precious environment and nature.	That's it's overall not a good idea to keep the River dammed.	Not sure	
9/30/2021 11:18	Outside of state / other	ut American voting in Florida (Pinella	No	No					*Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	*Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	*If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	*No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	My comments are inspired by the Audubon Society of Florida.
9/30/2021 11:20	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time			Remove the dam	It is an environmental hazard			
9/30/2021 11:24	Hillsborough		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Own property on Rodman	Retain them	The surrounding counties need the water that is retained by the reservoir.	The state does not have the funds to do a proper restoration so the property around Rodman would turn into a mosquito infested mud hole hole with little to no access.	Yes, if the dam and the reservoir are destroyed then the state should return the property that was taken from property owners to create the reservoir.	ok I've been going to this area since I was a young boy and remember the beautiful creeks and rivers on this land before the barge canal was made. It was a huge mistake to do what was done to the land to create the barge canal, but Nature has adapted and it would be an even bigger mistake to destroy this area again by removing the damn!
9/30/2021 11:28	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: I wanted to see the reservoir and dam which I've read so much about. I've canoed the St Mary's River and the Suwanee.	I'd like to see the reservoir drawn down and the dam removed entirely.	The dam has drowned a vast area of the ecology & natural environment and disrupted the natural flow of streams and rivers. Restoration of the Ocklawaha is critical to the survival of manatees - which are increasingly endangered.	I would be concerned that we cannot act responsibly to correct the damage caused by the foolish cross-florida barge canal boondoggle. It would suggest that SJRMD is not capable of demonstrating environmental responsibility.	No; we need to act now while federal support is available and public interest is high. We've been waiting 50 years.	It's hard to believe the foot-dragging accompanying this issue. A restored Ocklawaha River would be a boon to many and a healing measure for our natural environment. Let's not miss this opportunity.
9/30/2021 11:29	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	The land returned to its natural state	The project was cancelled long ago. so what is the point of still having the dam? Native plants and animals can use that land since we don't need that dam.	I mean it's not the end of the world, but a huge missed opportunity.	Learning why we would keep the dam and how native plants and animals are some how being helped or at least not harmed by keeping the dam.	Thanks for putting this together!
9/30/2021 11:31	Alachua		No	No					Drained and torn down.	Let the rivers and streams flow naturally again, if not use the dam and reservoir for power.	Nature is being blocked.	Do not know.	
9/30/2021 11:40	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	It would restore the river.		Remove part of the dam	
9/30/2021 11:44	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see it removed and the river restored.	Decades of research showing it was a failed and short-sighted project to begin with, backed by special interest groups with little scientific/ecological understanding of the impacts.	Continued decline of habitat and loss of water quality/wildlife.	NO	
9/30/2021 11:45	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	I love the springs that are flooded by the reservoir	No springs	Open the dam instead of removing it	
9/30/2021 11:46	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Wild Florida is quickly disappearing. As a Florida citizen and voter, I am urging that we protect, preserve and support the wild habitat that remains for future generations. Let the water flow to support Silver Springs and other natural areas.	Habitat will not be restored, water quality will continue to decline, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is years overdue. Take down the dam.	
9/30/2021 11:48	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching or removing the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced for people and wildlife and the St John's River estuary will be healthier	Continued degradation of the river, natural habitat loss and low water flow levels	No	I believe in the rights of nature. The dam has changed the ecosystem for the worse. Please breach or remove it
9/30/2021 11:49	Duval		No	No					Tear it down	Wet lands are essential for a sustainable environment!	Elect democrats.	Don't know	Save our planet please D's and R's
9/30/2021 11:49	Alachua		No	No					Removal of the dam and restoration of the historic water flow.	Algae blooms, fish die-offs, spread of invasive species.	The worsening of previously stated info.	No. remove that dam.	
9/30/2021 11:58	Dade		No	No					I would like to see removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	If the dam is removed, it will help to restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	My biggest concern is that if the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Removal of the dam is way overdue.	I am a lifelong Florida resident. I volunteer at a wildlife rehabilitation center. We see an increased of injuries and illnesses in migratory birds and other animals because they do not have sufficient nesting and refueling stops on their migrations that have taken place over tens of thousands of years. Removal of the dam will restore an important sanctuary for native wildlife and restoration stopover points for migrating birds.

9/30/2021 12:00	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		
9/30/2021 12:01	Clay		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Leave this masterpiece in place.	it has provided almost a lifetime of fishing and outdoor activities for me and my family as well as countless other families and outdoorsmen.	I believe it would destroy the ecosystem that is currently in place and not provide any positive results	none		
9/30/2021 12:03	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Too many to list.		Partial removal of the dam as long as the river flow is restored.		
9/30/2021 12:03	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see Rodman continue to be maintained as it is now.	It is a beautiful body of water that has provided an uncounted number of pleasurable hours of fishing for me and my friends. It has numeral different fishing habitats which, after over 20 years of fishing it, continue to surprise me. I fish numerous bodies of local water but Rodman is my favorite by far.	I would loose mf favorite body of fishing water.	I'm not sure how to interpret this. It seems like there are only two options. I would like to see Rodman remain the fishing and viewing paradise I have fished all of these years.		
9/30/2021 12:08	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha by opening the dam.	Health of the river system including the St Johns River.	Poor condition of dam and potential risk to Welaka, Florida.	Follow recommendations by agencies that are charged with studying impacts and benefits.	A restored river would increase ecotourism.	
9/30/2021 12:09	Broward		No	No										
9/30/2021 12:09	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Wildlife and environmental	Continuing reduction of environment	Not that I can think of.		
9/30/2021 12:10	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam	Wildlife would benefit greatly from it.		Saves money on repairs.		
9/30/2021 12:11	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove it.	It's an environmental disaster.	Management going forward.	No		
9/30/2021 12:14	Volusia		Yes	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	Remove and allow Oklawaha to revert to natural state.	History of project, need to protect water resources	Further degradation of water quality and decreased probability of regrowth of original forest	No	Rodman is a bad idea, perpetuated. Millions of gallons fresh water evaporates and doesn't reach thr St John's.	
9/30/2021 12:16	Outside of state / other	GA	No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: enjoying the reservoir and all it has to offer. a wonderful place I hope it never changes been going there since early 80's	maintain them	The amazing wildlife that the reservoir supports.	the loss of the lake and the wildlife that would be threatened.	no	keep rodman reservoir	
9/30/2021 12:22	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam and drain the reservoir.	Various sources concerning the effect on the environment and water	continuing damage to the springs in the area	not that I can think of.		
9/30/2021 12:22	Alachua		No	No					Removal of the dam.	That the dam's true purpose is a part of a cross Florida canal project which fell through.	More algae blooms and downstream negative effects.	Creating a much larger flow past the dam.	Thank you for taking the time to receive comments and opinions. Hope you have a great week!	
9/30/2021 12:29	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Breach the dam	Restore the Oklawaha and surrounding areas to their natural state.	Continual decline of the St John's river waterways.	Not really	The Rodman dam was built for a barge canal that was never completed. It is selfish of us to only use this reservoir as a recreational area now. It is only right for us to return the land to its natural state if not using the reservoir for its intended use.	
9/30/2021 12:29	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	take it down	the health of the springs and the manatees they cannot be ignored anymore	the future life of the springs and manatees	idk		
9/30/2021 12:29	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.	
9/30/2021 12:32	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep as is	It is the most unique body of water in the state of Florida. It's always available to fish, even in the droughts we had where it was hard to get in many of the lakes around here. The fishing is as good as anywhere in Florida. We see eagles, osprey, otters, manatees on every visit. And we don't have heavy boat traffic from skiers and jet skis to spoil the views and atmosphere.	We would lose the biggest asset we have in all of Florida. There are plenty of lakes and creeks, rivers in Florida, there is only one Rodman.	No	I keep hearing how it would improve the water quality down the St John's river. How? Almost all the flow is still going to the St John's now, the damn just slows it up a little. The water is much cleaner filtering through the reservoir than coming directly through the river.	
9/30/2021 12:33	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I think the dam should be removed.	Environment	That the river would never be restored and continue to be slow and contaminated.	I don't know if there is a way to do a partial removal, but I think eliminating the dam is the best thing. Provoding fishing for a few people doesn't justify leaving the dam.		
9/30/2021 12:37	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: hiking horseback riding	more amenities for use. (parking, hiking, riding)	As Florida grows, there is more interest in getting into the outdoors and fewer places to do it. People need to get away from electronics. It is good for the body and the soul.	fewer opportunities for people to get out and about. Which leads to more emotional problems, more obesity, mudflations with life in general.	Getting the word out that SJWMD lands are open and available along with lists of available activities and locations.		
9/30/2021 12:41	Clay		No	Yes		3-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam to return to a free flowing River.	Scientists	More degrading of River and the St. Johns	No		
9/30/2021 12:42	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	The dam needs to go. It blocked the natural water flow, requires take downs on a more frequent basis because of the stagnant water and inhibits migration of aquatic animals. FREE THE OKLAWAHA. Marjorie Harris Carr had the scientific facts to support stopping the dam but she was not listened to. Now is the time to address this wrong	SCIENCE...	Further degradation of the water within the dam causing more frequent draw downs and the cost associated with repair of the aging dam.	No.		
9/30/2021 12:46	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Remove the dam! The maintenance costs are prohibitive. The dam has reached the end of its lifespan. Let the Oklawaha run free and reveal the springs!	Easy--economics! Why am I paying to keep this antique going? Ecotourism brings in money, which should be preferable.	The dam falls and Welaka is flooded	No		
9/30/2021 12:52	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam removed and the Oklawaha River restored to its original course.	Memory of the downstream changes to fish populations after the dam was completed.	The aging dam failing or requiring excessive public funds to repair and maintain.	Complete drawdown of the Rodman Reservoir.		
9/30/2021 12:55	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River. Restoration will reunite the rivers and springs of the Great Florida Riverway and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.	
9/30/2021 13:01	Nassau		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating						
9/30/2021 13:03	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	±5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		
9/30/2021 13:09	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Breach it and allow water to flow back into the Oklawaha.	When the dam is breached, the river is clear and the natural springs are apparent.		No		
9/30/2021 13:10	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	The damn removed and the natural river restored.	The loss of water through evaporation and suppression of natural springs.			The return of the natural beauty of the Ocklawaha River would increase echo tourism in Putnam County.	
9/30/2021 13:13	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Remove the dam.	Restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural form. The dam is no longer being used for its original intended purpose. Disrupting the Ocklawaha River's original course damaged the ecology of the river, Silver springs, and the St. Johns River estuary.	The waste of money to restore a dam that is not necessary. PLUS the declining water quality, spring flow, etc. caused by the dam.			
9/30/2021 13:17	Duval		No	Yes				Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Take down the dam, restore the Oklawaha			No		
9/30/2021 13:20	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam and let the water flow to reveal it's natural beauty	Recreational and economic opportunities related to springs	Lack of recreational and economic opportunities	Drawdown annually		
9/30/2021 13:23	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)						
9/30/2021 13:24	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.		
9/30/2021 13:27	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	The environmental and physical cost	Damage to wildlife and the hit on the budget to repair it.	Breaching the damn		
9/30/2021 13:27	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha.	The health of the river and the need for it's fresh water to spread -- and to counteract the rising salinity in the St. Johns River.	We have a large publicly supported unhealthy fishing destination.	I don't know of any other solutions.		
9/30/2021 13:28	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Removed	Connectivity	A lost chance			
9/30/2021 13:28	Citrus		No	No					I would like to see the Dam breached.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. The Dam must be breached, and this should have been done years ago.	Breaching this dam causes less harmful algae blooms, gives manatees more protection (which they really need, if this current year is considered) and will replenish springs, causing more tourist activity here.	
9/30/2021 13:35	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the damn removed.	It was built to build a cross Florida Canal that was never completed. I love the St. Johns river and as the population grows along the River and more water is removed by municipalities along its path (Orlando), I believe the best thing overall for the ecology of the state and the river would be to let it flow naturally. I love fishing and I see fishermen and tourism as the only proponents generally of keeping the dam.	As someone who spends time in the river around Jacksonville all the way down to Lake George regularly, I fear that as more salinity results further upriver from dredging the Upper St. Johns, it will kill a lot of the natural grasses and have a negative effect on the health of the river ecosystem. One of the issues with the upper St. Johns river in Jacksonville is that the river bottom grasses have died as a result of more salinity in the river.	The issue seems to be remove it or don't remove it. It doesn't produce electricity or have any other function at this point other than hold water and the biggest proponents of keeping it are probably folks who have property on the damned lake and bass fishermen/tourist businesses.	I grew up in Marianna FL and am very familiar with Dead Lakes which was dammed up off the Chipola river in the early 60's. My great grandfather had a house in that area and it was passed down and there has been a lot of fishing in dead lakes over the years. But the lake truly began do die - the fish species died out or didn't grow. After the damn was removed in the late 80's, the habitat as been revitalized by that natural flow. There are lots of springs on that river so there are some similarities - except it is a much smaller river.	
9/30/2021 13:37	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and restore the river.	Dam removal elsewhere has had a beneficial impact on the environment and on the economy.	Salinization and silting along with increased algae blooms will continue.	Partial removal will only be a temporary fix.		
9/30/2021 13:40	Brevard		No	No					Phase it out. On. The next draw down, leave the reservoir drawn down. Remove the dam and restore the lower Ocklawaha to navigable condition when the budget allows.	Accumulation of runoff over the decades has made the lake polluted and a source of continuing pollution downstream. The springs that are currently under the impoundment would be a greater recreational/tourism draw than a lake fishing destination.	Increased pollution impacting upstream environments particularly the Silver.	Increased frequency/duration of draw downs. Shrinking the pool over time.		
9/30/2021 13:42	Levy		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: I wanted to see the dam that is hurting the flow of our North Florida rivers.	I would like to see the dam removed to restore the Ocklawaha river, the Silver river and the St Johns river, and so many springs. We need to restore for the sake of the manatee and fish migrations and the forest flood plains.	The dam will need to be repaired which will cost millions of dollars. The dam was created as part of the cross barge canal which was scrapped.	The dam hurts water quality, wildlife habitat.	NO!		
9/30/2021 13:46	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I believe it is it's own ecosystem now and should be left in place.		Indifferent, I think the economical output as a reservoir is greater than as a flowing tributary.			
9/30/2021 13:48	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would hope it remains the wonderful fishing and wildlife sanctuary that it is.		Fishing and wildlife could be tremendously affected.	No		
9/30/2021 13:49	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see all of it removed and the Ocklawaha River restored to its original, free flowing state.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish ±5,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.		
9/30/2021 13:51	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman dam destroyed and the Oklawaha put back to be what it was.		Water quality. Species survival.	No	This has been needed for decades.	
9/30/2021 13:53	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Clean up but save	Natural habitat is needed for future generations				
9/30/2021 14:02	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be removed so the area can go back to the way the area was liveforе the dam was built.	The many studies over the years that support this position.	The continued pollution and increased influx of invasive species.	I would need to know what other options could exist.		
9/30/2021 14:04	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see them destroyed, taken apart, taken down.	The river needs to be returned to his natural flow, recreating the environment as it was prior to the damimg of the river. It will restore the fish population that has suffered since the dam was built. It will also provide winter habitat for Manatees with free flowing waters which will be more naturally warm water when the springs currently submerged by the dam in the area reemerge and act as they were intended providing warming water to what is now a cold winter environment.	The continued degridation of the recreation area and the negative environmental impacts.	No! This is a boondoggle and it's time to right the wrong. Florida has a fragile environment that should be honored not mismanaged. This is the height Of mismanagement. Free the river; destroy the dams! Return this area to its natural environment.		
9/30/2021 14:09	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	I think the ocklawaha river should be allowed to flow without the dam.	The amount of springs in the Rodman that used to flow into the river	Rodman reservoir sitting up.	No		
9/30/2021 14:10	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	St Johns River needs the fresh water.		the river will continue to rot	not really		
9/30/2021 14:10	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I want the dam removed.	I want fish and manatees to migrate naturally. And the river to flow correctly.	No stripers, no mullet, no manatee, no springs.	No.	Please.	
9/30/2021 14:13	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and let it go back to it's natural state.	There's no reason to spend money supporting a dam that is not needed.	We're spending money maintaining a dam that makes Jacksonville less storm resilient.	No		
9/30/2021 14:14	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Hiking						
9/30/2021 14:16	Duval		No	No					Remove thim	Restoring the balance of nature. Healthy rivers, watersheds, nature's flora and fauna make us safer and resilient from hurricanes.	Loss of the springs.			
9/30/2021 14:22	Palm Beach		No	No										
9/30/2021 14:22	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Moving Forward, I would hope to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed, the Rodman Reservoir drained, and the Ocklawaha river restored to its natural state.	Personally, the most important thing behind me opinion is the dozens of known springs that are currently being covered by the Rodman. I also would love to see better access for manatees to use the oklawaha river. I know ocassionally some get through the locks but it would be nice to see the silver river and other spring heads being used by manatees during the winter. I also believe this to be a large draw for tourism and keeping people coming to this area.	At this point, the Rodman is more of an eyesore than it is a true concern. Its unfortunate to see a river being dammed for no true purpose other than to make a lake, especially when the state is filled with so many other natural lakes just like it. For me it would be less of a cornern and more of just a sad scenario if the river isnt restored to its former glory.	I think both parties may benefit most from a 50/50 solution of sorts. I know some of the biggest opponents against the removal are fisherman. Id be satisfied seeing the lake drained so that the majority of the springs being inundated were allowed to flow naturally again. Perhaps the answer is the levy around the lake allowing most of the water to flow around the lake naturally and springs flow. This would also allow manatees and other aquatic wildlife to more easily and readily use the system. However, I believe this option would be too expensive to be realistic. It would likely be far less expensive to simply remove the dam. Perhaps another way to go would be to simply dredge a large portion of the lake and still remove the dam. That way the lake becomes more of a flood plain that the river passes through than a reservoir. I understand fisherman love to fish the rodman, but I dont believe allowing the lake to drain is going to completely erase the world class fishing from the area. It will surely become different but i think the opportunity will still exist. Hopefully there will be an outcome that satisfies both sides.		
9/30/2021 14:25	Volusia		No	No					For the dam to be removed and the river restored.	Manatee are dying off. They need more habitat and flood sources, which restoring the river could provide. Also, springs would be able to run, forest habitat restored	That the area will continue to degrade by not being restored to it's original habitat.	Not really.		
9/30/2021 14:29	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Take it down	Environmental concerns. We should restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha River. Further, it is my understanding that recreational use of the area (fishing, primarily) will not be seriously affected by taking down the dam.	Concerns about permanent damage to the river.	None of which I am aware.		
9/30/2021 14:29	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: To see the problem the dam is creating	•Removing the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River to its original state	•Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	•If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	•No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	Removing the dam would provide the Manatees free access to the Silver River and the rest of the water shed of the St Johns River complex.	
9/30/2021 14:38	Hillsborough		No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs, and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provides thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation, and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, the public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply, or another broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow, and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from the loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is the loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter – an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.	
9/30/2021 14:44	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Driving over	Dam removed and river and springs restored	Prevention of species migration and normal flow of river.	Catastrophic failure of dam without massive funding for maintenance.	No	Fishing quality has been diminishing. George Kirkpatrick is long dead.	
9/30/2021 14:45	Clay		No	Yes	More than 5 times		More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep what there everything is great as it is now	The fishery is amazing	The ecosystem of the lake			
9/30/2021 14:47	Baker		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain as environmental and recreational values	Amount of usage and environmental studies	Loss of ecosystem	NO		
9/30/2021 14:57	Pinellas		No	No			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The health of this water system is compromised and breaching the dam will restore about 20 drowned springs, restore habitat for manatees and restore the path used by migratory fish.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), the dam is unsafe and expensive to maintain.	No	The un-natural flow creates poor water quality which fuels an overgrowth of invasive weeds and blue-green algae. The dam does not provide flood protection, water supply or power and reduced visitation threatens the economic growth of Silver Springs and Putnam County. Thank you.	
9/30/2021 14:59	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the old river	The dam and reservoir were a mistake from the beginning and the current cost to maintain the dam and the drawdowns for vegetation management are not justified for this current use of the dam.	Money will continue to be spent and the animal and fish population will continue to decline. The manatees cannot get from the St Johns to the springs during winter unless they lock through risking injury and death. People will forget what the old Ocklawaha River looked like and the purposes it served from transportation to recreation.	Remove the dam and leave it open		
9/30/2021 15:01	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the river and remove dam	the protections and restoration to fish, birds and native plants	the wildlife	no		

9/30/2021 15:03	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it	It is fucking up the ecosystem. Get rid of it	More massive die off of fish and marine life		
9/30/2021 15:03	Sarasota		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
9/30/2021 15:05	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Freeing the Ocklawaha River	The original state of the river was tampered with by man	No	
9/30/2021 15:07	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river	Improve water quality for the St. Johns. Restore the river to its natural state.	Millions of dollars wasted maintaining the dam	No	This dam never should have been built. It destroyed a beautiful natural ecosystem.
9/30/2021 15:15	Palm Beach		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Dam needs to be breached	The return of the environment to its natural beauty. The return of all the buried natural springs and ecosystem.	The land locked manatees. They are saltwater animals not meant to be land locked. The destruction of the environment and wildlife. There are more stock fish species now than native species.	Well, the dam was built to cross barge Florida. Either finish the barge canal or breach the dam.	Do the right thing, breach the dam, save the manatees and striped bass.
9/30/2021 15:23	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective spring protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-$4 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/30/2021 15:25	Charlotte		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Knowing that the reunification of those 3 waterways will improve conditions for wildlife along the estuaries should be sufficient, manatees are endangered because of lost habitat, Silver Springs and other Springs lost need to have a chance for restoration for future Floridians.	We would miss a great opportunity to restore natural Florida and protect the natural resources for years to come.	I'm not aware of any scenario that would make sense, since the funding is available now. There is no good reason for delay.	Restore Florida's nature.
9/30/2021 15:27	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Snorkeling during drawdown	I would love for the Ocklawaha river to be restored to its natural state to benefit all, including fisherman.	It was a mistake to begin with and there is so much evidence to support restoration of the river. The plans already call for this! Maintaining a huge blunder is yet another blunder	Nature would continue to suffer. There is so much to be gained economically also	No, we need to stop killing nature. Right now the only ones who think they benefit from the dam are fisherman. Such a huge area should not be drowned for this!!!	Please restore the river. Declared the most endangered river because of this
9/30/2021 15:33	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Hunting	Leave the dam and keep the reservoir	The fishing is outstanding and brings revenue to counties that surround the reservoir	Economic impact for businesses that will be affected	No	
9/30/2021 15:33	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Not useful in current state but a huge opportunity for restoration that I am reminded of when traveling across Florida	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Very important, large scale yet simple water resource, environmental restoration project with an opportunity to positively impact all. Get the job done!
9/30/2021 15:33	Seminole		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Atlahabad, Silver and St John Rivers. The lower Atlahabad and St John's Rivers will receive 150 M + gallons a day of restored natural water flow. Over $4M will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. The water quality can't wait	
9/30/2021 15:43	Brevard		No	No					Restore the waterways to allow the manatees' food sources to flourish again so they can thrive.	Manatees are starving because their food sources are depleted.	More unecessary manatee deaths		
9/30/2021 15:44	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam.	Free-flowing rivers provide recreation opportunities and homes for wildlife, fish and endangered manatees.	Florida loses another opportunity to restore its unique natural environment.	Open a hole in the dam to create a free-flowing waterway through it.	
9/30/2021 15:49	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Camping, and trails.	Remain as is, keep the dam!!! Keep the reservoir!!! Lake Ocklawaha!!!!	Great camping, fishing and hunting. Rodman does accommodate large groups for fishing, if the dam is removed only a little amount of people would be able to use the Ocklawaha River.	Lost family camping, fishing and hunting.	No.	
9/30/2021 15:50	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like for it to be removed		I would be concerned about the continuing environmental impacts	No	
9/30/2021 15:54	Outside of state / other	Bellingham, WA	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, more harm is inflicted on wildlife, water quality, and the economy throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored, including 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem, are restored. This will allow for historic fish and manatees to return to a free-flowing river, as well as providing hundreds of manatees with access to critical warm water habitats for the winter.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical, and the dam is unsafe. If the dam is not removed, endangered manatees and other native species have access to key habitats and invasive species like blue tilapia are given the opportunity to increase and inflict further harm on Florida's ecosystems.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife habitats can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka. It fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return. Thank you for your consideration.
9/30/2021 16:07	Seminole		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river	Removing restores natural springs and rivers	Loss of vegetation,fish, and habitat	NO	treasure the wild beauty
9/30/2021 16:13	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Manatee survival	Springs lost	No	
9/30/2021 16:14	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Removal of the dam to return the waterway to its original state and reduce the buildup of harmful chemicals and sediment	Data from the Florida Springs Institute study on the Ocklawaha water systems	The further damage of the natural ecosystem in the name of big fish and centralized recreation	No	
9/30/2021 16:37	Duval		Yes	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Tear down	Like the open nature	Life goes on	Start a fund to tear down	
9/30/2021 16:47	Gilchrist		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking	I'd like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached.	It's going to happen some day, either before or after $4-$14million of needed repairs are done, and before or after additional damage is done to the fish and manatee populations.	Manatee loss, water quality declines from invasive, blue-green alga and fish kills. And the crazy price tag for dam repair.	No - it needs to be breached.	Over 20 springs would be restored, which would go toward restoring the faltering Silver Springs. Restoration of the Ocklawaha would also create a warmer and thus safer habitat for the dwindling manatees.
9/30/2021 16:48	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Other: I visited it with Lars Andersen during the last drawdown. What a shame this beautiful river has been so ill-used.	The dam should be removed so the river can be restored to its natural banks, and the 20 springs that have been covered can again be visible.	The deleterious effect the dam has had on manatees and other wildlife that would normally be able to move freely up and down the river.	That another generation of Floridians will spend most of their lives, as I have, wanting this dam to be removed and the river restored, and seeing it never happening in their lifetimes. And that the manatees and fish will continue to be deprived of their natural routes	No.	
9/30/2021 16:50	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached.	I have read that restoring the 20 lost springs of the Oklawaha River would improve quality of life for fish, manatees, birds, and Silver Springs itself.	The water quality of the state of Florida in general is embarrassing, and I feel that we are putting money ahead of a gift from God, and we will eventually have no tourism or clean water.	No	Manatees need the habitat that the lost springs would provide.
9/30/2021 16:52	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Hikinh	Kirkpatrick Dam must be removed, and the river restored.	Rodman Reservoir is an ecological disaster, causing toxic algae blooms and disrupting natural water flow	Continuing algae blooms and ongoing damage to the watershed	No	
9/30/2021 16:54	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Free the Oklawaha	Environment returned to it's natural state	Will remain an expensive failed government project, that is environmentally harmful.	I doubt it.	
9/30/2021 16:56	Alachua		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Let the river run free				
9/30/2021 16:56	Duval		No	No					Remove it	Algae blooms	Our waterways continue to be toxic		Thank you for asking.
9/30/2021 16:57	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/30/2021 16:58	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Snorkeling in the buried springs during drawdowns	Breach the dam! Restore the Ocklawaha	It's a man made mistake from day one. It's destroying so much just to keep a bass fishing lake intact? Far better economic outcome as demonstrated during drawdown.	Environmental disaster not to mention extremely expensive maintenance when this shouldn't be here to begin with. Why should taxpayers fund a few fishermen? Ridiculous.	No, there is no other option that is environmentally and economically ok.	Please do the right thing. The Ocklawaha has been labeled critically endangered by the damn dam.
9/30/2021 17:02	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I don't want to see any changes at all.	I do enjoy fishing Rodman, but that isn't my most important problem with changing the lake in any way. My biggest concern is the manatees. Manatees in Florida are having problems finding enough vegetation to eat. It's bad enough that hundreds of them are coming into Rodman and staying there all year. Rodman has what they need, and a lot of it. If Rodman is drained or even lowered, the manatees will have to leave and find food somewhere else. But there isn't enough food for all of them. That's the reason they are in Rodman. If we change the lake we will be killing a large number of them. I think we need help them not hurt them.	I think we would be killing a lot of manatees.	I don't know what that would be.	
9/30/2021 17:03	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	There is no question that the Kirkpatrick Dam needs to be completely removed. It is well documented that the normal flow of water -for the St. John's/Ocklawaha/Silver Rivers and all the freshwater springs and marine life along those routes -in addition to the restoration of the forests on the banks and the wildlife that depends on its bounties is the primary consideration. Only then can homo sapiens truly appreciate and enjoy what has been lost by decades of inaction.	I have seen, with my own eyes, the degradation of the Silver River from the early 1970s when tourists marveled at the huge Channel Catfish swimming under the Glass Bottom Boats. There was Bass, Brim, Gar, Needlefish and Shiners; birds of every kind came to drink or eat; alligators, small amphibians abounded. It was well known that European travelers took buses from Orlando to visit the attraction -- now a State Park offering what used to be - and can be again - a pristine water highway abounding with wildlife.	My biggest concern is that we are reaching an existential environmental deadline when there will be nothing left to restore. No amount of will or money will be available to "fix" what has been despoiled by human, bureaucratic or political inaction. This is not a Putnam or Marion County problem only; this is a global problem. The sooner that is recognized, the better.	Yes. It is folly to expect that removal of the dam and its reservoir's restoration can be accomplished with a couple of bulldozers and front end loaders in a manner of days. It is assumed that is understood by any sentient person. But a planned timeline for environmentally responsible restoration of the rivers, springs, forests and wildlife is feasible even if it takes years. The first step is always the hardest, but it's worth taking when the risks of not taking it are catastrophic.	
9/30/2021 17:05	Outside of state / other	Alexandria VA	No	No					I want to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed so the marine life and wildlife can move through freely again. Doing that could help save some endangered species like the Florida manatees.	That 3 rivers and many springs plus thousands of acres of land are negatively impacted by the dam preventing the free flow of water through the area and the free movement of wildlife, especially marine life, and the land itself has been degraded by not having that water flowing through naturally. So removing the dam and opening up the area do millions of gallons of water from the Ocklawaha River alone could flow through naturally will greatly benefit and improve the environment in general. The Silver Springs echo system would greatly benefit from this and the flow of warm water through the area would greatly benefit the wildlife, especially manatees who seek refuge in cold weather to warm water areas, and the general environment.	That the opportunity will be lost and there will be an accelerated decline in some species. That the dam is past its lifespan and will deteriorate and further degrade the area if it isn't removed. The manatees, for example had their worst year this year and the most died in a number of years; they rely on warm water and routinely congregate around power stations for their warm water output, but this source of warm water for them isn't sustainable long term. Removing the dam and giving them access to natural warm water in the river plus greatly expanding their range to swim would greatly alleviate some of that plus greatly improving their habitat and that of many fish and other wildlife. Will be incredibly beneficial if this opportunity is lost and if the manatee population were to continue to decline as a result. Then this may be looked upon as not only a missed opportunity, but another nail in the coffin to their long-term survival in Florida.	Not really. Only thing would be if, as with salmon ladders, a man-made river could be dug to allow wildlife direct access to swim to the reservoirs - a diversionary route for a portion of the Ocklawaha River to flow through naturally that circumnavigated the dam so wildlife can easily reach the water in the reservoirs on the other side. That would be an expensive undertaking. Demolishing the dam would be easier and far superior outcome.	
9/30/2021 17:11	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	RemoveDam	better for environment and manatees	More wasted state taxpayer money to maintain dam. Unnatural environment	No	
9/30/2021 17:12	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxing					
9/30/2021 17:13	Marion		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed to allow natural water flow from the Ocklawaha River into the St. Johns River.	Restoring the natural flow of water will help reduce the salinity of the St Johns that has been increasing.	Wildlife will continue to suffer due to higher chemical and salinity levels in the river. Plus, the costs of keeping the Rodman Dam functioning and avoid a catastrophic failure is a major concern.	Not really.	As a kayaker, I am very interested in what happens to our beautiful natural waterways. While there may be a period of adjustment for people who have become dependent on the manmade reservoir, once everyone gets accustomed to the new normal of the original waterway, it will be seen as a positive change.
9/30/2021 17:19	Outside of state / other	Santa Cruz CA	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam please.	This dam is destroying the natural movement of all animals, and blocking a natural spot where manatees go	Extinction of some Florida wildlife like manatees and panthers.	No, the dam is ruining the environment and should be removed.	Please consider this opportunity to remove the dam and have more people come to see the beautiful nature that could re establish itself. Thank you.
9/30/2021 17:20	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The removal of the damn	The fact that springs are being force below	The over used of our current springs there fore leading to destruction	Removing damb	
9/30/2021 17:23	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir as-is. Rodman is an absolutely unique treasure for North Central Florida and actually the entire country (based on documented visitors from nearly every state in the union). Large numbers of bass fisherman across the country see a visit to Rodman as the trip of a lifetime to catch their biggest bass. Tourism of that type simply can't be replaced. The ability to control the reservoir water level via drawdowns facilitates the management of weed growth and fishery productivity. Fishing in Rodman is world-renowned and it hasn't declined with age due to the periodic drawdowns that rejuvenate the lake. Just a few years ago drought conditions in north Florida created serious access limitations in many area lakes (Orange Lake, Newnans Lake, Keystone area lakes, etc.). Rodman was at full pool throughout this time and it was a great destination for anglers and boaters to enjoy. Cycles of rain/drought have always happened and will occur in the future. Natural lakes may become inaccessible but Rodman can remain full. Control of excessive weed growth using the drawdown method is certainly preferable over chemical herbicide treatments. Hydrilla and some other invasive species have proven to benefit fish populations but they can become overwhelming. Natural more shallow lakes create a greater management issue than Rodman.	Having both Rodman and the Ocklawaha River as-is provides the greatest benefit to our citizens. The Ocklawaha River flows about 74 miles from Lake Griffin to the St. Johns River. Rodman covers about 16 miles of the total. Many miles of small river are available south of Eureka and 10 miles of the river flow east from the dam to the St. Johns for those who prefer that type of waterborne recreation. The reservoir provides a huge area of about 13,000 acres suitable for numerous boats of all sizes. This size is at least 60 times the water recreation area that any restored river would have. The status quo provides recreational opportunities for the widest range of people and interests. Huge economic and recreational benefits result. Ecotourism can flourish in both types of environments. Agenda driven anti-Rodman activists make illogical claims like dam removal would increase fresh water flow. All flow of the Ocklawaha, less probably some aquifer recharge (a very good thing) simply passes through Rodman into the St. Johns. It is a steady state situation because the reservoir doesn't keep filling up. Activists also make dubious claims about wildlife; clearly wildlife is flourishing all over and around the shoreline of Rodman.	We would lose an awesome and unique fishery and wildlife viewing destination. Proprietors of area fishing related businesses would suffer greatly. Acreage for waterborne recreation would be lost. Area tourism would diminish. I have personally been visiting Rodman since 1971 and have many great memories. I am certainly planning to return there many times in the future. I simply do not see why those who prefer a small river don't just go to those existing parts of the Ocklawaha. Many miles of the river are present.	Rodman and the dam either exist or they don't. I don't see any scenario options in this case. Some people cite economic reasons for removing Rodman like the cost of lock and dam operation and maintenance but the economic benefits from Rodman far outweigh these costs. Operating Rodman is money well spent.	Please, please, please keep our Rodman Reservoir!!! Don't let a small vocal minority destroy our unique treasure. Feel free to contact me for further discussion or to answer any questions that you may have.
9/30/2021 17:24	Alachua		Yes	No					Remove the dam	Watching documentaries about this issue	Oklawaha River and adjacent springs are lost	Yearly drawdown for 6 months	Thank you
9/30/2021 17:30	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Maintained in their present condition		Loss of fishing area for me and loss of revenue for the area for other fishermen that fish there.		
9/30/2021 17:34	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breached	ecosystems would be restored	lose this opportunity to help nature	not really	hoping for the best solution to help nature as well as ourselves
9/30/2021 17:42	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking	Remove it and restore the Okalawaha river to it's former path & flow.	Everything I have read about this Dam over the years since it was built for a politicians friends use. I used to canoe on the original river and it was an amazing experience of nature in Florida at it's best.	Continued loss of heritage Florida.	No!	This has continued far too long and mainly for a small group of users.
9/30/2021 17:44	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-$4 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration!
9/30/2021 17:52	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Dam removal	Restoration of the Oklawaha river	Continued devastation of springs and environment	No	Restoration of Oklawaha is over due - it would enhance the environment and bring people to the area - there would be a positive economic impact
9/30/2021 17:55	Sumter		No	Yes					Remove	Restore the Oklawaha river	Pollution, clogged paddle runs, and red tide along with trash from above the dam. Manatees as an endangered species cannot move freely.	Keep the dam as a tourist attraction while releasing all the water to restore the river.	Tear down the dam! I do not want my tax dollars to support repair of the dam. Let's us that money to restore Florida......
9/30/2021 17:55	St Johns		No	No					Removal to all reconnection of spring/waterway with the St John's river. Restoration of the natural state of the waterway to support wildlife and recreation in a sustainable manner.	The cost of restoring the dam is prohibitive and does not include the cost of continued harm to the ecology. The economy will benefit from a restoration of the natural state of this waterway due to the echo tourism that it will draw in.	Continued harm to the ecosystem above the dam, and to the St. Johns River.	Breaching the dam in a controlled manner to avoid flooding down stream.	Thank you for seeking public comment on this important issue. Thank you for providing this online survey as an easy way to provide our input.
9/30/2021 18:08	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by eliminating the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. It's time. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Thank you for your support. I've seen the affect humans have had on wildlife and it's time to undo the many mistakes and negative impacts.
9/30/2021 18:09	Lake		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural state.	The research that supports the ecological benefits: restoration of springs and Silver Springs ecosystem, a healthier St. Johns River estuary	Further degradation of habitats for wildlife, fish populations and Manatees.	No. Much of natural Florida cannot ever be recovered, but removing the dam will give us an opportunity to restore the area of these rivers to their natural state.	
9/30/2021 18:10	Duval		No	No					Restoring of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and reuniting the Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The increasing algae blooms I see on the St Johns river and reports of starving manatees. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow would be restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. There is no time to waste.	We miss the best opportunity. State and federal funds are available, needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues suffer saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	I haven't been to the dam but I do see and smell the algae blooms on the river that I see every day. How could there be any excuse not to take action? We are all affected by the unhealthy conditions of our shared waters. The waterways will not improve on their own. They support our lives and they need our help NOW.
9/30/2021 18:22	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	Return the Oklawaha River to it's natural environment	More endangered animals are wiped out	No	
9/30/2021 18:23	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Please remove it. It should have never been put there in the first place	It was only built for barge canal system and when that was not built, it should have been removed then.	Even greater loss of wildlife habitat. We have multiple threatened species that will thrive if the dam is removed. It's about more than trophy bass. Orange Lake and many other rural lakes have big bass too.	A gradual opening of the dam so the wildlife and citizens have a chance to adjust.	Please remove the dam. People come to Florida for the water and the wildlife, all wildlife, especially manatees. A healthier natural ecosystem out there will bring in tourist and sportsman dollars too. Thank you for your consideration.
9/30/2021 18:23	Leon		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Rodman Reservoir restored to the natural flowing Ocklawaha River and its natural habitat.	It will cost millions of taxpayer dollars to repair the damn. It will restore dozens of springs and return the Silver and St Johns Rivers to there natural flow as well.	If the damn remains water quality in the rivers will continue to decline and contribute to blue green algae. The restoration of thousands of acres of forest will contribute to water storage and better filtration for downstream municipal water use. It will also provide opportunities of revenue from visitation for recreational purposes.	NO	One of the reason that I moved to Florida is for the its beauty and natural areas available for outdoor recreation. Tourism is one of the driving economic factors for Florida and Florida's natural beauty a large reason that brings tourists.
9/30/2021 18:27	Volusia		No	No					Clean it up	Manatee deaths	Manatee deaths		
9/30/2021 18:28	Seminole		No	No					repair the dam or restore the river		Any improvement ok		
9/30/2021 18:31	Pinellas		No	No					decommissioned	historical flow of water in the Florida Wildlife Corridor	loss of manatees/ seagrasses/		

9/30/2021 18:39	Clay		No	No				I think Silver Springs should be restored by allowing the Ocklawaha River to freely flow. To remove the dam.	The ecological and recreational benefits of a free-flowing connection between the St. Johns River, the Silver River, and the Ocklawaha River. Some of these ecological benefits are: *Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored *20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored *Essential manatee habitat restored - manatees are struggling over the past couple of years because their habitat is being compromised *Historic migration paths for fishes will be restored *150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. Hopefully this will counteract the saline balance increase when the upper St. Johns is dredged. *100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier, helping to guard against storm surges from increasingly violent tropical storms/hurricanes.	Long-term ecological damage: Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss, and thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities should not be ignored or delayed any longer.	We need to carefully consider costs of a deteriorating dam - the safety risk for those living downstream and the estimated $57 million repairs. With free-flowing water in these rivers, water quality, coastal resiliency, and wildlife corridor will flourish, increasing tourism and sport- related dollars will increase income for the local economies. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
9/30/2021 18:48	Manatee		No	No				Breach them.	Environment degradation.	Further environmental degradation.	No.	
9/30/2021 18:53	Citrus		No	No				Restoring the habitat for fish, manatees, birds, and other native wildlife.		Lack of habitat for wildlife.	Not sure.	
9/30/2021 18:57	Martin		No	No				breach/remove the dam	I am unaware of any benefits to leaving the dam in place. Removing it would provide significant economic benefits to the local communities and the people who live there.	lack of opportunity for local citizens	no	Thank you for considering my opinions.
9/30/2021 18:57	Sarasota		No	Yes			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other:	I would like for it to be taken down, the damn as it's not natural and it's only caused destruction of our Florida waters as they were intended to be naturally.	Natural design	My biggest concern would be the future of Florida and Floridas waters, highly intelligent people usually understand nature.	At this point, at the tipping point of Florida losing everything it's ever had dear to everyone who has grown up here and everyone who is moving here, quite frankly NO.	We are well past any other outcome other than cleaning up our waters and saving as much conservation land and wildlife Corridors that we can. I would see any other decision as political or corrupt.
9/30/2021 19:00	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Allow to become natural river in the future		Unneeded expense to replace the dam.		
9/30/2021 19:09	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	I moved to Putnam county to be close to the body of water I grew up on with my father and grandfather . If this is removed it would be devastating to Putnam county .	I don't have any concerns I The ones advocating for the removal of the Kirkpatrick dam are trying to make everyone believe that they want it returned to a free flowing River but will never achieve this outcome when the headwaters of the Ocklawaha River is a dam Moss Bluff , between lake griffin and eustis is another small set of locks that control how much water is released into griffin , another set of locks on Apopka ! So if by some chance the Kirkpatrick dam is taken out then we are at Marion counties mercy on how much water will be released to the St. John's River ! If we have any more droughts from this day forward after it is removed Marion county will not let their lakes go dry and will not release excess water to appease the people wanting the dam removed ! Every time I hear someone talk about the removal of Rodman The first thing that comes to my mind is hypocrites ! You can never have a free flowing River unless you get everyone on board with taking every lock system from the Harris chain of lakes !	Just leave it be ! If you want anyone to believe that the Ocklawaha River would be healthier with the removal of the Kirkpatrick dam then discuss the removal of every lock system on the Harris chain of lakes ! Not just one dam and lock system! Kayaking and Birdwatching would not bring in a fraction of the revenue that Bass fishing and tournament fishing does in Putnam county !	
9/30/2021 19:11	Outside of state / other	Douglasville, Ga	No	Yes		1 time	Fishing	Maintain those locations as is	The fishing and wildlife (manatees) are second to none.	Not only my personal impact but the local guides and community impact would be severe. I'm planning at least three guided trips to Rodman over the next year.	Any negative impact on the current state would be detrimental.	Rodman is one of the most desired bass fishing locations in the world. Please protect this place for us and our grandchildren.
9/30/2021 19:16	St Johns		No	No				Tear it down. Not needed and the Manatees need it as a route to springs for winter migration.		Silver Springs fish stock is being depleted due to the dam.		
9/30/2021 19:26	Seminole		No	No				Remove dam				
9/30/2021 19:30	Osceloa		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/30/2021 19:37	Pinellas		No	No				I'd like to see it breached.	• There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. • Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. • Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. • The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	• We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. • The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. • Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. • Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. • Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. • Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No, breaching the dam is the only option I support . Please 🙏	It is so important that we make decisions today that will impact the future generations of tomorrow. Not just the human generations but the generations of manatees (who are largely impacted by this dam). Due to seagrass dieoff, etc. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
9/30/2021 19:41	St Johns		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam cannot happen	The manatees way of life	The manatees not being able to survive	No. The water must flow.
9/30/2021 19:42	Dade		No	No				restore the riverway and save the Everglade drainage	manatees	ecocide	no	
9/30/2021 19:44	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Keep the dam and manage the reservoir more effectively by stopping the spraying of herbicides and mechanically removing the detrimental weeds, especially the floating weeds	Continual decline of fish primarily due to decrease of hydrilla and eel grass, which is decimated by spraying of herbicides	Removal of the dam would cause a loss of habitat for a large and wide variety of species of birds, animals, fish and reptiles.	No. Unfortunately no, and we gave this much thought.	Please KEEP RODMAN DAM! And put mechanisms in place to manage the reservoir!
9/30/2021 19:50	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	1. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 2. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored 3. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 4. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 5. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 6. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 7. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 8. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy 9. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. 10. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	1. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. 2. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. 3. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. 4. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. 5. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. 6. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. 7. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. 8. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. 9. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. 10. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/30/2021 19:58	Duval		No	No				Removal	Animal habitats being restored	Native animals will go extinct	We need to support more over or under road pathways for animals to cross highways and we need to support using less chemicals that are polluting the waterways in the first place and causing the sea grass to die off and in turn have a negative impact on manatees and other Florida wildlife	
9/30/2021 20:00	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No				I would like to see it removed to restore more natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	Personal experience as a geospatial analyst where I have worked extensively with the SJRWMD as well as SFWMD, SWFWMD, and SRWMD on several habitat monitoring and restoration projects. I have seen the incredible rebound nature makes when we give back land. Restoring natural habitat to include natural water flow is something that Florida has struggled with for decades. The wheels for this project have been in motion longer than I have been alive.	I care deeply for the state I once called home. Even though I no longer reside in Florida, friends and family still do and it saddens me every time I read about another project that should have never been permitted or the latest assault on nature there.	No	I also the fact that the construction that required the dam was never completed should be a big factor in its removal. It clearly is serving no point
9/30/2021 20:15	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Boating	Remove the dam to restore the surrounding areas a d the river	The fact that the dam needs millions of dollars of work	The long term health of the river	Breaching the dam but leaving a portion as a fishing pier	A solid plan to move forward with at least partial dam removal needs to be assembled after so many years of back and forth and continued debate.
9/30/2021 20:17	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Maintain as is		It's a beautiful place			
9/30/2021 20:17	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Remove it and return the area to nature	Other: To see the harm caused by the dam	Scientific research from state and University of Florida	That algae blooms will destroy fisheries	No	Remove the dam. It's from a failed project and is causing harm to florida waterways
9/30/2021 20:18	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Considering the established ecosystem, even though man-made, I believe removing the dam would cause significant loss of habitat due not only to the lake draw down but the possible flooding of shoreline. The damage has been done, let's not do more.	History	Loss of habitat for established species of both flora and fauna.	Not really. Continue with current draw down management plans.	
9/30/2021 20:20	Seminole		No	No				Removed. Once saw a dam removed in Washington State and the land and river returned to its former self.	That waters need to follow their former natural paths.	As a state we are going backwards a environmentally.		
9/30/2021 20:23	Duval		No	No					Breaching the dam will save money in maintenance and repair costs. It will allow manatees to pass through and access important habitats and breaching the dam will help to restore fish populations which are currently in decline.	That the springs will not be restored and we will lose valuable wildlife as well as money from tourism and hospitality.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the springs is imperative and no other solution will account for the loss of endangered species.	
9/30/2021 20:25	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	I would advise complete removal of the dam with restoration along the emerging river.	The removal would free the river for anadromous fishes to navigate up the river and spawn. Also, quite a few springs would be opened up to provide recreational and aesthetic benefits.	The density of fishes upriver to Silver Springs would remain depressed.	I am most concerned with full removal of the dam. If improvements could not be made to the emergent river, so be it. Nature can heal itself.	The dam was an environmental mistake to begin with. Its removal is much overdue!
9/30/2021 20:26	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, restoring habitat for fish and manatees.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Let's not leave this problem for our children!	Its time. Lets finally fix this, and breach the dam.
9/30/2021 20:30	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach it and reunite waterways	Benefits ecology and recreational use	Missed opportunity; spending on repair		
9/30/2021 20:31	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing					
9/30/2021 20:32	Martin		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removal and restoration of the river	Loss of sturgeon and other wildlife I'm the sjr system	Continued degradation of natural ecosystems	Possibly	
9/30/2021 20:35	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
9/30/2021 20:48	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Keep it the same	it's is it's own ecosystem	Fish more	Leave it as it is	
9/30/2021 20:54	Outside of state / other	California	No	No				Fishing				
9/30/2021 20:55	Marion		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River. Every day Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam are in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	There are many, but three rivers--Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns--and 50 springs would be restored. Also, historic fish and manatees would return as the breach created a free-flowing river	Again, there are many reasons, but you can follow the money. Millions in taxpayers' funds are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow; support coastal resiliency; and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Moreover, rRaushing the rivers will provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. In addition, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
9/30/2021 21:03	Alachua		No	No				Breach the dam.	20 lost springs and silver springs ecosystem restored. Three rivers restored. Ocklawaha, Silver, and St John's. Save millions to repair the dam.	Possible danger to homes if dam breaks. Loss of recreational opportunities.	No.	
9/30/2021 21:05	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Birding	Removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River	1. The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs will be restored 2. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored 3. Historic fish and manatee populations can use the newly free-flowing river 4. Manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 5. St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier 6. Thousands of acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 7. Millions of gallons a day of natural flow will be restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 8. Millions of dollars in repairs saved on a dam that is way past its life expectancy 9. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone and increases visitation.	1. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, and environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat). 2. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. 3. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and loss of native submersed aquatic vegetation. 4. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. 5. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No.	
9/30/2021 21:05	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Natural habitats restored. wildlife returning to normal	Continued alteration of the land	No	
9/30/2021 21:07	St Johns		No	No				Removal of dam, restoration of river	Dam is expensive to maintain, reservoir provides little public benefit	Open-ended commitment to maintaining dam	User fees to support reservoir & dam, no taxpayer money, and preservation of other springs to make up for those lost under reservoir	There is little public benefit to most residents of the water mgmt district in keeping this dam operational
9/30/2021 21:07	Duval		No	No				Restoration of the natural flow of the rivers and protection of the ecological habitats	Science and the ecological benefits	Damage to the ecological habitats	No	restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife.
9/30/2021 21:22	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	DESTROY THE DAM	it's useless. it's falling apart. It's cutting off the manatees and other wildlife that historically use t waterway. It was a failed project that should never have been started.	Continued destruction of historical migration grounds for manatee. Continued suppression of the ocklawaha springs.	No.	
9/30/2021 21:23	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Fish counts with Florida Springs Institute	Take down the dam and restore the river to it's natural state	1. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 2. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored 3. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 4. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 5. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 6. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 7. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 8. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy 9. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. 10. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? 1. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. 2. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. 3. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. 4. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. 5. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. 6. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. 7. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. 8. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.		just leave the gates open so the manatees can swim back and forth. Let Striped Bass enter the river freely	Who put the Tilapia there? I'm seeing 10 lb monsters now..
9/30/2021 21:24	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: I boated the natural Ocklawaha in the reservoir reach before the project was started.	Removal of the dam and its water control capability to allow natural restoration of hydrologic regime and forested basin which was cleared and has been flooded continuously, except during occasional scheduled drawdowns, since completion of the project.	Professional knowledge of costs and impacts, not just direct but also within the entire river basin and the receiving waters of the St. Johns River.	That local political influence supporting single issue resource use by fishing interests will continue to hold sway over the range of ecosystem management concerns which have been exhaustively elucidated by state and federal government managers and scientists for decades, as though removal of the dam and impoundment would eliminate the sport fishing uses, which it will not.	No.	

9/30/2021 21:32	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	1) Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees; and 2) 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	1) Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future; and 2) Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
9/30/2021 21:37	Alachua		No	No				Removal of the dam & restoration of historical river course	Need for habitat restoration for native species	Runoff and water flow into the St John's River	Given publicized reports that the dam is approaching end of life, it would seem that either it needs to come down or be rebuilt. Since the initial purpose was to facilitate the cross Florida canal and that will never be, return to the initial watershed would seem to be best. Fishermen and boaters have numerous options, and reopening the waterway might actually open new opportunities for kayaking, wildlife and so on.	
9/30/2021 21:37	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	It needs to go back to the way God intended. A natural river, wetland area	The dam goes against God's will. Mankind shall steward the animals and earth. It was never natural.	Continued algae blooms and degradation of the natural Florida environment that we were blessed with by God.	God's will shall be fulfilled.	I hope Ron DeSantis and Trump support the removal of the Dam. Like Moses parting the waters, they can achieve what God Wills. Make Florida Great Again!
9/30/2021 21:40	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Landscape scenery	I support removing the dam, and restoring the river to a natural condition, or as natural as possible.	Need to restore the natural ecosystem of the river and springs. I saw the film 'Lost Springs' and think that there will also be benefits to state tourism if the system is restored. Also the water quality benefits are critical to human and wildlife health.	Excessive cost of maintenance of the dam, also the risk of possible catastrophic collapse causing flooding, damage and loss of life. We must plan for a future cooperating with nature, benefiting from natural functions rather than destroying nature and paying the costs.		Need to do everything possible to end problems of blue green algae. For human health this is critical NOW.
9/30/2021 21:41	Monroe		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
9/30/2021 21:53	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see it removed.	Wildlife and natural restoration.	More wildlife will suffer	No	
9/30/2021 21:59	Sarasota		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Become more of a natural habitat			No	
9/30/2021 22:08	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Open it up. Allow the River to free flow like it should.	Habitat for manatees		No	
9/30/2021 22:14	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating	Clean up the floating logs that hamper boating and provide safer boating. Keep the main boat lanes clear of vegetation.	The amount of boaters and fisherman that utilize Rodman reservoir.	Would hate to see a fully developed eco system destroyed by draining the reservoir.	None, keep the reservoir as is!	
9/30/2021 22:19	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: NA	Remove the dam and restore the river	Condition of the rivers	Degradation of the rivers	No	Restore the original flow
9/30/2021 22:20	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					Free flowing water	The manatees	The manatees would be harmed		
9/30/2021 22:24	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Their are reservoirs all over the country. They support many species.			
9/30/2021 22:51	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Other: NA	Remove the dam.	Return to natural flow		No	
9/30/2021 22:53	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Other: Viewing destruction to our natural Florida resources	I would like to see the dam removed	The dam blocks the river, causing dangerous algae blooms and spreading invasive plants, running the water in the area. Florida has the largest and most active aquifer in the world and we should not be ruining it.	Much more damage will be caused	No	
9/30/2021 22:57	Gadsden		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I feel the damn should be removed to allow the original waterways to flow as nature intended.	Nature knows best. Restoration of natural habitat benefits animals, mammals, and people.	If the damn is not removed the natural springs will remain lost under the reservoir.	No. Nothing less than removing the damn will restore the natural habitat and access needed for endangered manatees.	
9/30/2021 23:06	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	This dam has damaged the Ocklawaha water flow for far too long. It is past time that it was removed.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline to the point where the backed up waters will result in fish kills, more invasive weed blockages, and decreased economic benefit from visitors wishing to view a more pristine waters.	The Ocklawaha and St. John's rivers need to have their natural water flow restored so fish, wildlife, and avian life can once again flourish.	Not really, this issue should have been resolved a long time ago. It is shocking that the deterioration of the water flow in this area has been allowed to continue for years.	I would visit the dam area more often if it were restored.
9/30/2021 23:07	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas is missed. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system.	No. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife habitat is needed now. A drawdown of the reservoir alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow--it is only a temporary solution.	
9/30/2021 23:34	Marion		No	Yes				Other: Drove by it a few months ago. Seems misplaced.	The Rodman Reservoir should be returned to the natural state. This will improve fishing and wildlife habitat.	Protecting Freshwater Resources The Cross Florida Barge Canal was officially deauthorized in 1990, and since that time FDR has focused its efforts on repairing the damage caused by the project. Efforts to restore more than 16 miles of river, 20 natural springs, and nearly 8,000 acres of biologically diverse hardwood floodplain forests are ongoing. Removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam will help provide expanded habitat for manatees in the Silver River.	Loss of Manatees and other wildlife that depend on the River system. Funds should not be spent to maintain and support a Dam which serves no purpose. Eco tourism, with trips originating in Putnam County, could provide useful alternatives to fish camps which evolved in the last 50 years.	My full vision would be to declare the River the St Johns to Silver Springs a National Wild and Scenic River and restored to it's original state. Leaving existing private properties would be the only reasonable alternative, dependent upon removal of the dam.	Save Tax dollars. Dismantle the dam.
9/30/2021 23:54	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the damn and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River	More than 50 years of blocking the flow of one of our State's most pristine waterways, provided by every environmentally involved restoration group available, that we must return the natural flow of the Ocklawaha to preserve the Floridan ASpecifically, Cannon Springs, manatee passages and rockDepfer to salvage the destruction caused by the detrimental effect of the Rodman Dam.	The loss of a great natural resources that may never be restored .Specifically the loss of manatee migratory venues, deforestation due to flooding and the coverage of natural springs (Cannon for example) and the free-flow of native fish which will actually IMPROVE fishing for sportsmen.	Nothing short of removing the Rodman Damn would I support.	Governors of all parties, Republican, Democrat and Libertarian (referring to the great Rubin Askew) were blocked from freeing this noble River by greedy anti--environmentalists factions who choke money and profit over the preservation of an irreplaceable natural wonder. As a native-born Floridian (1956) I find the entire argument for the existence of the Rodman Damn anathema to the preservation of our fragile ecosystem that remains a vital source of nature in a world of constant corporate destruction of our only Earthly domain.
9/30/2021 23:55	Duval		No	No					Remove the dams. Open up river for natural wildlife	Wildlife, new areas of Florida to explore		More water to keystone heights lakes	
9/30/2021 23:55	Clay		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Wanted to see it	Removed and the river restored.	Health of the St. John's river system and environment.	Benefit for most Floridians denied to support a few who want to preserve a failed venture.	No	That this error has not been corrected already is a shame.
10/1/2021 0:01	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. This is not a natural area and should be restored.	it is really weird to be fishing where pine forest/trees used to be.	Freshwater is held up from entering the St. John's River and operating costs	No	
10/1/2021 0:39	Orange		No	No					Tear it down				
10/1/2021 0:54	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: To enjoy the beauty of nature.	I would like to see the dam remain intact and the reservoir maintained with draw downs as the have been in the past years.	Two wrongs do not make a right. It was a bad decision to build the dam in the first place and flood a natural forest that can not be reproduced in an economically feasible manner. The reservoir at this time also provides a future use of clean water for human county if we so need it : I was born in 1966 and grew up enjoying the dam and the reservoir with my family. I remember fishing in the reservoir when the cypress trees were still standing where they had been flooded and before the hydrilla became a nuisance. I remember my grandparents taking me striper fishing at the dam and then myself taking my daughter and son there as they grew up. As a lifelong resident of Putnam county I have always enjoyed the recreation opportunities provided by the dam and reservoir.	The mosquito and moccasin infested Myrtle swamp that would be left after dam is removed and the funding is not provided to return the forest to its previous state.	The only scenario that I can and will support is keeping the reservoir and dam. There is no way to return the floodplain of the reservoir to its natural state prior to flooding. The wildlife that now inhabits the reservoir and the barge canal along with the Oklawaha river is not aware of its prior state of free flowing river. The manatees are in Silver river in greater numbers than they have ever been. And other than a few old turtles and gators no other wildlife species lifespans have allowed them to miss a free flowing river.	Save Rodman dam and reservoir. Earmark funds to maintain to an economically attainable state for the future generations to enjoy and possibly rely on its water supply.
10/1/2021 4:17	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam taken down and the river allowed to return to its natural state.	The reservoir is. It a healthy lake and requires much maintenance and weed control.	We continue to spend so much trying to shore up an unhealthy ecosystem	Drawing down on a more permanent basis	
10/1/2021 5:44	Volusia		No	Yes					Remove and let the river return to its natural course.	Statements from various environmental groups as well as a belief that we need to minimize man's attempted engineering of natural systems.	Negative impact to the St Johns River and unnecessary long term maintenance cost to maintain.	I don't see any half measures, so no.	As a teenager, I canoed down the Oklawaha from 40 to the dam. The river was so beautiful and wild until I reached the dam reservoir miles from the dam. What I found was an unnatural lake that seemed so out of place it was disturbing. Let's return the land surrounding the river channel to its natural state.
10/1/2021 5:54	Pinellas		No	No					Remove this dam and restore the natural environment. There is NO reason this should have ever been built in the first place, or should exist now. It is a travesty that this is even a question.	Manatees are starving to death and are losing warm water access as coal fire powered plants are decomissioned. They need river access. Manatees and ecotourism would be net beneficial for the local economy. The dam is already consuming millions of dollars in tax payer money for NO REASON and is actively harming the environment, which then requires MORE taxpayer money to restore. Fish populations in surrounding ecosystems are devastated. Dozens of beautiful springs could be restored. There are too many reasons to fit in this text box with limited characters.	The continued taxpayer expense of maintaining the equivalent of a "bridge to nowhere". Ongoing environmental damage. Water quality. Spring health. Aquifer health. Serious questions over political corruption. Serious questions over incompetence or corruption in Florida state agencies.	No. No half measures would be sufficient. The dam needs to be removed and the natural environment restored to how God created it.	
10/1/2021 6:22	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No									
10/1/2021 6:28	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Just wanted to see it	Take them down	We need a free flowing river. Water worldwide is in jeopardy. We need to act now to keep our river as healthy as possible	A declining st johns river	I don't see how partially removing the dams would help either scenario	We must protect this water supply
10/1/2021 6:31	Duval		No	Yes				Fishing	Remove it	It would be best for the environment.	I have no biggest concern	Partial removal.	
10/1/2021 6:48	Clay		No	Yes					Remove the dam	Environmental studies showing benefit of restoring natural flow	Continued environmental decline	Not sure of any other alternatives but would consider when presented	
10/1/2021 6:51	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, restore the Ocklawaha free flowing river.	The environmental impact the dam has had on the down river areas. Fish and wild life has diminished since the dam. The wetlands that are along the river has been drained, this has killed the health of the environment.	The conditions will continue to degrade down river from the dam, this will also degrade the springs along the river including Silver Springs.	TAKE THE DAM DOWN	
10/1/2021 6:57	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Dam removal and restoration to return to its natural state, including the Ocklawaha River, perhaps the most beautiful river in NE Florida.	Environmental studies show increased salinity at least as far south of the Buckman Bridge in Jacksonville	Increased salinity of the St. Johns River and areas further south of Jacksonville.		Restore the Ocklawaha River.
10/1/2021 7:00	Osceola		No	No					If we don't need it, put it back to how it was.	Concerns about wildlife infradstructure.	Disappointing	No	
10/1/2021 7:05	Nassau		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it	Hydrological studies indicate that salt water in trusting in the lower St John's may be offset by flow from the Ocklawaha.	Dam failure.	Increase the outflow to add freshwater downstream.	I would eventually like to see the Ocklawaha restored so that future generations can enjoy it.
10/1/2021 7:20	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times			It should be removed.	Numerous studies that indicate impairvement of Silver Springs, Ocklawaha, and St Johns. Dams are not natural. They disrupt natural water flow and the ability of flora and fauna to freely move about.	continued reductionn in spring flow.	no	
10/1/2021 7:37	Alachua		No	No					Removal and restoration to natural state so both humans and animals can enjoy this area as it was meant to be.	Creating access to all these additional springs which have been covered up with provide enormous relief to the overstrained springs in Ocala national Forest, lightning the load of traffic to those springs will help preserve all of our springs. (Not to mention increasing enjoyment for visitors.. nobody likes fighting crowds especially to go visit something that should be a pristine natural area)	Florida's continued downward spiral . Wildlife and environmental mismanagement, habitat loss, etc.	If the dam cannot be entirely removed due to fiscal reasons, breaching, and allowing parts of the dam to remain would be alright.	
10/1/2021 7:38	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking and Mountain Biking	I would like to see the Dam Kirkpatrick Dam maintained and the Rodman Reservoir and boat ramps maintained and kept open and free to the public as they are now.	How valuable I feel that having this type of access to nature is for the area including trips I make to Putnam County when I am in the area to enjoy the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam	Loss of wildlife, nature and public access to an area that contains both.	Not aware of any scenario short of my desired outcome that I would be willing to support.	Thank you for making this Survey open to the public.
10/1/2021 7:44	Clay		No	No					Dam should be removed and let the river return to natural state.	Continued research showing lack of proper water flow throughout the system of rivers, springs.	Our rivers and springs dying.	No	
10/1/2021 7:50	St Johns		No	No					Remove it.	Restoring the natural flow of the rivers in the area.	Reduction of the quality of our water resources.	No.	There is plenty of fishing to be done at other places in Florida. Letting bass fishermen dictate keeping the dam which was a bad idea in the first place is bad environmental business. Fishermen can still fish in a healthy river environment, they don't have to have a dammed lake to fish.
10/1/2021 7:59	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Dismantle it, and restore the habitat that was flooded.		The Millions in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. The multi-millions in potential tourist revenue generated from kayaking and snorkeling.	No The fam was a mistake to begin with.	This is an opportunity for the state of Florida to do the right thing; to show other states that we regret making poor ecological choices in the past and we're doing our best to remedy them now.
10/1/2021 8:03	Putnam		No	No					I'd like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam. Short-term drawdown during the work with a firm timeline.	The 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor that would be restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. will serve and inform our broad and growing population, help to protect our health and expand our economy.	Continued support with millions in taxpayers' money - of a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No - not in the long run.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. I believe this will enhance our quality of life by benefitting our economy, reputation and health.
10/1/2021 8:07	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Removed and area restored, as much as possible, to pre-dam condition (natural flow).	Help improve quality of the St. Johns river ecosystem and mitigate effects of climate change and saltwater intrusion.	Water quality, ecosystem services, conservation value of the Silver River, Ocklawaha, and the St. Johns continue to decline.	Partial restoration proposals seem reasonable.	
10/1/2021 8:12	Wakulla		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing	To be maintained and in good working order	I see both sides of the issue and being a fisherman it's a great place. The lake is one of the states greatest fisheries and seems to be managed very well by FWC. I would hate to see it go away.	I would take any business that I might do in the area away to some other part of the state. When I'm there I do more than just fish. I stay in the area hotel's eat at the restaurants and buy gas and bait from local stores.	If the lake was to go away then I really don't see a point.	As a fisherman I enjoy my time on the lake and it hold a special place in my heart. For sure is one of the true big bass factories in the state. We all know that the barge canal was a complete disaster from the start but it has made the lake one of the top places in the state to fish for bass. I'm not one that likes to see rivers dammed either. Free flowing the way mother nature had intended is always best. I really don't see this issue ever getting fixed where both sides would be happy with the results. I fear not having a place to fish. That would mean that I would take my money some place else.
10/1/2021 8:14	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see it's removal as that is 50 years overdue.	It would restore countless streams, 3 major rivers and help rebuild the ecosystem so that it once again flourishes	My biggest concern would be the wildlife that suffer because of the dam's obstruction.	No	Please help save the saa cows and the rest of the wildlife
10/1/2021 8:14	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Additionally, 100s of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No.	60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 8:15	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and attempt restoration of the area.	The poor quality of the reservoir, the lack of the forested area that was there originally, the blockage of aquatic species needing to move up river (in its natural state), the cost of dam and reservoir maintenance.	Continued degradation of the reservoir, dam structure maintenance, elimination of a natural flow for aquatic species needing a free flowing river	Absolutely not.	I fished the Ocklawaha River beginning in the 1960s and knew it as one of the most beautiful river systems in FL; I was also there when its destruction began for formation of the dam. I also worked for the former GFWFC as a biologist while the barge canal was being built measuring environmental destruction.
10/1/2021 8:16	Nassau		No	Yes		1 time			Take it down. Restore the natural environment.	Save our beautiful natural springs			
10/1/2021 8:37	Manatee		No	No					I would like to see an improvement in the preservation of nature, especially for manatees.	Manatees are an important animal in Florida and we have to do anything possible to preserve them. If the 20 springs that come with the Kirkpatrick dam could be beneficial for manatees why not do that.	This year was a very hard year for manatees. This is an endangered species that relies on its hot springs. If manatees don't get them they will die and eventually disappear because the are already in danger.	I could only support any decision that helps the manatees. It doesn't have to be the demolition of the dam but it should bring improvement to this species.	Please help the manatees
10/1/2021 8:20	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see the dam removed and the natural flow of the river restored.	The dam is an artificial, man made creation that blocks the river to the detriment on the ecology.	Continued deterioration of the St. John's River.	No	None
10/1/2021 8:21	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Keep the reservoir.....maintain the dam.	People come from around the nation/world to fish the Rodman Reservoir.	Nothing would be gained by removing the Kirkpatrick dam, the water flow to the St. Johns would remain the same.	Not at this time.	The reservoir & dam are paid for, and are an asset for that area. Why spend money to remove something that is beneficial to that entire area?
10/1/2021 8:24	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times			I would like to see it breached and have the river restored to its original path.	The looming problems in upkeep alone support this action.	I believe nature will take it in this direction even without our input, and it may be catastrophic.	A partial breach would be better than none.	Construction was a mistake.
10/1/2021 8:25	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/1/2021 8:25	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Taken down	Restore St Johns river	Continued algae blooms and high salinity	Not sure	
10/1/2021 8:27	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore Ocklawaha River to its natural condition.	Environmental degradation caused by the dam, including negative impact on springs and on fish.	Corruption of government officials, unconcerned with restoring and protecting Florida's natural environment.	No.	Get with the program!
10/1/2021 8:35	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	planning and working ahead for environmental improvement is critical for the future economic welfare of Florida
10/1/2021 8:36	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman Dam removed.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, but the most important information supporting my position is the negative impact the Dam has had on the environment, particularly its impact on wild life.	continuing negative impact on the environment. Other concerns involve cost of maintaining the dam but that's not my initial concern.	no	
10/1/2021 8:37	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration..
10/1/2021 8:38	Duval		No	Yes				Fishing	Maintain the impoundment and dam AS IS.	I fished the reservoir many times over the years, however, age has prevented me from continuing that passion and the fact that the impoundment has established it's own eco-system is extremely evident to anyone who has ever frequented it. That and the fact that, NOTHING would ever bring back the original river status leads one to the conclusion that... two wrongs will never make a right ...and therefore, the impoundment and dam must be left as is! Don't throw more money into a useless dam. It serves no purpose and to repair would spend tax payers dollars.	The total waste of tax dollars needed to TRY to restore the original river landscape.	I don't think so.	
10/1/2021 8:40	Marion		No	No					Take the dam down and restore the river.		It would cost big bucks to repair.	No	
10/1/2021 8:41	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Other: NA	Remove the dam	Return to natural flow		No	
10/1/2021 8:47	Volusia		No	No					the dam must be removed. It serves no helpful purpose.	Any natural aquatic system requires free movement of the water	we'll have to wait another 50 years for common sense to prevail	not really	Please make this happen. It's your job to protect our waters
10/1/2021 8:48	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore original riverflow	Nature	It will never be returned to it's original flow.	Nope	
10/1/2021 8:48	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see the dam removed and the natural flow of the river restored.	The dam is an artificial, man made creation that blocks the river to the detriment on the ecology.	Continued deterioration of the St. John's River.	No	None
10/1/2021 8:49	Duval		No	No					remove dam and restore natural flow				
10/1/2021 8:50	Volusia		No	No					Removal of the dam	Let water intrusion	Harm to fish, wildlife and people with salt water intrusion in wells	Opening it up	
10/1/2021 8:51	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Destroy it.	Removal of dam.	Dead Manatees.	No.	

10/1/2021 8:51	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam to restore the natural flow of the rivers and springs for improved water quality and restoration of the natural wildlife habitat.	Federal and state scientific studies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to three rivers and Silver Springs. Restoration will result in more diverse recreational opportunities, increase visitation to the area and increase jobs in the area to support this increased visitation.	We miss an incredible opportunity to reverse fifty years of damage to the area since currently, state and federal funds for restoration are available, public interest in restoration is high and environmental benefits are great. Furthermore, the dam not safe.	No. The economic and environmental benefits of restoration have been clearly demonstrated.	
10/1/2021 8:52	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the damn.	Allow the river and springs to return to their natural state. The entire ecosystem has suffered from altering the natural flow.	Fish stocks and water quality.	No, remove the dam.	Long overdue, the remnants of a failed project that needs to be corrected.
10/1/2021 8:54	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss out on saving the state millions in trying to keep up maintenance on the dam. This is the best opportunity we have had to save money, and help local economies at the same time. It will also increase fishing opportunities.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	This is way past overdue and the science AND economics supports the breaching of the dam. We need leadership to LEAD and get this done.
10/1/2021 8:56	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing	Get rid of the dam and restore the river	Loss of bird and wildlife habitat	I think it will be achieved with time	I could support a partial opening of the dam, but that doesn't make sense	
10/1/2021 9:00	Lake		No	No				I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. This is a terrible shame.	All of these are important to me: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We live on Lake Eustis and we are concerned about water quality throughout the state. If the breach does not happen water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Plus, thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is highly important and myself and our entire families are in full support of this beach.
10/1/2021 9:00	Duval		No	No					Remove it.	Better water quality downstream.	Algae blooms		
10/1/2021 9:05	Duval		No	No					Removed	Let the ocklawaha return to its natural state, the use of dams nationwide has only caused environmental destruction, what is its purpose? Save what's left of Florida	Just another blow in the continued destruction of the Aquifer	None	
10/1/2021 9:05	St Johns		No	No									
10/1/2021 9:05	Duval		No	No					I'd like the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored to its free-flowing origins	The St. Johns River would be healthier if the Ocklawaha River was restored.	That the St. Johns River salinity continues to rise and threatens the health of Northeast Florida's ecosystem.	Unsure	
10/1/2021 9:07	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing	Maintain the dam and reservoir and to continue support for the fishery and other outdoor activities using tax payer dollars of the Counties the the project (though defunct) still has a footprint in.	My hundreds of times visiting the reservoir and Ocklawaha river for outdoor activities	By draining the reservoir you will ruin the current ecosystem in place and it would leave 20 miles of barren wasteland that would take over 100 years to recover.	No, the dam must stay	
10/1/2021 9:10	Martin		No	No					Anything that helps our springs and rivers.	The restoration of springs.	Continuing degradation of Springs in Florida.	Not really.	We have enjoyed visiting North Florida's Springs with our family for decades and we support efforts to improve the springs and rivers.
10/1/2021 9:35	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Other	Remove the dam					
10/1/2021 9:16	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	remove it	for the drowned springs.	springs, fish. manatees			
10/1/2021 9:16	Nassau		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Take down dam restore natural flow	Health of St. John's river	Continued ecological imbalance	Partial take down of dam to restore natural flow		
10/1/2021 9:16	Alachua		No	No					I support the removal of the dam.	The dam causes toxic algae blooms and massive fish die-offs as well as enables the spread of invasive aquatic plants. It also causes the tax payers millions of dollars. Worst of all, it causes the build up of pollution in the water by preventing flow of multiple rivers and stops the recharge of dozens of important springs.	The long term negative effects to the environment and tax payers.		Please work with scientists on this instead of listening to fishermen and stores that are only looking at short term benefits to them.
10/1/2021 9:18	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove dam	restore springs, improve water quality in the St Johns River. Improve fishing. Improve environment for wildlife.	Continued destruction of springs and water quality.	NO		
10/1/2021 9:19	Duval		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed	The removal will improve the health of Silver Springs and the St John's River	Continued degradation of above	No		
10/1/2021 9:19	Volusia		No	No				The river system restored St. johns, Ocklawaha	We need to save our wetlands	Picture lack of water to maintain life	The dam is useless. restore the river system and the wetlands		Thanks for the opportunity
10/1/2021 9:21	Duval		No	No									
10/1/2021 9:27	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore natural flow	Environmental restoration	I have waterfront property in Welaka as primary residence. If the dam fails the home will be most likely be flooded. Also restoration of salinity levels and more waterflow to clear up the stagnant sibal water. Hopefully it will allow for some underwater vegetation to return. Clarity is bad. bottom is just silt in the area.	There is either a nonsensical dam or no dam. Half a dam solves nothing. As an avid bass fisherman with a bass boat who lives in Welaka I say tear it down.	The Good 'Ol Boys in Putnam have kept this absolete abomination in place long enough. The return on investment is terrible and truth be told the fishing is not as great as it is made out to be. Take it down safely or a hurricane will do it without the consent of Bubba and his other brother Bubba.
10/1/2021 9:27	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Restore the Ochlawaha River	It will restore many springs and the Ochlawaha and Silver springs to their natural flow. Besides that, the dam has outlived it's life expectancy.	Declining water quality which often leads to blue-green algae events, under water vegetation loss, invasive weeds and fish kills.	No. It is time to put the environment, our wildlife and the quality of our water first. It should not be an after thought. Besides, we can save these bodies of water and still meet economic and recreational goals that all of us have for this piece of land and water. It could be a win-win. But the dam MUST go.	North Florida is a gorgeous and special place. The natural fresh water springs are a rarity throughout the WORLD and we have them here in our own backyard. We are fools to not protect them.
10/1/2021 9:29	Alachua		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit—especially no economic benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/1/2021 9:29	Seminole		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Alahahoal, Silver and St John Rivers. The lower Alahahoal and St John's Rivers will receive 150 M + gallons a day of restored natural water flow. Over $4M will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. The water quality can't wait	
10/1/2021 9:29	Monroe		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/1/2021 9:31	Volusia		No	No					Take it down, un-dam the river.	Will of the people, science	Lack of acces due to crumbling dam	No	
10/1/2021 9:31	Brevard		No	No					Remove the Dam	We have visitited and kayaked the Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns rivers for years and see the results of poor flow as well as the loss of the ability to view our 20 springs lost to the back up by the dam. Manatee are dieing due to loss of clean water from the springs to support grass grotth. REmoving the dam would allow many manatee to gain acces to springs in the winter.	The dam would continue to restrict full water flow from all the rivers in central florida as well as boating and access to manatee. The dam will continue to cost the state more money through maintenance. Also a possibility of dam failure in a major storm event	Draw down the reservoir 12 feet permanantely	We care about Floridas wildlife and environment and I newsest the restoration of rhe Oklawaha river the main part of the Great Florida Riverway. Restoration will help reorrite the 217 mile system and will benifit all communities while improving water quality and benifitting florida whildlife
10/1/2021 9:32	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	I'd like to see the dam removed and the area's ecology/flows restored.	There is no need to have the dam, therefore it should be removed and the flows restored.	Excess taxes being spent to maintain a non-essential structure.	Not really. It's either keeping the dam or removing it. If there are other scenarios (maybe I've missed them), the District should put those options out there.	If the dam is removed, area businesses that depend on the reservoir should be compensated for their financial losses, along with helping staff until they can secure new jobs.
10/1/2021 9:34	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The environment will recover and the nature will restore itself.	The environment will recover and the nature will restore itself. At present it is not a benefit to nature, not the people.	It will continue to obstruct the natural flow of what should have never been obstructed in the first place.	No, full restoration should take place.	This has been going on for way too long! Let's allow the river to be a river!
10/1/2021 9:35	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Hiking		Leave it as is. There is a huge ecosystem that has developed there. If drained, it will be a MASSIVE smelly swampland for years to come.	Succession of a site takes many years to occur. Especially to a mature hardwood wetland environment. Rains would add significant silts to river.	See above. Significant siltation in both the Ocklawaha and St John's. Any fresh water GAINS would be short term while drawdown occurs. Then normal flow would return.	Periodic drawdowns as is the standard now.	
10/1/2021 9:35	Duval		No	No		2-5 times	Other	Dam removed and flow restored to natural flow	Healthier river downstream. Help restore lower salinity, improve wildlife and plant life.	Poor health of river downstream results in death of wildlife	Not sure what options are available		
10/1/2021 9:37	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ochlawaha river	It restores many springs and 3 rivers. The dam is past it's life expectancy and rebuilding it would be expensive.	Loss of water quality, increased algae events, more invasive species, fish kills.	NO. Natural springs are north Florida's most unique natural assets. Submerging 50 of them under the Rodham reservoir seems foolish and short sighted	
10/1/2021 9:39	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removal	Unnecessary blocking of natural springs	Further deterioration of natural resources	No	Any dam fool with a bulldozer can make a lake. only God can make a river.
10/1/2021 9:42	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Camping	Take it down.	The springs are a Florida treasure. The dam is a disgrace. A free-flowing river is a good thing I every regard. The reservoir right now is an abomination	We will be left with a semi-stagnant lake.	Nope	Thank you for all your hard work in preserving our natural resources. Take it down today.
10/1/2021 9:49	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: canoeing/kayaking	remove the dam and free the movement of water of the Ocklawaha River	the dam impedes the natural flow of river water; during drawdowns, the view is horrible	dam is effective in its use	no	
10/1/2021 9:52	Outside of state / other	Carolina now; grew up in Lake Count	No	No					Remove or breach the dam.	It would restore ecological balance to the aquatic system, including springs, manatee habitat, fish migration.	The ecosystem would continue to be unhealthily fragmentat, with detrimental effects to wildlife and local economies.	No.	
10/1/2021 9:53	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed, allowing the reservoir to recede and the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River to be restored.	Florida has about 7800 lakes and far fewer streams: a combined total of only about 1700 creeks, branches, and rivers. Of those flowing waters, only nine have larger drainage basins than the Ocklawaha River, and most of those drain to the Gulf of Mexico, not the Atlantic Ocean. Bounded over much of its length by public lands, the Ocklawaha is the core of a unique corridor -- a ribbon of water through un-urbanized forest.	The forested wetlands that were present during my lifetime will not be restored, fish migrations will continue to be interrupted; water loss to the atmosphere through evaporation from the reservoir will continue to exceed water loss through evaporation from the river; and a singular opportunity to restore and retain a unique combination of water-plus-forest will be gone.	No. I would like to be able to compromise, but I see no scenario other than dam removal that would achieve the essential objectives of river and forest restoration.	In the early 1970s I provided a legal deposition related to the then-proposed Cross Florida Barge Canal. As I recall, my testimony dealt primarily with the biogeochemical problems (primarily sulfur, nitrogen, carbon) associated with conversion of flowing waters to reservoir. Given what we know today about methane emissions from shallow reservoirs, this topic needs to be re-examined; the potency of methane as a climate-changing gas is irrefutable, and land/water management practices that add it to the atmosphere are irresponsible.
10/1/2021 9:53	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored. The dam was a foolish move from the get go, and the harm it has caused continues daily.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored, 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. It's a no-brainer.	This may be our best last chance to do the right thing. State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. I'm afraid that if it doesn't happen now, it may never happen. The facts speak for themselves.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please, do the right thing and restore the Oklawaha. You have a chance to make the historically correct decision. It's the right thing to do and now is the right time to do it.
10/1/2021 9:53	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Observing changes in floodplain tree diversity	The dam should be removed, restoring the free flow of fresh water to downstream reaches.	Restoring the free flow of the Ocklawaha River would restore habitat for the endangered manatee population and downstream fisheries, including the estuary itself.	Death by a thousand cuts. The failure to restore natural wetland and aquatic habitat will add to the already-significant losses of pristine waters and wildlife habitat in the State of Florida.	No	Too often we have failed to retain the ecosystem services provided by our natural wetlands and aquatic ecosystems. The continued expenditure of state funds to prolong an otherwise unsustainable fishery is a senseless waste.
10/1/2021 9:55	Duval		No	No				I would like to see it totally removed to open up water flow to tributaries and to the St. John's River.	Water levels have been decreasing for years and algae blooms are getting worse. Water needs to be freely flowing to keep the areas healthy.	Florida's waterways will become damaged.	No.	
10/1/2021 10:07	Duval		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 10:07	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam destroyed and for the natural flow of water to be restored to the region. Doing so will restore the natural movement of fish, water, and resources throughout the region.	Captains for Clean Water, Florida Spring Institute			
10/1/2021 10:08	Polk		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting	I would like to see the dam removed and natural flow restored.	There's no purpose for maintaining the expense of the dam. It does not serve any real purpose. Continually spending money on it is fruitless.	We keep doing the same stupid stuff over and over and over. Look at the expense being incurred restoring the Kissimmee river to a more natural state.	No.	Knock it down.
10/1/2021 10:11	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 10:11	Dade		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 10:11	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	removed	wasn't supposed to be there in the first place	economic cost	no	
10/1/2021 10:12	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restored flows and levels	Loss of habitat and water quality			
10/1/2021 10:13	Duval		No	No					Return to natural state - preserve all surrounding land	Newspaper articles in the Florida Times Union	going against how nature intended the ecosystem to function	leaving the dam is not horrible: it is an area that is vibrant and loved by many	
10/1/2021 10:13	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times		Breach or remove the Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 10:14	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 10:15	Orange		No	No					The dam should be completely demolished and removed to restore critical habitat and springs.	Removing the dam would create access to over 20 springs currently submerged, and provide improved habitat for manatees and other endangered species.	The further degradation of natural habitat and water quality as well as inefficiency of spending more money to repair the dam.	No. The dam and reservoir provide little to no public benefits at high ecological and economic costs.	Removal of the dam is the single most effective task to restore the entire Ocklawaha River system and provide immense opportunity for economic development and habitat restoration.
10/1/2021 10:16	Orange		No	No					For it to be opened and to let animals benefit from it	Facts	the environment	no	protect the environment and do the right thing

10/1/2021 10:48	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	a. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway	As someone who loves to visit Florida, and who's always wanted to see manatees in the wild, in their natural habit, having the manatees home destroyed would be disastrous.
10/1/2021 10:18	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam to restore flow to the St John's River	Rising salinity in the river near Mayport	Salinity would move further up the river destroying wildlife and harming the health of the river	Partial removal of the dam	The aging dam will need repair and maintenance. Why spend our tax dollars for this?
10/1/2021 10:18	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Do what the scientists urge is necessary	Not only do we save millions of dollars, but Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. And A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. And The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. And The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. We have finances, property, and the future of our state to protect here.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/1/2021 10:19	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam removed and the natural flow of the river restored- reopening all the springs in order to restore environmental and tourism benefits.	Scientific data on damage to the environment, loss of tourism to the now flooded streams, improvement in the health of the St Johns River which is such a major factor in so many ways to NE Florida, restoration of a national significant historic river, perpetual cost of maintaining the Dam	negative impact on the health of the St Johns River, cost of maintaining the dam, loss of tourism (river fishing vs reservoir fishing and the restoration of the historic springs	No, the benefits to the entire area far outweigh any disadvantages. The local economy would have to change focus, but could be enhanced due to growing national interest in preserving the environment.	
10/1/2021 10:21	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 10:26	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam completely, drain the reservoir.	Uncover the springs under the existing lake. The original water way should have been restored when the canal project was stopped by then President Nixon. That area was some of the most beautiful areas in the state. I remember it well!	Why should money be spent on a dam that shouldn't have been there in the first place.	NO! Get rid of the dam and restore the water way completely!	Get rid of the dam NOW!
10/1/2021 10:28	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: just wanted to see it.	have it removed.	health of the environment.	Our water ways will continue to have issues with pollution and algae bloom.	Start the removal process.	
10/1/2021 10:29	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the Dam breached	The studies that suggest the positive impact of returning life to certain springs and species of aquatic life	The continued strain on already strained aquatic life	Not really, do the right thing. Return power to nature.	
10/1/2021 10:31	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Have not used it, only visited to see it.	Destroy the dam and let the river flow freely	Its not fair to benefit only a few fishermen at the expense of the natural environment.	Cost of continued maintenance of the dam.	I would like to see public access to the river at multiple points. That way fisherman can fish the river from parks or piers. If there are various points of public access to the river, that is a good scenario.	Visiting the Rodman dam is not equivalent to "using" the reservoir.
10/1/2021 10:31	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Complete removal and restore to the natural state	Florida has suffered significant wildlife diversity decline, especially with the fish population, and things like the Kirkpatrick Dam are directly responsible.	Ecological collapse	None.	
10/1/2021 10:33	Hernando		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Dam needs to be removed or breached.	This was a project that no longer exist and isn't needed. But in the interim it has caused havoc to natural systems. Since the project isn't ever going to be completed there is no need to continue paying to maintain and repair this dam.	Continued government wasted resources and funds for a project that never materialized as well as the unnecessary strain it placed on natural resources.	No, why continue the upkeep and wasting of resources when it could be better served elsewhere.	
10/1/2021 10:37	Alachua		No	No					tear it down, not worth repairing		water dragons (manatees) need the habitat		
10/1/2021 10:38	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Protect it protect manatees	Science	Loss of wildlife	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	
10/1/2021 10:41	Brevard		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Everyday that the dam is in place it is a harm to the water quality and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	Tree Rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns and 50 springs would be restored. It is important that 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem is restored.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continue to be deprived of 150mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No, Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Manatees: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; Unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for you consideration
10/1/2021 10:42	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economics lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 10:44	Hernando		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Photography	Remove the Dam.	Environmental work in the area.	Continued environmental degradation.	No.	
10/1/2021 10:46	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time			Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Missed opportunity. Further damage.	No.	
10/1/2021 10:47	Alachua		No	Yes				Fishing Rooting Wildlife viewing	Dam removal so natural flow can return	a ruined river bed	a ruined river system	there is none. It either is taken down or not	
10/1/2021 10:49	Broward		No	No					I would love to see it removed or breached.	Florida's ecosystems have suffered so much damage from artificial water management, drastically reducing the biodiversity in areas and submerging many natural wonders. For example, this dam reduced the fish in Silver Springs by 96+%, buried 20 natural springs, and restrict our endangered manatee's access to critical warm water in winter.	Continued use of tax money to maintain an otherwise useless dam which damages our ecosystem	Breaching vs removal, or digging a channel bypassing it.	Breaching the dam is cheaper than fixing it, by millions, and would open up access to 20 springs, at least some of which could be developed into state and local parks increasing tourism dollars while simultaneously benefiting the natural habitat.
10/1/2021 10:49	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoration and habitat protection for manatee's that are in critical need for protection.	Florida's water quality has been declining and there are more blue-green algae blooms that are destroying our ecosystem. Our economy is driven by tourism, bringing in billions of dollars to our state. Tourists are no longer going to come when our waterways and beaches are too unhealthy to even breathe in the air.	No.	
10/1/2021 10:49	Alachua		No	No					Removal of the dam	Environmental effects of dam			
10/1/2021 10:52	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam.	If breaching the dam will reintroduce a number of springs, it will bring a large number of tourists to the area enhancing the local economy. In addition to this, the local vegetation will be restored and the migration paths of the marine population will no longer remain stagnant.	The longer this is delayed the more damage to the environment and economy the dam will inflict. The creation of the dam is part of Florida's largest embarrassment in history and it would be unwise to hold on to the mistakes of the past.	No. Breach the dam.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 10:55	Gadsden		No	No					I'd like to see it removed.	It's causing habitat loss to what makes Florida unique. You can have reservoirs anywhere, but springs and spring-fed rivers are special.	The continued habitat loss including the reduced access for manatees.	A drawdown to reveal more of the bottomland forest, original rivercourse, and the springs along the river.	I enjoy paddling on the Ocklawaha River, and would appreciate additional opportunities to explore the river and springs along it.
10/1/2021 10:59	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it.	The dam is keeping millions of gallon of high quality water from freely circulating downstream. As a result, the water sits and literally ferments the backed-up water. The water is already in a fertile state from septic effluent and agricultural runoff. If you stand below the dam you can smell the water and see foam produced by nitrates and phosphates. I have some background in freshwater biology and recognize the symptoms of polluted water. If the water were allowed to flow freely this would not be happening.	The process mentioned above would continue and the stJohns river would not get the fresh water it needs.	No because as long as the dam is there there is no hope.	Revenues lost because of bass fishing could easily be recouped by developing kayaking any tubing launches. I have kayaked the river above and below the dam. It has the potential to be the top kayaking spot in Florida and the country.
10/1/2021 11:02	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Dams like this just arent needed anymore, safe Florida's wildlife where it is, so we can keep enjoying the most beautiful state there is.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economics lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is way overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 11:08	Duval		No	No					I'd like to see it removed.				
10/1/2021 11:08	Duval		No	No					Breach and remove the dam.	Restoration of the drowned springs and natural environment. Creating more access for fish and manatee habitats.	Money spent on maintaining a dam that is not used for it's original purpose. The continued decline of native fish and manatee populations due to habitat loss.	No. The dam must come down.	We must take every step to restore Florida's natural springs. 2021 has been the deadliest year on record for manatees and removal of the dam would provide much needed habitat and water quality improvements.
10/1/2021 11:11	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 11:14	Collier		No	No					Breached/ torn down	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. It's also drowning natural springs which could be boosting the fish population and helping our vulnerable manatees.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No, breaching the dam is long overdue	The dam not only incredibly destructive, it also serves no useful purpose and is actively costing us money if it isn't removed. I can think of no logical reason for its continued existence.
10/1/2021 11:16	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed and the springs restored	Ecological research and analysis from those in support of the dams removal	That the state of Florida is not prioritizing its aquatic ecosystems as a broad policy	No	
10/1/2021 11:19	Alachua		No	Yes				Other: I was interested in seeing the dam.	I would like to see the dam removed to allow the river system to regenerate.	The dam is old. Leaving the dam in place requires ongoing expenses of repairs and maintenance. Removing the dam, with the subsequent recovery of the Ocklawaha riparian system, will provide the region with a world class natural recreational attraction, a reopening of its migratory wildlife corridor and the many quality-related benefits of a functioning natural system.	My biggest concern is the expense of keeping the dam and the negative impact it has on natural resources.	Provide fishing businesses, fishing guides and boat/canoe rentals economic incentives and tax breaks to help them transition and adapt their business models.	
10/1/2021 11:24	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. And it would give access to manatees.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 11:25	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Leave it as it is. Do not remove.	The people that use this resource.	Another recreation are done away with.		
10/1/2021 11:31	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.			
10/1/2021 11:40	Putnam		No	No					Take it down and free the springs	Environmental impact	Flooding of welaka if the dam breaks	No	
10/1/2021 11:40	Duval		No	No					I think the dam should be removed.	Restoration of the river would benefit wildlife including migratory fish and manatees.	Continued spending to maintain a dam/reservoir that provides no benefit and is detrimental to the environment.	Not really. The dam never should have been built in the first place.	
10/1/2021 11:43	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river.	Maintaining the barge canal and dam are an unnecessary expense, especially since the reason for the dam and resulting reservoir was for the abandoned cross Florida barge canal project. Why maintain the infrastructure and unnatural river configuration once the original objective was abandoned? There are plenty of other sport fishing opportunities in the St. John's river, aside from the Rodman reservoir.	That an unsustainable, costly river configuration will be maintained to suit a few individuals.	No	
10/1/2021 11:46	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 11:51	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	I would like to see the Dam breached and preferably removed so the river can return to its natural state and the natural habitat of the underlying land can return.	My personal belief that the beautiful river and the gorgeous land underlying the reservoir should be returned to the status in which God created it. After all the purpose for which it dammed up in the first place, the "wicked ditch" was a bad idea which totally failed.	The people of the State of Florida and all the potential visitors will not be able to enjoy the natural beauty of the river and its surrounding land. The river will provide fishing just as good as the Reservoir and it will provide excellent scenic cruising for private boaters as well as commercial sightseeing tours.	No. I believe the River should be returned to the condition in which God created it. I feel very strongly about this.	While I live in Duval County where I was born, I have a lake house on Lake Broward south of Palatka in Putnam County. My grand parents had a house on the St. Johns at which my sister I stayed often when we were youngsters. I am 80 years of age and have lived on a little piece of water just off the Ortega River know as Pirates Bay for the past 35 years. I grew up skiing, sailing and boating on the River. Before the dam I ran up the Ocklawaha and Silver Run to Silver Springs. I am a member and past president of the Antique and Classic Boat Society's Florida Sunnyland Chapter. With the exception of the last two years due to Covid I have organized and led a 5 day St. Johns River Cruise from Jacksonville to Sanford for antique boats both prior to and in reverse after our Antique Boat Festival in Mt. Dora and Tavares, Florida. This Cruise attracts antique wooden boats from all over the US and Canada. One year we even had a boat from Australia. We usually have between 30 and 40 of these old wooden boats. Mine, for example, is a 1936 Chris Craft, 22' Triple Cockpit Runabout. We have had boats as old as a 1911 Mullins Launch from Canada in the past. I know the River pretty well. If the Ocklawaha River were restored we could run it up to Silver Springs and on up to the Harris Chain of Lakes to our boat show in Tavares. What a splendid adventure! But today it is only a dream due to the dam Dam. So we run to Sanford and pull our boats out for the drive over to the Show. Let's get the River back to the way God intended it to flow so all Floridians and guests can enjoy its natural beauty. It is the right thing to do. Let's step up and get it right!! Thank you. PS - There is no way to attach it, but I wrote a letter to Governor DeSantis saying much the same thing last December 2020. I'll see if I can get it to you separately.

10/1/2021 11:55	Palm Beach		No	No					Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy. 1. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. 4. Is there any scenario short of fully achieving your desired outcome you could support? No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait. 5. Open-ended section to add additional comments. Suggested prompt: What do you treasure about this ecosystem, or about natural Florida in general?				
10/1/2021 11:55	Orange		No	No					Destroyed, return river to natural flow	N/a	Environmental effects on the river	Lowering the reservoir	N/a
10/1/2021 11:56	Orange		No	No					Demolished, river returns to natural hydrology	N/a	Submerged springs	N/a	
10/1/2021 11:58	Columbia		No	Yes				Other: Visited as a child, to see it. Never had a use for it. There were natural lakes, rivers and springs closer to where I grew up to use for fishing, boating	Remove it, and let the river resume its natural course. This will allow unrestricted travel by various threatened aquatic species.	Public use from a river with numerous springs to support fish/ birds and likely manatees, i believe will outweigh what the reservoir currently generates.	It will prove humans have limited sight and think we know best about everything. (and clearly, we do not). suspect diversity of species will decline further, and you will end up with a silt filled, muddy water hole.	Not a feasible one. If money was no object, you could dredge a large deep bowl at the dam , so when it is removed you would still have a large uncontained lake, but still allow transit for aquatic species thru the lake and up stream. So, no other outcome I can see.	Florida needs to restore this area to an as natural condition as possible. It will generate more recreational uses like canoeing, kayaking, fishing and offer more diverse wildlife viewing.
10/1/2021 12:00	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see them removed	The positive environmental impact of having the river restored to its natural flow	That it will negatively impact the St John's River	No	
10/1/2021 12:04	Duval		No	No					Remove at least part of the dam	Restore the river with fresh water to offset rising salinity in st johns	Catastrophic failure of the dam	No	Restore the river for people and wild life
10/1/2021 12:04	Broward		No	No					Breach the dam	Increased wildlife!! The fish will have access to migratory routes and the population will increase.. MANATEES will use this habitat!!	Keep spending taxpayer money to repair a dam that serves no useful purpose. Missed opportunities to increase wildlife and uncover springs	No> this should have been done long ago	
10/1/2021 12:05	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the river begin to open and permit the natural flow of wildlife to and from the St. Johns River to finally be able to occur.	The St Johns River suffers from the lack of water that could reduce the saline content . As wel the Trees and upper Ocklawaha River could begin to clear as well as the springs along its path which further dilute the saline conditions of the major River system.	That the native habitats of the upper Ocklawaha will continue to deteriorate and the value of this land for bio tours and viewing ecotourism will grind to a halt . I also feat that the saline content of the St. Johns river will continue to cause deterioration equally discouraging the bio tourism is now enjoys.	I could begin to hope a partial confluence of the two rivers may begin to rescue some of the species that brought travelers from the world.	
10/1/2021 12:08	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	TEAR IT DOWN	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 12:11	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam broached SOON to restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River so we can get started on environmental restoration of this important riverway. How much longer to we have to suffer with bad decisions made decades ago? Especially bad decisions that are reversible???	Science. Science supports the benefits of restoration to 50 springs and 3 rivers. I live in Jacksonville. The health of the St. Johns River is visibly under duress and will benefit from the restoration of water flows from the Oklawaha	A missed opportunity and continuing environmental degradation of Florida's water quality and quantity. Plus, losing the opportunity to re-establish approximately 15,000 acres of forested wetlands o bad bird and water management.	No.	
10/1/2021 12:12	Alachua		No	No					Although I have not physically visited Rodman Reservoir, the Kirkpatrick Dam impacts the Silver River which I use extensively for recreation. Removing the dam will restore approximately 20 lost springs, rejuvenate the Silver River ecosystem, enhance and expand habitat for many native species including manatees, and provide multiple business opportunities related to recreational pursuits. It is time to remove this structure, which was ill conceived from the beginning.	Changing climate patterns are likely to significantly increase costs of dam maintenance and currently, the dam fails to provide substantial benefits to surrounding areas such as flood protection, power, or water supply.	We Floridians are stuck maintaining an antiquated and anachronistic structure that should have never been built.	We have been dealing with this issue for the last 50 years so NO - it is time to demolish the dam and re-establish appropriate waterways and water flows.	
10/1/2021 12:13	Flagler		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing					
10/1/2021 12:18	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the area restored to its natural state.	Everything I read leads me to believe that removing the dam is necessary for the overall health of the St Johns river and that of the surrounding areas.	Further stress to the entire St Johns river basin. Loss of natural habitat, impact to animals and plant life.	No. The overall health of the entire area is more important than the impact to recreational fisherman. Their voice has been the only one politicians have listened to.	
10/1/2021 12:19	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam.	The dam has flooded over 20 natural springs. Silver springs has seen a 92% decrease in fish population since the dams erection.	We are wasting the opportunity to have 20 of this state's beautiful, natural spring hidden up by a man made project that has no significant effect in flood protection and does not provide any water diversion.	No. The dam needs to be breached and removed and not a single cent more spent on it. We are wasting our tax dollars on this pointless, frivolous project which does not benefit the local economy in which it is installed.	Our springs provide some of the best natural beauty in the world and are unique to Florida with their wonderful biodiversity. The only reason I would support this dam is if it was providing significant flood protection to citizens of the area. However, it does not and frankly it is hard to determine why it the project was approved in the first place as it seems completely unnecessary.
10/1/2021 12:19	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam taken down and the river restored to its natural state.	Fresh water influx would improve salinity conditions in the St. Johns River.	Increased salinity in the St. Johns River.		
10/1/2021 12:21	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam	Water flow back to st johns river	Health of st johns River	No	
10/1/2021 12:22	Duval		No	No					Breach dam and restore river	Info from the riverkeeper	Further environmental damage	Not that I've seen	Thank you for the survey
10/1/2021 12:22	Duval		No	No					The Kirkpatrick dam is deteriorating and will need tax dollars for maintenance. Without maintenance, a breach would cause substantial loss downstream. Better to spend money to make a controlled breach and prevent uncontrolled loss.	Reports from Florida Department of Environmental Protection that the dam is deteriorating.	Damage to the properties downstream of the dam.	The dam does not have to be completely removed in order to restore the flow of the Ocklawaha.	The reservoir does provide sport fishing, but the river will continue to hold fish for anglers.
10/1/2021 12:24	Seminole		No	No									
10/1/2021 12:25	Duval		No	No					Removal of the dams	Environment	Failure of the dam		
10/1/2021 12:25	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove it or at the very least, breach it.	Manatee numbers have really fallen in the past year, and breaching the dam would allow them access to more springs and protected warm water. Florida wildlife is in crisis and needs to be helped by land and ecosystem conservation and restoration.	That we could lose the opportunity to help one of Florida's iconic species.	No.	Restoration of connected areas for Florida wildlife is so important. Please breach this dam which is not needed and in need of expensive repair anyway.
10/1/2021 12:26	Lee		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 12:29	Brevard		No	No					remove the dam	increases the flow to numerous springs and rivers improving their quality	The quality of our springs and rivers continue in a downward spiral. Economic benefits from additional recreational activities is not achieved.	no, so long overdue	I've been to Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, I've swum in many springs. Over the years I have witnessed the degradation of many waterways. We need help and this is a rational solution for improvement.
10/1/2021 12:31	Lee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	The dam should be removed to restore Florida to its natural state.	Removal of dams in other states has been wildly successful at restoring the origin ecosystem. Pennsylvania is a notable example.		Partial removal of the dam with plans for full removal down the line.	Thank you for allowing the public to comment on this matter.
10/1/2021 12:32	Dade		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	It would be great to see it back to its natural state.	it's man-made and serves no purpose other then blocking wildlife.	That people continue to go fishing there	No	
10/1/2021 12:34	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see it torn down	It is factually impeding economic growth, contributing to wildlife die off, and burying several natural springs	Mass extinction protected species that drive tourism, such as Manatee's. Continue job loss in affected counties, continued ecological disasters	No, it absolutely needs to go	
10/1/2021 12:36	Flagler		No	No					Removed and replaced with springs	The ecological damage of dam that provides no benefit.	Ecological damage	Yes	
10/1/2021 12:42	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	I'd like to see the dam removed allowing the Oklawaha to resume its natural course.	Salinity of the St John's and the ecological benefit of a free flowing river	Continuing ecological damage and elimination of wildlife habitat.	No	The dam serves no useful purpose. It has no hydroelectric function. It's part of the disastrous cross Florida barge canal that was scrubbed in the early 70s. Let nature take its course.
10/1/2021 12:43	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Dismantle the dam, returning the area to a more natural state and restoring natural water flow patterns.	Having access to the apparently 20+ springs currently impossible to visit would be personally enjoyable, and economically valuable to the area.	Detrimental impact on already strained wildlife populations, and a decrease in the long-term stability of water availability in the area.	No.	Florida has "managed" water quite poorly over time. Misplaced goals of flood control are no longer viable, and have done more harm. (unforeseen consequences - except they were totally foreseen) Taking easy opportunities to correct past poor decision-making is essential.
10/1/2021 12:47	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see it removed and the natural river connection restored.	That is was put there to begin with. This was a mistake and has altered the natural system. It should have been removed years ago. Manatees are losing warm water refuges and this could restore some habitat for them to use as they once did.	The rivers would continue to decline in environmental quality and protection.	Even just removing the dam without a major restoration would be a start. It's a dividing symbol that has concerned Floridian's far too long.	While I have not visited the actual dam itself, I have enjoyed time on the St. John's, Silver and Ocklawaha Rivers. It would be amazing to experience the removal of this structure in my lifetime. I feel it would be a true win and great achievement for our future generations to return the system to flow as nature intended.
10/1/2021 12:48	Orange		No	No					Destroy it	It's useless, costs money, harms environment, looks ugly	None	No	Florida is by and large the worst place I've ever lived and I am leaving soon so I don't care much either way. However getting rid of this pointless monstrosity could maybe make the state less terrible so I support that.
10/1/2021 12:51	Duval		No	No					I would like it demolished so we could have springs access	Knowing about the springs and the potential tourism	Lost tourism	No	
10/1/2021 12:57	Clay		No	No					Our lakes refilling in Keystone Heights and also the Oclawaha River restored	The damage to our lakes and Oklawaha River	The river and our lakes pet WORSE!!!	No just remove the dams and let the water flow as it was before the dam	Thank you for reading this please let me hear back from you. Damdon40@comcast.net
10/1/2021 12:59	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Photography		Wildlife population decline in Florida	Further decline in wildlife population	No	
10/1/2021 13:07	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 13:08	Marion		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman,Kirkpatrick Dam	Three rivers ,Oklawapha, St. Johns, and,Silver are restored	The lower St Johns.Oklawaha,Silver River are not reunited and restored.	no	I am concerned about water quality and wild life
10/1/2021 13:08	Nassau		No	No					Remove the dam, at least partially, and restore the Oklawaha river.	Partial removal and restoration of Oklawaha River was approved years ago and should have been implemented by now.	The aging dam fails causing catastrophe and/or hugh expense of tax dollors .	implement the partial removal and restoration of Oklawaha	Just do it!
10/1/2021 13:09	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to see the dam dismantled. I love our Florida springs and our beautiful manatees.	The gentle manatee, a symbol of Wild Florida, is endangered. By dismantling the dam, these animals will have safe access to warm, inland waters during the winter.	I am concerned for the manatees and other wildlife.	No.	
10/1/2021 13:11	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: driving by	get rid of it	It costs money to maintain, and serves no purpose	we continue to pay for it, and the river will continue to be dammed up.	no, not really. It literally doesn't belong there.	It's kind of strange this is even open for public debate. We could restore a large portion of the Ocala Natl Forrest to it's natural state, which would be beneficial to fish, wildlife and everything in the whole area. Imagine being able to kayak from Silver Springs to the St.Johns.
10/1/2021 13:12	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the river by removing dam	River reports and dam condition	Manatee population degraded as well as water degraded	No	
10/1/2021 13:17	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam safely removed and the ecosystem restored allowing for the flow of fresh water and habitat for many critical native Florida plant and animal species recreated.	There are many drowned springs, a unique and important part of the Florida ecosystem which are directly impacted by this useless man made structure. Removing the dam would allow for the restoration of habitat for manatees, a much beloved symbol of the diverse wildlife Florida supports, which have faced extreme loss of safe breeding and wintering areas.	The ongoing cost to tax payers in the state of Florida to maintain the dam system and the destruction of wildlife and habitat that is already critical.	No, at this point the dam provides no benefit to the community, be it safety from storm surge/flood or power, while the costs, both economically and environmentally, are immeasurable.	
10/1/2021 13:17	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in breach opens creating a free-flowing river. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/1/2021 13:18	Hillsborough		No	No					Tear the dam down!	20 springs would be freed. supporting both tourism and manatees/wildlife. Let's bring back some of Old Florida again.	Millions of dollars spent repairing a dam that is an ecological mess	Not really. The dam is past its end of life.	Tearing down the dam would do so much to help restore Silver Springs by freeing 20 springs.
10/1/2021 13:19	Seminole		No	No					It disappear.	lost springs and unique habitat that they support. Cost of maintaining a structure that has little value.	That we spend tax payer money on maintaining a reservoir that has little character instead of restoring our uniquely Florida springs.	Not really	Please stop wasting our tax money on maintaining structures that ruin our natural Florida.
10/1/2021 13:26	Orange		No	No					Take it dow	Helping bring back floridas springs	Fish and manatee population disappeared	No	
10/1/2021 13:26	Volusia		No	No					Breach it.	Wildlife and water quality.	Loss of habitat for manatees, fish, and quality of life and water resources.	The cost of upkeep is to expensive and we need to help wildlife and water quality. Breach the dam.	Florida needs to be proactive with the waterways.
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10/1/2021 13:32	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Maintain the dam structure and the reservoir	Current ecology, wildlife and fish.	If the dam is breached even in a controlled manner acres of land will be exposed with nothing but the remains of the original landscape which is not viable so millions would have to be spent restoring the flow of the river and all adjacent land.	Not really!	It's a wonderful environmental asset, removing the dam would spoil it and have an extreme economic impact on the area.
10/1/2021 13:33	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	NO	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.

10/1/2021 13:40	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: monitor aquatic vegetation	Restore the natural flow	Rodman Reservoir is 52+ years old and, to date, no real maintenance has been performed on the structures. The earthen dam, the spillway, and the lock are all in need of major renovation. That type of maintenance will be extremely expensive to the tax payers of Florida. When the reservoir and associated structures were transferred to the State of Florida, the state was in no position to except responsibility for operation and maintenance of the system so the SJRWMD was given that responsibility until the state could go through its budget cycle and gear up for the take over with equipment and personnel. Since the SJRWMD already operated and maintained structures throughout the District it was in position to operate, maintain, and inspect portions of the system. During my time with the SJRWMD, I was given the responsibility to operate and maintain the system during that 9-month period, we had our structure personnel inspect both the spillway and the Lock. The lock was the primary problem at that time, and we recommended that the State prepare to have the lock shut down, fully inspected, and renovated. To date, none of this work has been performed. If renovations are made to the dam, spillway, and lock, a dedicated funding source for future maintenance should be identified, starting with the primary users of the reservoir and the locks: fishermen and duck hunters.	One of my big concerns is the lack of proper maintenance of the structures which could cause the failure of any of the systems such as down stream flooding in the case of the dam failure, rapid increase or decrease in water level due to spillway malfunction, and/or failure of the gates in the lock and complete loss of the lock are a few examples. Another of my concerns is the cost to renovate the system	I could support the complete renovation of the structures to ensure their safety and proper function I could also support the radical drawdowns to levels even lower and of longer duration than the 11 foot NGVD drawdowns in the past. I could also support an increased fluctuation in the annual maintenance of water levels	
10/1/2021 13:41	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I don't use it.	Remove the dam and let the river return to it's natural state.	River water supply to the St John's would be increased, much water is lost from evaporation. The flow from the springs would increase without the suppression by the reservoir water levels.	More damage to our natural springs. Greater salinity in the St John's River due to recent dredging.	Not that I am aware of.	
10/1/2021 13:42	Duval		No	No				I'd like to see it removed	Manatees need these springs if we're going to stop them from dying off even more	Wiping out manatees	No	
10/1/2021 13:44	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	This is submitted by the Conservation Committee of the Alachua Audubon Society on behalf of our 700 members. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. This is necessary to restore the ecosystem, improve water quality and improve habitat for wildlife.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored and 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. Restoration will create more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. We must take this opportunity to restore the ecosystem and improve habitat for wildlife in a state whose population grows every year, crowding out wildlife.	The first proposal to cut a canal across the Florida Peninsula was by King Philip II of Spain in 1567. The canal was proposed again several times by people in the United States, with the first actual work done in 1935. The massive, full scale effort by the Army Corps of Engineers began in 1964. This destructive project was strongly opposed by The Florida Defenders of the Environment headed by Marjorie Harris Carr. Marjorie began her opposition as president of Alachua Audubon, but created Florida Defenders of the Environment to concentrate her efforts on this fight. By the time she, and the many other people, environmental groups, and politicians she enlisted managed to stop work on the canal in January of 1971, Rodman Dam had already been constructed and the section of the Ocklawaha River from Eureka to Rodman Dam (George Kirkpatrick Dam) had been destroyed and deeply inundated by the water held back by the dam. This section of the Ocklawaha River had been one of the most beautiful sections of river in Florida, with its winding channel of clear water surrounded by a floodplain of mature cypress/hardwood forest, and it was one of the premier fishing destinations in Florida. Red-breasted sunfish (red-bellies) and black bass were abundant. It was also a major wildlife corridor, supporting populations of Florida manatees, stripped bass, and many other species. Now, it is a stagnant, weed infested pool of water that supports bass tournaments and a few bald eagles, but is otherwise an environmental disaster. The dam and stagnant pool of water stand in the way of manatee and striped bass migration, cover up several springs, and prevent a high quality fishing and boating experience. Maintaining the dam and stagnant pool of water has always been wastefully expensive, and now the dam needs even more expensive repairs. It is time to remove these environmental insults and reclaim the free-flowing Ocklawaha River.
10/1/2021 13:46	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	REmove the dam	more springs	that no springs would be exposed	no	
10/1/2021 13:47	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Demo the dam		Salt water intrusion on St Johns River			
10/1/2021 13:51	Duval		No	No				Remove the dam	Improve the St John's River		Not sure		
10/1/2021 13:55	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Watching and daydreaming that one day this natural area and river system will be restored.	Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir to restore the Ocklawaha River. This would allow the economy, wildlife and water quality to be restored throughout the Great Florida Riverway, which is crucial.	Restoration of the ecosystem; Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	This Dam was a complete mistake in history and that is now very clear. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	NO. The wildlife and water quality simply cannot wait. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Thank you for working towards what will be a monumental win for not only the surrounding area but all of Florida, showing that we can learn from history and support our precious natural areas that so many depend on.
10/1/2021 13:55	Duval		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed so that the river can flow freely as nature intended	The negative impact that this structure has had on the surrounding area. I understand numerous natural springs were flooded to create this dam.	That more tax money will be spent to fix and maintain the dam.	Just let the dam thing fall apart. This is what will probably happen, as this has been a debate going on for decades. It will be a pile of rubble by the time Tallahassee makes a decision		
10/1/2021 13:55	Duval		No	No					It needs to be torn down, it should never have been built in the first place.	The dam is BAD for the environment, BAD for the health of the St. Johns River, and BAD for the surrounding waterways.	More of our waterways will DIE.	No.	Tear that Frankenstein monster down NOW.
10/1/2021 13:56	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Spent many summers as a Child Silver Springs - last time i visited it was baron wasteland so sad depressing	Open to natural flow - make a park for tourists kids families locals other - ALL to enjoy	1980 I was a 10yo Child and visited Silver Springs it was the most amazing place on earth. The fish the birds the native the waters. It was an amazing place. Ive tried to revisit the area many times with my son and myself and new girlfriend more recently. I wont go back visit the area until something is done it is totally devastated and depressing - absolutely priceless resource we have destroyed - it can be fixed - whats the hold up?	Someone will whine cry make this about politics left right other and the mission to restore this river will be lost if we have delays or setbacks. It is going to take money patience to restore this area. It is a priceless part of Florida	dude really? DO SOMETHING - START SOMEPLACE - Restore the flow is step1....	As a young child in the late 1970s early 80s. My parents would take us to Silver Springs glass bottom boats stay for a few days over the summers. It was a magical special place that truly touched something inside deep down inside all of us humans... it was beautiful connection with mother nature and it filled young and old alike with wonder and amazement at how special our mother earth really is. Has anyone taken a Silver Springs glass bottom boat ride RECENTLY - NO .... it is a baron wasteland of depressing SO SAD.... RESTORE the flow let mother nature FLOW!! We must start restoration someplace - THIS DAM! is the prefect place to start . . why haven't you started why are you reading this right now not getting plans for removal of the dam restoring the River and its tributaries and begin the miraculous comeback - starting now ... go .... !
10/1/2021 13:58	Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No.	
10/1/2021 13:59	St Johns		No	No				Breach the Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Construction of the Dam was an outdated and misunderstood strategy based on what we know now.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No, breaching his Dam is long overdue.	Do the right thing. Destroy this Dam.
10/1/2021 14:01	Hillsborough		No	No				Deconstruction	It will greatly impact the environment (and in turn people) in a positive way.	We would lose an amazing opportunity for helping fish and manatee numbers repopulate.	No		
10/1/2021 14:02	Broward		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We could lose momentum and the opportunity to preserve these springs and save habitats for native Florida wildlife. Furthermore, the more we let the dam remain, the more dangerous it becomes since it is far past its expectancy	No, let's get this done	
10/1/2021 14:04	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and associated structures and implement restoration studies/prooedures to regain the historic flow of the river and begin restoration of the watershed.	Time and time again studies have shown that natural systems trump human manipulated systems in terms of flora and fauna diversity, water and air quality and long term sustainability of resources and recreational opportunities.	This will be just one more domino allowed to fall in Florida's long history of environmental degradation of resources.	No.	I hold a Wildlife Management degree and have 40 years experience managing Florida natural systems.
10/1/2021 14:05	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing	Maintain as a recreation area for generations to come. This is truly a unique area of the state for all outdoorsman for fishing, hunting, birdwatching and family recreation.	The number of people from not only Florida, but other states that frequent Rodman Reservoir for its outstanding fishing opportunities, as well as duck hunting.	The loss of habitat for Fish and fowl to the anglers and hunters of Florida.	NO	
10/1/2021 14:05	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	REMOVE the dam!	Study showing the dam is subject to a catastrophic failure affecting hundreds of properties.	harm to the environment, the adverse effects on the river	NO! There is NO need for the dam! Study after study has proven there is no need for the dam.	REMOVE the DAM!
10/1/2021 14:06	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam	Access to new springs and better habitat for wildlife	Na	No	
10/1/2021 14:07	Jefferson		No	No				Breach the Rodmon/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Manatee and fish populations are in trouble across Florida. Without restoring historic migratory routes, these populations will most likely continue to decline. This dam is past life expectancy and will require maintenance in the near future if not breached.	No.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Breaching the dam will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees by providing access to historically available springs. Both natural springs and manatee habitat provide tourism to Florida. To not take advantage of this opportunity to restore habitat would be a serious mistake. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 14:08	Escambia		No	No				The dam removed so the river can run free.	This would bring back 20 springs that have been flooded.	The dam will break, wreaking havoc.	No, the dam has almost no practical purposes.	20 springs will help tourism.
10/1/2021 14:09	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Canoe on down Copyright (c) 2010, 2011, 2012 William F. Quinlivan to the tune of "Deep River Blues" by Doc Watson Barge canal? Don't cogitate! Forget the river, let's move some freight! That was the start of the Okla-uh-oh blues They dammed that river, the gators and glades Room for progress must be made That's how we got these Okla-uh-oh blues Well, all those plans are ashes now But the river sits bottled up anyhow Sighin' Cryin' Dyin' with them blues The water flows used to run so deep Right down to where the sacred keep It's the river that pays the Okla-uh-oh dues(these God Almighty Blues) (solo break optional) ... now this this here's my favorite part: Two hun'erd horse to seek your wish Gasoline sure to chase your fish Thank you for these Okla-"uh-oh" blues Motor oil, styrofoam Another six-pack might get you home So thank you for these Okla-uh-oh blues				
10/1/2021 14:10	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of it	common sense. pollution reports	Revolution	nope	get rid of the dam thing
10/1/2021 14:10	Lee		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 14:12	Martin		No	Yes			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Ecosystem viewing.	Remove the Dam.	Restore original ecosystem to the extent possible.	Continued habitat degradation.	Restore as much as possible.	
10/1/2021 14:14	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		A demolition.	There are multiple obscured and underwater springs/habitats, making the demolition one of the largest springs conservation efforts in history.	Loss of high public support and continued lack of habitat for local wildlife, such as the manatee.	No.	
10/1/2021 14:18	Broward		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: It wasn't worth the trip in its current state	Tear it down and let the springs flow naturally.	The 20 drowned springs are an shame to the state and the people that live here as a whole. The local fish populations have suffered greatly. Springs in Florida are one of the main attractions that I visit yearly. Fuck Disney world and the rest of the trash tourism traps. Embrace nature in its purest and let Florida be great again. Drain the swamp.	Loss of tourism. Loss of fish populations. Manatee habitat loss. One more spot that I won't want to visit in Florida	No.	
10/1/2021 14:25	Pasco		No	No				Breach / tear out the dam	The dam is old and it's too expensive and completely unnecessary to keep maintaining it.	Tourist damage to the restored springs	No	This dam needs to come down for financial and environmental reasons. Tearing it down will promote much needed natural waterways and help the manatee population.
10/1/2021 14:25	Pasco		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 14:26	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No.	Breach it.
10/1/2021 14:27	Duval		No	No				remove the dam southwest of Palatka that blocks the Ocklawaha River.	Rodman Dam is a threat to clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreation. It was part of the cross Florida barge canal which was never built! It's OBSOLETE.	The continued threat to clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreation.	I haven't heard of nothing yet.	
10/1/2021 14:27	Duval		No	Yes	1 time		Other: Hiking	For it being totally removed.	Let's get those natural springs back, baby!	The dam breaking and sever flooding. Also the manatees need their refuge.	Govt politics	Just do it
10/1/2021 14:28	Jackson		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Other: DUMP THE DOG POOP	A poop station	I INVENTED PORTALPOODIES	PORTLUER WILL BE RUINED	I WILL BE KING OF PODIES	
10/1/2021 14:29	Palm Beach		No	No				Breached for environmental health	That it would improve environmental health	Our environment and natural habitat will continue to suffer. Old Florida is being restored throughout the state and this is another step to do so.	I think that the dam represents an outdated view of water management.	
10/1/2021 14:31	Duval		No	No				I'd like to see the dam breached.	All the springs we'd have access to if it was breached.	The dam doesn't really serve a purpose outside of costing citizen's money to maintain so I guess I'd be concerned about the waste of taxpayer money.		
10/1/2021 14:33	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove or breach the dam, it serves no purpose.	Wildlife/fish and manatees all need this space in its natural state, where everywhere in Fla we have dying natural space, we need to add it here when we have this chance.	The beauty of seeing the wildlife and the amazing springs here would be lost, Florida will continue to harm its natural wonders and its precious water. Don't let the damage continue!	no, it's not enough to just draw it down once in awhile, that doesn't create habitat nor sufficient flow for same. Without free flow, water quality continues to degrade here and downstream.	The lost springs also bring a great many visitors to this area when they are freed from the dammed water, the financial benefits to local business is also important, and it continues downstream. Fla's natural wonders can be as valuable as Disney, but also healthier for the whole water system.
10/1/2021 14:34	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the rivers and drown springs restored to their natural state.	#1. I love manatees and opening this up would increase their available habitats. (Huge for tourism) #2. The damn is 50 years overdue for repair and without purpose. #3. Restoration of the natural river and springs will bring in much more economic money in the form of tourism, hospitality, construction. ...etc.	The loss of an opportunity with a hugely positive cost/benefit advantage. Loss of warm water winter habitat for manatees, and the damn is unsafe. The advantages of breaching this damn far out way any disadvantage.	NO. Breaching this damn is 50 years overdue.....	Springs and manatees are huge for Florida! Restoring this river to its natural state will benefit both and bring in 10's of millions of dollars in tourist and development activity.
10/1/2021 14:36	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No				Love the Manatees and would love to have safe waterways for them.	Manatees	More injured manatees and wildlife.		
10/1/2021 14:45	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I don't. It is good that it is there, but there's not really something to do there if you don't have a boat.	Maintain it. Improve recreational access opportunities, such as adding cabins for people who don't do RVs, camp, or have a boat.	It serves to remove nitrogen and recharge the aquifer. The SJRWMD spent many millions to create similarly-functioning marshes in the upper St. Johns River basin. It would be crazy to remove this one. The flora and fauna don't know the marsh and reservoir are manmade. The upper Ocklawaha, from the dam at the north end of Lake Apopka to a considerable distance north, is also manmade and channelized. There is no real "putting it back". Fighting the dam is feel-good environmentalism that doesn't actually help the environment. As a freshwater lake, it has the advantage of being able to lower and raise the water levels to maintain biodiversity, control nutrients, and control invasive vegetation.	Excessive algal blooms and fish kills on the St. Johns River. Flows from Lake Apopka (which I think were stopped) and other areas upstream are well-known to be excessively high in nutrients.	Sort of. How about continuing to focus on the upper Ocklawaha - the water quality there and Lake Apopka, dechannelizing it, reconnecting it to Lake Apopka, and improving recreational access to the meandered section? There is plenty to spend dollars on to improve the system to the south and to even increase the meandered section of the river.	This battle is not about the Rodman Dam. It is about tribalism: urban folks, understandably concerned about the future of the environment, baited by the environmentalism business and sympathetic media into supporting this and other causes that do not make them feel guilty about their own impact on the environment, versus rural people who enjoy the environment, fishing and hunting in their home area, and who see with their own eyes a thriving environment. They wear different clothes, speak differently, and use different cars and boats. We should be focusing on water quality, protection of the aquifer, and carbon emissions, not chasing our tail over things like the Rodman Dam. The reservoir is as natural as the Orange-Lochloosa system (artificially connected and level-controlled, the Harris Chain of Lakes (controlled), the Indian River Lagoon (very controlled though polluted), the Banana River, the Everglades or the upper St. Johns Basin. So many lakes are manmade, yet people and nature don't realize it. It is more important to focus on water quality and the aquifer, which both benefit from the reservoir. Thanks for sending out the survey.
10/1/2021 14:46	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Dismantle the dam.	The cost of upkeep.	Degradation of the river and it's tributaries.	Allowing the free flow of the Ocklawaha River

10/1/2021 14:47	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No	
10/1/2021 14:48	Brevard		No	Yes			More than 5 times		Remove the Dam immediately...	Nature Conservation	Spending money to maintain a dam that was put in for a barge canal that never existed?	Nope just get rid of it.		Free the river please!
10/1/2021 14:48	Duval		No	No					Removed, restore natural flow	Need more freshwater into the St Johns River system	Continued algae blooms on St Johns River	Don't know		
10/1/2021 14:52	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No.		Thank you.
10/1/2021 14:54	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Family gathering but some of the relatives fish. I'm	Remove it	Restoring the riverway	I'd be disappointed but I also know I have family members who go there more often than I do and they go for the fishing			
10/1/2021 14:55	Duval		No	No					It should be removed as it's original purpose is now a moot point and it is negatively affecting fish, wildlife and fauna.	There are numerous studies about the negative effects of this dam. Open google :)	That we will continue to pay maintenance on a dam that has no purpose other than harming our environment.	No		
10/1/2021 14:56	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other	Remove the dam	Bring back the natural ecosystem and springs	Failed opportunity to restore vital natural habitats and pieces of Florida's ecosystem	No		
10/1/2021 14:56	Brevard		No	No					Y'd like to see it disappear.	It's unnatural to the environment.	The natural environment will be irreparably harmed	No		
10/1/2021 14:57	Duval		No	No					Remove and restore natural waterways	Removal of the dam would uncover a number of natural springs	None	No		
10/1/2021 14:57	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		
10/1/2021 14:59	Pasco		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 15:00	Manatee		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking						
10/1/2021 15:02	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed.	I believe that the damage it caused to the original Natural ecosystem needs repaired.	It will remain an eyesore and a festering swamp.	Not really		
10/1/2021 15:04	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.		Returning the natural world to its original state is the only way it and humans will ultimately survive
10/1/2021 15:07	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	Remove the damn and restore the lake and springs to their natural condition.	Opening springs to recreation and restoring the natural ecosystem. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	Opening or partially destroying the damn to allow natural flow of water may achieve the goals without expense of full removal.		Florida is uniquely beautiful and a lot of that beauty resides in our springs and wildlife. Corporations, inconsiderate humans, and climate change are already threatening those springs and wildlife. This seems like an easy win for natural Florida.
10/1/2021 15:08	Pasco		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and removed.	I believe the ecological conditions of the watershed would generally be improved, specifically conditions would be improved for manatee and fish, and the wildlife that rely on them.	We would miss an opportunity to correct an error that has been in place for a number of decades.	No, the dam should be removed as a minimum to start on the path back to a healthier ecosystem in the larger watershed.		Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/1/2021 15:12	Orange		No	Yes				Fishing Boating	Dam removed, river restored.	Environmental publications.	Stagnation.	Possibly but not likely.		
10/1/2021 15:12	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	The dam was built to support a project that never happened. The cost to maintain the dam along with the environmental impact doesn't make sense anymore.	Continued impact to the environment along with wasted money.	No		
10/1/2021 15:16	Outside of state / other	Northern Wisconsin	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Dam breached.	We vacation in Florida specifically to paddle fresh water springs and swim with manatees. We recommend doing so to like minded friends with the springs restored we would vacation there.	Loss of opportunity to return springs and support the declining manatee population	No		We attend paddling events in Wisconsin and Minnesota would love to let paddlers know of this great new springs area to paddle
10/1/2021 15:19	Hillsborough		No	No					It's removal	Restoration	Lost conservation	No		
10/1/2021 15:19	Duval		No	No					Would like to see the dam breached	Providing additional warm water places for manatees	That we will continue killing off manatees in our state and possibly lose them forever	No. Maintaining the dam is a huge expense and is environmentally destructive		Please keep Florida Florida!
10/1/2021 15:23	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Take down the dam. Love it but it needs to go.	It's better for the environment to remove it.	Long term health of the river is best served plus a lot of wasted money taking care of it.	No.		
10/1/2021 15:23	Leon		No	No					remove the dam and restore the flow of the river	dam has outlived its usefulness	The cost to repair the dam	I do not think so		
10/1/2021 15:25	Duval		No	No					Breach and Remove	Negative Environmental consequenses to the Ocklawha and St. John's River outweigh recreational benefits	Continued environmental degradation	No		
10/1/2021 15:26	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Please restore the natural waterways.	Conservation is more essential for the financial health of Florida. We have new solutions to other problems since creating dams.	More extinction, more loss of natural beauty and life that uplifts people especially the best parts of people.	More of the same is not good.		
10/1/2021 15:29	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the kirkpatrick dam	There are 20 submerged/flooded springs that would be restored which is vital to protecting springs in Florida. It would also restore habitats for migratory fishes and manatees.	The continued loss and decline of our springs and loss of habitat for wildlife. Maintenance of the dam would also require continued funding which could be used for other projects around the state.	No, the dam needs to be removed.		Removal of the dam is long overdue as it serves no purpose today. Removing it would restore 20 springs and help protect Silver Springs. It would also provide vital habitat for migratory fishes and manatees which is essential as 2021 has been the most deadly year for manatees in Florida on record.
10/1/2021 15:32	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove dam to restore watershed closer to its natural/historic conditions.	It's time to fix mistakes of the past.	The problem will persist.	No.		I'm a civil engineer.
10/1/2021 15:34	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Other: sightseeing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.		This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 15:36	Pinellas		No	No					Get rid of the dam. Let the water flow!	The underwater springs that are being blocked and for the protection of the manatees	Continued environmental degradation	Get rid of the dam		Get rid of the dam
10/1/2021 15:36	Hernando		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway to reinstate traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	The animals			
10/1/2021 15:36	Leon		No	No					Breach the dam and bring back the springs.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	That a minority of special and recreational interests will trump over a majority of concerned citizens who have grave concerns about the future of Florida Springs and our aquifer.	Not really. You either remove the dam or not. Can't think of a middle ground in this case.		
10/1/2021 15:37	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take it down! Restore the springs!	I want to see the springs returned to their natural habitat	Insufficient high quality springs habitat	No, get it done already!!		This has been years in the making. Why is this still an issue? Please take it down.
10/1/2021 15:40	Lee		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Loss of habitat for native species and the overall decline of our environment. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No		
10/1/2021 15:41	Hillsborough		No	No							Manatees would still be dying.			
10/1/2021 15:45	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 15:51	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 15:52	Duval		No	No					Please breach and remove the dam	Environmental and wildlife impact	The lack of manatee habitats and fish population continue to be suppressed	Breaching rather than removing entirely		
10/1/2021 15:52	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I believe a scaled draw down would be in order to eventually return the river to its natural flow.	My understanding is that a small town, Welaka, at the outflow of the dam is at risk should there be excessive water and possibly dam breakage or overflow.	I am concerned that given some of the recent water related issues that the state is coping with (phosphate pond overflow) that lives could be lost and severe property damage may occur. The increase in storms predicted would hasten this outcome. I would hate to see the state of Florida be blamed due to inaction.	Like, I said, a scaled drawdown would be preferable to the current situation if the river cannot be immediately restored to its traditional flow.		
10/1/2021 15:54	Duval		No	No					Take down the dam and let the river flow	Ready for the St. John's water basin to get back to how it had been.	Clean water will be less accessible	No comment		
10/1/2021 15:59	Pinellas		No	No					Take it DOWN	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	That we miss the chance to do right by the environment	Nope		
10/1/2021 16:00	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	Leave it alone!!!!!	Fishing				
10/1/2021 16:00	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	Saving money on useless dam repairs.	Further degradation of the Ocklawaha River.	Remove enough parts of the dam that it is no longer functional.		
10/1/2021 16:03	Monroe		No	No					Remove or breach the dam to restore the natural state of the waterway.	Dams in general destroy ecosystems.	Continued disruption of the natural waterway.	Maybe		
10/1/2021 16:06	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Other: checking out what the fuss was about	Breach the damn dam - remove it!	The dam was built to support an initiative that never happened. Instead it's blocking up the natural 20 springs the have been drowned.	The natural decline of fish in Silver Springs, and the ongoing maintenance costs with the damn dam.	Blowing up the dam might be fun? It really needs to be removed in a safe, controlled way, to eliminate the ongoing costs and return the natural springs to their original state.		
10/1/2021 16:07	Duval		No	No					Tear it down so the springs are not flooded and so the manatees are not cut off from warm water in the winter.	Pictures of the springs before the flooding from the dam	that we never see the springs again	no		just tear it down please. The canal was never completed. This dam serves no purpose
10/1/2021 16:21	Outside of state / other	Silverdale, WA	No	No					All waterways cleaned up and restriction on boat motors (covers required) and speed limits.	Photos of injured manatees	survival of this wonderful species	more environmental action		
10/1/2021 16:24	Alachua		No	No					Remove them please!	The removal of the dam would restore the natural flow of the river and provide tourism dollars with the opening of multiple springs!	Wasted taxpayer money and a disturbed ecosystem			
10/1/2021 16:32	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam	saint johns river keeper	increasing salinity of the river	No		
10/1/2021 16:34	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please take the dam down	The dam doesn't serve any real purpose and is negatively impacting the natural environment.	1. Continued environmental impact, 2. Waste of taxpayer money to maintain dam	no		
10/1/2021 16:36	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/1/2021 16:42	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	Remove the dam and allow the Ocklawaha River and associated springs to return to their original forms.	The decline of the water quality of the St John's River, Silver Springs and other Springs, and the decline of wildlife in the area.	Unknown	No		I've been kayaking the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs for over 20 years and the clarity of Silver River has declined noticeably each year. I also understand that the salinity of the St John's has increased dramatically.
10/1/2021 16:43	Duval		No	No					Get rid of it	fish populations, drowned springs, manatee habitats	fish populations, drowned springs, manatee habitats	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		
10/1/2021 16:43	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Remove the dam. Return the river to its original state	Natural water flow to the St John's River. Evaporative loss from the reservoir	St John's River decline continues so that a very few people can bass fish.	Free-flowing reduced dam May work		
10/1/2021 16:46	Duval		No	No					I would like to see it torn down.	The Rodman reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam serve no purpose and costs money for maintenance. They are also blocking manatee migrations and natural springs.	Water quality continues declining, taxpayers money continue to be wasted, manatees are denied access to their necessary winter habitat and we lose the chance to restore beautiful rivers and springs.	No		
10/1/2021 16:55	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the damn and let nature flourish. The environment would benefit from this damn being breached	This would allow migratory fish and other wildlife to thrive rather then having a damn that prevents this	The ecosystems will continue to fail causing loss of environment and basic business that relies on the environment in the area	No the damn is a detriment to the environment	

10/1/2021 16:58	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Not only do we get 20 new springs, which will bring lots of money in, we get a cleaner environment.	We will spend tons of money fixing a dam that isn't needed	No	
10/1/2021 17:03	Hernando		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Just visiting it because family lived nearby.	From my limited knowledge, I believe the proposed "Partial Restoration" project would be the best solution	The defunct cross-Florida barge canal project was a disaster that thankfully, was stopped by the work of Marjorie Carr & Johsn's. I am a birder & wildlife enthusiast and support the vanishing natural systems in our state and country; the more preservation and removal of impediments, the better.	That this state, again, does not do what is economically, scientifically and environmentally sound.	I am not knowledgeable enough about this situation to address that question.	This offers an opportunity for the exercise of good judgment that benefits the public by protecting and enhancing our wonderful, natural systems in Florida.
10/1/2021 17:14	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Please move forward with breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.
10/1/2021 17:15	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached.	The dam disrupts that natural ecosystem in the area.	Further environmental damage.	Not that I am aware of.	
10/1/2021 17:16	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the Dam and Reservoir. It is world famous.	The reservoir has created a unique environment for wildlife. Jacksonville government should not have the right to influence another county's right to make its own decision on what is or is not important. The river keepers studies have been slanted toward their bias.	We would lose this unique environment. I fear those making the most noise don't even use the reservoir. This would make a poor county even poorer at the expense of a greedy few.	No	This reservoir is visited by people from around the country I suspect they would not return.
10/1/2021 17:18	Columbia		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	fish and manatee decline	Breaching would help fish and manatee populations	please read above comments
10/1/2021 17:22	Outside of state / other	Ann Arbor, MI	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/1/2021 17:22	Duval		No	No						Removed.	Damage to native ecology	Flood risk	No	
10/1/2021 17:42	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time			It should be removed	The 20 new springs which will be unburied.	It won't ever happen	No.	
10/1/2021 17:48	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: Pretty much don't use it. It's a feature/body of water that I visit for sightseeing purposes when I'm in the area	I would like to see the dam removed and the river allowed to resume its natural flow and cycles.	There are two - One. The dam costs taxpayer revenue to maintain the structure and reservoir. I know that a small number of businesses have sprung up to support recreational fishing on the reservoir. That's fine, however, I believe a compelling argument can be made that the return on investment is negative, which means we have selective profitability being subsidized by the taxpayers. One absolutely cannot assume that the recreational and business opportunities on the river would not exist without the dam. Two - The dam degrades the natural environment: Requiring use of herbicides to control exotic invasive plant species, loss of habitat diversity, productivity and habitat access to wildlife. The St. Johns river watershed would greatly benefit from a free flowing Ocklawaha river.	The Cross-Florida barge canal was axed decades ago because it was clear that it was a use of taxpayer money to support selective beneficiaries without any cost benefit to society. AND because the CFB would have been an ecological disaster (As if Florida needs more of such.) The Rodman reservoir is just the dead zombie child of that failed project. A continued misuse of taxpayer money.	None that I have heard proposed.	
10/1/2021 17:49	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Remove the damn	Restore the natural water flow	Wasting state funds to maintain a failed canal system	No	
10/1/2021 17:55	Outside of state / other	Sacramento, California	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an undistructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 18:01	Lake		No	No					Protect wildlife- be responsible!	Defenders views	Harm to creatures and complex ecosystem	Don't know	
10/1/2021 18:04	Duval		No	No					Dismantle the dam	Save the manatees and open up new springs to explore	Eating money on a dam that is well past is useful and safe lifespan	No	
10/1/2021 18:06	Duval		No	No					Remove dam and restore Oklawaha River	Restores free flow of natural waterways	Ongoing expenditures for repair/replacement of the dam	Not that I am aware of. although the possibility exists	
10/1/2021 18:11	Orange		No	No					Removed / Breached	The dam is expensive to maintain, and hurts the local ecology of Florida by simply existing. It's overtaken multiple springs, blocked off previous freshwater routes. Taken up valuable habitats for Manatees.	Further damage to the local ecology, excessive costs and unwarranted spending, and finally no mitigation of manatee deaths from their already dwindling habitats.	No	
10/1/2021 18:14	Palm Beach		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the natural flows to be restored.	Environmental information showing that the dam is not needed.	Loss of natural flows and environmental integrity of the flow of the river.	no	
10/1/2021 18:15	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No, breaching the dam is overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 18:15	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating	I would like to see the dam removed.	Environmental impact information.	The effects on the St. John's River.	No	
10/1/2021 18:15	Outside of state / other	Beeville TX	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep it	Fishing and wildlife	Loss of a very beautiful place Loss of one of the premier fishing lakes in the country Loss of the economic impact of fishing and scenic visitors	No	
10/1/2021 18:32	Palm Beach		No	No					All the facts about how bad this is	Torn down	That this outrage would continue	No	Please do what's rights
10/1/2021 18:33	Duval		No	No					Tear it down.	Environmental studies, federal orders from regulatory agencies to take down the dam, and Florida's typical fingers-in-the-ears that they don't hear it. Bass fishing will be enhaced, not ruined, by a restoration of the Ocklawaha River	Continued degradation of water in the water district.	No.	
10/1/2021 18:38	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/1/2021 18:41	Duval		No	No					Take the dam down and let the area be restored to its natural inclinations.	Better health for the waterways, the wildlife and the vegetation. We have already done way too much damage to nature, - much of it without forethought.	ongoing damage to the environment - its waters, its wildlife, its vegetation.	I don't know enough to comment on the worth of any reasonable compromise.	Please side with the environmentalists ..... in the long run their vision is for the betterment of all.
10/1/2021 18:44	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/1/2021 18:45	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removed to return the area to its naturally-occurring state.	1. Critical water issues affecting the entire state for the future.	Continued deterioration of the ability of the land to support current and future growth.	Don't know.	
10/1/2021 18:54	Outside of state / other	Kentucky	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed and the river restored to its historical bed	The submergence of Springs and loss of significant riverine forest.	Continued loss of riverine habitat for native animals and plants.	No	
10/1/2021 18:54	Osceola		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No	
10/1/2021 18:57	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam.	There are a multitude of springs that would be opened/uncovered bringing many benefits ie. increased fish habitat, warm wintering areas for our manatees, increased recreation and tourism along with income from the visitors and tourists.	Loss of opportunity to do this, expenses thrown away on repairing the dam, and ongoing losses to wildlife.	No.	Let's do all that we can to restore the natural balance of habitat and beauty to Florida.
10/1/2021 19:02	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam.	It's old and useless.	Too much tax money spent.	No.	It's simply not needed.
10/1/2021 19:08	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed	The Oklawaha River would be restored to pre-dam free-flowing river	It is long past time to remove this dam. Back when the Cross Florida Barge Canal was a possibility maybe this was a good idea, but not now.	Something that improves the flow of the river like lowering the lake level; alternatively, have the people that actually want the dam fund the maintenance and repair and operation.	Any tax dollars are going to maintain and operate this dam and there is really no return except to a few special interest groups. As the dam ages more and more of those dollars will be wasted with no gain.
10/1/2021 19:15	Bay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the damn and restore the river.	Multiple springs are buried under the reservoir. The dam is blocking manatees from their natural habitat. The dam is approaching it's life expectancy. It would cost millions of dollars to replace. Removing the dam would improve water quality.	It will cost tens of millions of dollars to replace the dam. Manatees are dying at record rates. Opening their habitat back up may help save them.	No.	
10/1/2021 19:26	Volusia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
10/1/2021 19:26	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Remove the dam. Restore the river and springs to their natural states.	Reciverring the submerged springs and restoring the natural environment to its natural state. Improve the water quality, fish habitat, foliage and most importantly, allow warm water access for manatees.	Continued environmental destruction and willful, deliberate anti-environmental management for no reason, and to only benefit a small group of special-interests at the expense of all other citizens. It also seems extremely wasteful to continue to spend money maintaining this expensive mistake for no reason, which is a waste of taxpayer money. Taxpayer money should be spent preserving our shared natural resources for future generations, and above all, protecting the environment.	No, the dam should have never been built in the first place. The environment should be restored to its natural state.	Thank you for accepting public requests and for doing the right thing for Florida's environment and the future of our state. This decision should be made for the future of Florida. Environmental scientists should make this decision according to what is best for Florida's natural environment.
10/1/2021 19:28	Nassau		No	No						Breach it	Environmental causes.	Distress to the area.	not sure
10/1/2021 19:37	Dade		No	No						It is not being used for its intended purpose and I feel has changed the landscape to the detriment of our wildlife, especially the manatee.	That we have altered our natural resources unnecessarily and our wildlife population has suffered for it needlessly.	Honestly not sure how we can help revert the flooded springs and reopen rivers to manatees without doing this but I'm open to hearing other options.	
10/1/2021 19:43	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/1/2021 19:52	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam and minimize costs for upkeep. Let Florida's natural waterways flow as intended.	Breaching the dam will minimize costs, restore several natural Florida springs, and aid fish/wildlife and the threatened manatee population.	The unnecessary costs involved with maintaining a long abandoned Florida Canal system are not worth it, and the damn prohibits natural water flowing to nearby ecosystems that would benefit greatly from breaching this dam.	Breaching the dam is the best choice for Florida and nearby waterways. It's cost effective to breach and is the ONLY option that I support.	Thank you for accepting public comment on this important matter.
10/1/2021 20:01	Sumter		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the 2	Will save manatees and fish. Will add water to small springs.	Death of manatees and other fish life. Put back what nature intended.	No	
10/1/2021 20:20	Marion		No	Yes					Leave it in its presence state.	It is a wonderful opportunity for hunters and fishermen to enjoy the Florida wildlife.	loss of opportunities to enjoy Florida nature and the very ugly scars that will exist for 25 years.	Build a fish ladder at the dam. I do miss the runs of catfish, mullet and stripers.	I opposed the original concept but after spending many hours fishing hunting and enjoying the varied wildlife. I think it should stay as-is. I also think that a lot of small businesses would be hurt.
10/1/2021 20:25	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	I would like it to be dismantled.	There are 20 drowned springs unavailable to view or utilize by wildlife like manatees.	Continued destruction of the forest environment and degradation of aquatic wildlife.	Yes. Total drainage of the reservoir if the dam cannot be dismantled fully.	This is an opportunity to restore natural Florida, wildlife habitat, and the springs. Please do this.
10/1/2021 20:25	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	

10/1/2021 20:34	Hernando		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the rivers, and don't waste more money on a dam that stands in the way of restoration. The failed Cross Florida Barge Canal Project left environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. We are at a crossroads. The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that blocks the Ocklawaha River is in decline and in need of repair. Now the state has to decide whether to invest millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate a dam with no purpose or remove it, finally reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers. We may never have another opportunity to restore this important ecosystem. We need your voice to tell the District that you support breaching the dam and bringing the river back to its former glory. The St. Johns River Water Management District is asking interested citizens to provide their opinions on the future of this resource. Below you can preview the questions as well as information from Audubon Florida that may help shape your responses. We strongly encourage you to make each response unique to your experience. Click here to give your comments by 5 p.m. on October 22, 2021.	Will Florida reunite the rivers or waste more money on a dam that stands in the way of restoration? The failed Cross Florida Barge Canal Project left environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that blocks the Ocklawaha River is in decline and in need of repair. Now the state has to decide whether to invest millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate a dam with no purpose or remove it, finally reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills and further endangerment of iconic wildlife spe is that draw tourists from around the world.	Doubtful.	Please do the right thing and restore the habitat to its natural state.
10/1/2021 20:53	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow	Health of the St John's River	Continued degradation of St John's health	No	
10/1/2021 21:02	Seminole		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	It needs to stay open to the public and no changes made				
10/1/2021 21:02	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time		More than 5 times	Boating	REMOVED	I traveled the Ocklawha from the St Johns to Eustes in the fifties and enjoyed it. The trans Florida Barge Canal might have been a good idea in the 1700,s but the Key West pirates are no longer a problem. Like we found out with the Kissimmee river, nature does best when left alone.	It would become a structural and financial problem.	I don't know if is is possible to restore the natural flow to the river without removing the dam. Maybe that is a possibility.	I appreciate this opportunity. Thank you
10/1/2021 21:06	Leon		No	No					whatever is best for marine life, fish and manatee populations. I am a native Floridian and I've witnessed the decline in fish populations over time. The St. Johns River is vital to Florida's future. We must avoid turning into the "eastern Colorado river" which is quickly deteriorating.	Life experience and daily news reports. I consume news and information 3-4 hours each day (my job) and understand the delicate balance between 'progress' and the 'environment.'	That Florida has again decided to sacrifice the future for short-term financial gain.	Of course. That's what legislators are SUPPOSED to do. It should not always be all or nothing.	I'm a native Floridian familiar with the state history and it's environmental challenges. This dam is nothing new. It will bring change. Some will say it's positive (cuz it makes $$$$), but we know what's really going on. And we vote.
10/1/2021 21:18	Polk		No	Yes		1 time		Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove/breach the dam so that the Ocklawaha River can flow free as it did before we decided to be in charge instead of nature being in charge.	It is hard to pick just one but getting rid of Rodman Reservoir to remove the barrier to animal and plant movement along the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor and remove the money pit that the reservoir costs taxpayers in upkeep and herbicide treatments to control invasive aquatic weeds.	Taxpayers will continue to pay for upkeep and repairs to the dam and reservoir that should never have been built.	Absolutely not. This is way overdue.	I am a native Floridian and have visited this area several times in the past. I have seen too much environmental degradation of my beautiful state during my lifetime. We now have an opportunity fix a problem that causes environmental degradation on a massive scale by preventing migratory fish and manatees open access to the river, drowning freshwater springs, stressing downstream floodplain wetlands and preventing ecotourism opportunities in surrounding communities. It is last time to arrive let the Ocklawaha run free.
10/1/2021 21:23	Duval		No	No					Return the river to free flowing, broach the dam.	restoring the environment, protecting manatees	damage to environment, waste of tax payer dollars to maintain dam, invasive species	The dam must be breached.	The dams of past years that are destroying rivers and the environment are all coming down. Time this dam is breached as well.
10/1/2021 21:34	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the natural river.	Research from the Florida Springs Institute.	Environment suffering for no reason at all.	No	Are there any reasons to keep this dam? It was a misguided effort that built it, now the government should own and fix its mistake.
10/1/2021 21:38	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see it breached	The country as a whole, let alone the state of Florida, is becoming to industrialized and needs to restore all parts of nature that are physically possible	Another opportunity missed to restore our state to it's original beauty	A possible way to divert some of the water in prefer to restore at least a portion of the springs	Florida is more then beaches and tourists traps. We as citizens need to bring nature back to the fore front
10/1/2021 21:38	Nassau		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: While passing through the area	Remove the dam to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River	The restoration of the Ocklawaha River would also restore springs that have been inundated by the reservoir and help improve the water quality of connected springs and rivers, including our St. Johns	That the best opportunity for restoring the Ocklawaha will have passed and we'll continue to see declines in the quality of our precious waterways	No, to me it seems to be a straightforward choice between breaching the dam or leaving it in place and the former leads to the best outcomes for our waterways, the environment, wildlife, the citizens and the local and state government.	This seems like a win-win for all parties. We restore the river and surrounding ecosystems to their natural states. We provide access for threatened manatees to spring habitats and corridors for other wildlife to travel. We improve water flow and quality of connected waterways, including our state's most significant river, the St. John's. And we save millions of dollars in taxpayer money for maintenance and repairs to a dam that serves no practical purpose. Free the Ocklawaha!
10/1/2021 21:44	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. 2. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Possible answers could include: There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. 3. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Possible answers could include: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat.
10/1/2021 21:59	Outside of state / other	My son lives in Marion County	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 517) MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 517) MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 517) MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.		
10/1/2021 21:59	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore Ocklawaha River	Removing the damn helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, silver, and St John Rivers. The lower Ocklawaha and St johns rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a damn that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could've been restored, providing water storage & filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the damn is 50 years overdue. Damn safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait!	This issue is a far-reaching one and the time is now to resolve it
10/1/2021 22:00	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing - it's a well-established habitat and a world-famous fishery	Self/observation	Loss of fishery	No	
10/1/2021 22:02	Calhoun		No	No					Tear it down	Manatees	Loss of habitat for manatees	No, tear down the dam.	Tear it down
10/1/2021 23:03	Nassau		No	No					I'd like to see the dam removed	It would restore the environment to its natural state, improving the health of the waterways and providing wildlife habitat	Ongoing harm to the environment	No	Since the dam is a remnant of an ill-advised, abandoned project from 50 years ago with no functional purpose, it makes economic sense to stop spending taxpayer money to maintain it and instead restore the environment to benefit wildlife and water quality.
10/1/2021 22:07	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam at once.	20 drowned springs and hundreds of manatees would benefit from this. It's an obvious choice. It just makes sense.	We miss a perfect opportunity to make this happen. Public interest is high. The funds are available. The time is right.	No. This is overdue. There's not a single reason not to. It would be ridiculous to pass this up.	
10/1/2021 22:17	Alachua		No	No					Drain the reservoir and remove the dam.	This project has been an environmental boondoggle from the start.	That we will continue to pay for this disaster.	No.	Free the river!
10/1/2021 22:17	Volusia		No	No						Restoration of the springs	The overall health of the river	No	Even though I don't live in the immediate area, I would like to see the restoration of the springs and natural environment
10/1/2021 22:17	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles	No	No						Restored so the waterway can be used by manatees.			
10/2/2021 22:32	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times		Breach the dam and return the Ocklewaha River to its natural channel	The cost it'll take to maintain the dam, both in money and ecological impacts	Politicians don't listen to the people	No	
10/1/2021 22:42	Seminole		No	No					Remove the dam. Open the reservoir.	Open the waterway returned to its natural state and to rediscover the lost springs in the reservoir.	None	Reducing the water level in the reservoir to recover the lost springs	
10/1/2021 22:46	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: We drove down to see it out of curiosity. I had read much regarding the terminated canal project and was just curious to see what the dam looked like.	I would like to see the dam removed to help restore the Ocklawaha River and increase the flow of fresh water into the St. Johns River.	The Dam & Reservoir were established to support a canal project that ultimately was never completed and therefor does not serve its intended purpose. Its existence has damaged the Ocklawaha River and its supporting springs.	Increased salinity levels in the St. Johns River at locations much further up river alltering its ecosystem.	Thank you for asking, but no.	Thank you for creating this survey and inviting public comment. I'm sure everyone on all sides of this issue are greatly appreciative of this opportunity to advocate for their position.
10/1/2021 22:52	Outside of state / other	Little Elm. Texas	No	No							Making sure manatees are safe and protected.		
10/1/2021 21:58	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore springs and the silver river	The damn serves no purpose and reduces fish in the silver river	Another project that should have never been started that produces no benefit will need to be uselessly maintained	There is no other logical option beyond removing this worthless money-pir dam	
10/1/2021 23:22	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/1/2021 23:26	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Other					
10/1/2021 23:44	Clay		No	Yes				Fishing	Open the reservoir and allow the river to flow freely into the St. Johns.	Three Rivers are allowed to flow freely once again and many Springs will be uncovered when the reservoir empties. Manatees and other wildlife will have restored habitat. Lots of water will flow into the St. John's improving water quality down river.	We miss a great chance to improve the environment and restore these important habitats.	No, the dam was part of a project that was never finished for environmental reasons and breaching of the dam is 50 years overdue.	Let's do the right thing and undo the dam
10/1/2021 23:54	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam.	A record number of manatees died this year, we need to create a habitable place for all wildlife	The structure has been neglected and seems to do more harm than good.	Having a free flowing River will restore the ecosystem of surrounding areas and save millions of taxpayer dollars.	Florida is a beautiful state with its natural springs, rivers, and wildlife. We need to preserve these treasures the best we can before it's gone.
10/1/2021 23:59	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	1am in favor of breaching the dam.	Springs restoration	Loss of opportunity	No	
10/2/2021 0:02	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the dam removed.	The most important information is scientific from the SJRWMD and other research organizations that have already recommended removal. Personally, my most important reason is the restoration of the cypress forest that is now under water but will recover and grow again when the water is drawn down. The state would no longer be spraying chemicals in the water to destroy the accumulation of unwanted vegetation.	We will continue to delay the restoration of important ecosystem functions such as fresh water flowing into the St Johns which is necessary to control salt-water intrusion. Sea level rise will make this salt water intrusion worse. We will continue to lose the carbon sequestration value of the restored forest. Fishermen will continue to have limited species of fish to catch. Manatees will still have limited access up the river.	I would support a breaching of the dam but full removal would he the best solution.	Construction boondoggles have destroyed Florida ecosystems for years. Draining the Everglades and straightening the Kissimmee River both were ill-conceived and have required Millions of dollars in restoration money. By spending a relatively small amount of dollars we can restore a river ecosystem that will also be financially beneficial for the counties involved by increasing recreational activities.
10/2/2021 2:46	Palm Beach		No	No					Open the dam and let the waters flow to reverse the damage.	I am Florida resident, born and raised. My family and I take our water issues very seriously in Florida. We want to see the springs restored from this senseless dam.	habitat loss. Further destruction leading to further habitat loss; perpetuating extinction among the species that rely on the Florida waters, springs.	No. If it's not restored now, more loss will follow! We must restore the lost flows now!	
10/2/2021 3:42	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: I have at times fished on the Ocklawaha spillway side of the dam . Never Rodman Reservoir . To much structure in water for safe boating.	Remove the dam , and the barge canal lock system . Attempt to restore as much as possible the river system as it once was . There can be boat ramps , camping areas , picnic area parks , ect . for public use .	No damming of any river is ever a good idea for wildlife and human use for that matter . The fish can not migrate as nature intended .	Having to keep repairing that wore out dam and lock system . And all the springs that are submerged .	Not really .	The Cross Florida Barge Canal system was never completed and it was always controversial.
10/2/2021 4:37	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/2/2021 4:38	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/2/2021 5:30	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Tear it down. A few bass fisherman should not hold up fixing what never should have been broken in the first place. The fishing opportunities will still be there.	Restoration of the Northeast Florida aquatic environment. Restore the water shed and the abundance of fish species will return.	Continued salinization of the St. John's river. I'm a recreational fisherman. That's my priority.	No. You are spending tax dollars to maintain an unnatural environment.	I know we poon fishermen don't stand a chance against the monied special interests. But every voice may make a difference. This is a half century boondoggle. Time to fix it.
10/2/2021 5:37	Hillsborough		No	No					For the dam to be removed and the natural flow of water restored.	There are many springs that would be restored. The dam is also in need of repair, it's demolition would save the state money.	further degradation of our waterways and springs.	no	
10/2/2021 6:30	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record!	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue .	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees.
10/2/2021 7:05	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/2/2021 7:10	Sumter		No	No					They need to remove it so the river flows the way it is supposed to.	I read an article about it. Environmental groups want the dam to be removed and the river restored.	The river needs to be restored to its former function. The reservoir and dam are not practical.	No	
10/2/2021 7:17	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Return of the natural ecosystem.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is overdue.	
10/2/2021 7:17	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: to study this prime exampit of wasteful and expensive government ecosystem destruction, which is ruining without any more "help".	Take the dam down (or at least open it up) and let the river basin restore itself to historic levels and water course. I have seen the banks during drawdowns several times, and the native plants sprout prolifically	Fifty years of studies showing the damage done by the dam and the environmental and economic benefits from restoring the flow. And MOSTLY: simply look a the river above the dam and then below the dam, and if you can't see the dramatic difference between a beautiful tree-shaded classic Florida meandering stream full of diverse wildlife, and the fetid weed-choked lake above, then this whole inquiry is a sham.	1) The continued destruction and prevention of a beautiful wildlife system, and (2) the millions of dollars being spent to continue this travesty, which should be used to make Florida nicer, not maintain eye-sores.	If you just open up the dam (gradually if necessary), and do not spend any money on restoration, then letting the river heal itself would be good enough.	
10/2/2021 7:27	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St Johns rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. Please restore it back to it's natural state!

10/2/2021 7:36	Outside of state / other	NC	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/2/2021 7:39	Putnam		No	No					Tear it down. I would love to watch a controlled demolition and get to see the gorgeous springs more often than I do waiting for draw downs.	Maintaining the dam is a waste of money and just makes the fishing worse. I was born and raised in Florida, this dam is cutting us off from the kind of Florida beauty that makes us all proud to live here - at the insulting cost of tax dollars wasted on a dam that serves no purpose (not even power).	That our elected and appointed officials haven't a little common sense and even less regard for what's best for their constituents.	There are really only two options: keep wasting money restoring the dam or tear it down.	Tearing the dam down now saves the people of Florida a lot of money. This decision will set a precedent that will keep the state wasting money on this for decades before anyone does something about it.
10/2/2021 7:42	Marion		No	No					Remove it. It serves no purpose. Restore Florida.	The twenty new springs will be revived. Also, increase in habitat for fish and manatees.	The cost of maintaining something that has no purpose.		
10/2/2021 7:49	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam and preserve the watershed	wildlife habitat	loosing the beauty of the area along with the birds	I would need more information and education of why this is a better way	
10/2/2021 8:03	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	It is time to remove the Rodman dam.	The Rodman dam is reducing the flow of water to several spring systems which could be open and available for tourism, manatee habitats, and more.	The dam will require additional spending for continuous repairs in the future that will put a burden on the state.	No, there is no way to partially remove a dam.	
10/2/2021 8:12	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the dam	The dam serves no valid purpose but is expensive to maintain and damages fish populations and water quality	The status quo is wasteful and expensive.	No	
10/2/2021 8:13	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River to its former state .	loss of fish variety caused by dam. Loss of river habitat by damming up the Ocklawaha and making the river a lake. The dam is killing the natural river flora and fauna from Eureka downstream.	Death of the natural river habitat causing irreversible damage. I don't expect to see the results in my lifetime, but future generations may again enjoy the springs that are now under water. Stripers and other fish may come back to spawn up river of the dam.	The dam is not natural. The functionality of the dam was never achieved. There are other lakes in Florida to hold lake events like bass fishing tournaments. No, we should not be spending money on the dam , no other outcome makes sense.	Thanks for opening this discussion. Tom Craig
10/2/2021 8:32	Nassau		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: I don't. I have taken several boat/kayak trips on the upstream Ocklawaha River.	Breach the Dam immediately!!!	Environmental restoration. The reservoir/dam are all part of a 1950-60s DEAUTHORIZED Federal Cross Florida barge canal project that has never been anything but a ridiculous BOONDOGGLE!	Continued destruction of the Oklawaha River environment. FREE the Oklawaha. The Feds/State of FL can spend billions of $ "restoring the Everglades", WHY can't we restore the Oklawaha River in our own backyard? There is already PLENTY of excellent River/lake Fishing already in the Ocala area, without the reservoir destroying the Oklawaha River environment. Enough with the local BS State politics to keep the reservoir.	Possibly. The the dam HAS to be breached. Periodic drawdowns are NOT a solution.	SJRWMD/FDEP/Governor's Office/State Legislature- step up a do the right thing!! Restore our Oklawaha River!
10/2/2021 8:38	Broward		No	No					Breach the dam	Protection for Manatees.	Waste of tax dollars for repairs.	Let loose the springs.	
10/2/2021 8:44	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Returned to it original state				
10/2/2021 8:46	Pasco		No	No					Breach the dam	dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breach the dam	
10/2/2021 8:59	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, requiring $4-14 million of taxpayer dollars in repairs.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No.	Don't continue to drain taxpayer resources for a project long past its expiration date. Breach the dam.
10/2/2021 9:01	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed and the freshwater flow restored to the St. Johns River	Declining water quality, high salinity, habitat & watershed restoration	The silting in of the reservoir, dam deterioration, downstream home & property damage in the event of a failure	Partial restoration of freshwater flow.	It's too bad this relic of a failed canal project hasn't been addressed sooner. It's good the area has been enjoyed for fishing over the years, but it's time to reverse the effects of a failed big-government project. The St. Johns is taking big hits in high tides and estuary decline. This long-term infusion of fresh water is badly needed. There's no reason why the former reservoir acreage can't be a wildlife preserve once restored.
10/2/2021 9:04	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like it to be breached.	The simple fact that the dam is limiting habitats, restricting springs, and costing millions, without adding any great public good. Why is this up for debate?	Taxpayer money being pointlessly thrown into keeping the dam.	No. The dam must be breached.	
10/2/2021 9:12	Lee		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: The wilderness look.	Keep it as is.	It is a Florida treasure even if it happened by "accident".	Loss of a now natural treasure and protection of manatee in upper St Johns	No	Survey questions seems biased in direction of removing dam.
10/2/2021 9:12	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam and restore water flow to the river.	Cross-Florida Barge Canal never built.	Permanent loss of natural flora.	No	
10/2/2021 9:15	Polk		No	No					I love this river and all it has to offer. I also believe that Florida's natural resources deserve to be returned to their natural state.	Florida has been ravaged by a population boom and an increase in provisions to support it. This is wreaking havock on the natural beauty and recources. Please please return the river to it's natural state.	Ecological effects that damage that continues to damage wildlife and their habit		
10/2/2021 9:24	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I don't use it. I have to go around it for kayaking.	Breach it	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Wasted tax payer money to fix an obsolete dam	No. Breathing of the dam is long overdue	Let's breach the dam, stop wasting tax payer money on bad decisions from decades ago, and let's restore wildlife habitat which will draw more tourism to Florida.
10/2/2021 9:26	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore river.	Fish and animal migration, springs access.	Dam and Reservoir will cause futura housing developments.	no	
10/2/2021 9:26	Okaloosa		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/2/2021 9:29	Lake		No	No						Drowning in it	Fish and manatees continued deaths.	No	
10/2/2021 9:27	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove it	Save the manatees	manatee deaths		
10/2/2021 9:28	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Stay as it is	Been that way so long don't want to see the ecosystem that is has created destroyed	The ecosystem would be changed again well enough leave it alone	Control the dam and let as much water flow without changing the ecosystem	
10/2/2021 9:28	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it. The damage caused was documented in the 70's it is now time to restore the river and springs ecosystem.	50 year old proof of the damage caused by the restoration and cross Florida barge canal.	Why tax dollars continue to be spent on maintaining a the damage caused by the cross Florida barge canal.	Drain the lake and keep the drain open allowing recovery.	
10/2/2021 9:30	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	Why tax dollars continue to be spent on maintaining g the damage caused by the cross Florida barge canal.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored. 4. Is	
10/2/2021 9:31	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam, restore the river.	The continued waste of money to maintain the dam.	Continued waste of taxpayer dollars.	No	I was taken to the Ocklawaha as a small boy. I remember that it was a beautiful wild river with springs, fish and wildlife. I would like to see it that way again.
10/2/2021 9:45	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removal and river restoration	There are reams of scientific data in your files that make this position a shoo in vs. the reasons from the few fishermen and politicians advocating to keep this mistake.	Lack of funding to properly finish restoration properly	Without dam removal, no.	
10/2/2021 9:45	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and partially restore the Oklawaha River	There is no current use for the dam.	Millions of dollars wasted restoring something that isn't needed.	Not really.	
10/2/2021 9:49	Duval		No	No					Free the river. Breach the dam.	Springs are an amazing attraction and recreational opportunity to see natural Florida plants and animals.	Missing out on available funding.	No.	Do the right thing and your reputation will improve.
10/2/2021 9:50	Lee		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach it! Restore natural flow of the Everglades.	Updates from National Audubon Society keep me informed about pending legislation.	The real Florida is being lost. Habitat encroachment is a big deal. and more people should be mindful of it.	This is non-negotiable. Florida is at the forefront of climate change. and has a lot to lose if we don't mitigate the risks.	
10/2/2021 10:15	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove them		Continued ecological damage	No	
10/2/2021 10:17	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: We travel by boat to enjoy the drawdown	I would like to see the river allowed to flow freely.	Restoration of natural flow to help mitigate rising salt levels in the St. John's river. Freshwater springs will help prevent rising salinity that will infiltrate the aquifer allowing brackish flow into water pumped on crops in dry weather. Springs need to interact naturally.	Continued degradation of water in that system. Continued use of herbicides to counter the nitrates that continue to feed clogging plant growth.	No	The fate of this dam was determined years ago. Why it has not been taken down is a result of political haggling that can no longer jeopardize the health of our waterways. We are in the fight of our history to protect fresh water resources worldwide. Our spring system should be considered a world heritage site. We act as if we are clueless as to the importance of clean water.
10/2/2021 10:17	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam.	Continued Destruction of the Springs		NO	
10/2/2021 10:18	Volusia		No	Yes					Decommissioned/removed from service	Preservation of critically endangered flora & fauna	Continued loss & extinction of species	No	It's time to put our wildlife first above greed
10/2/2021 10:19	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam	Would allow the river to return to more natural state and end the idea of the cross Florida barge canal.	Perpetuation of costly repairs to dam and loss of natural habitat beyond.	Start with small steps if necessary, but ultimate objective is unchanged.	
10/2/2021 10:20	St Johns		No	No					Take it down	Environmental Concerns	Flooding	No	
10/2/2021 10:23	Clay		No	No					tear it down	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/2/2021 10:34	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the river by breaching the dam.	Protect wildlife.		No	
10/2/2021 10:38	Palm Beach		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam. The lake has great habitat for a lot of fish and wildlife	the lake is a destination for bass fishing and has marshes that attract waterfowl. We have a farm nearby and enjoy using the lake multiple times each year.	Loss of a great fishery and freshwater habitats, including marshes.	No reason to destroy a long time habitat that is attractive to many outdoor sports enthusiasts.	The river has long stretches remaining below the dam that are also great places for recreation...But, there is no reason not to have the variety of recreation available on a healthy freshwater lake above the dam destroyed. If the dam is removed, the current lake bottom will become a tangle of vegetation, much of it exotic, and will not be useful for recreation, nor a natural timbered swamp as was historical...
10/2/2021 10:45	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/2/2021 10:49	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it be	Value to the area and community	Stupidity wins again	No	
10/2/2021 10:49	Clay		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Photography	Remove the dam and restore the river to its original course.	Reduction of freshwater flow to the St Johns river caused by spring suppression when the reservoir is full. Declining health of the reservoir. I kayaked the shallows near what used to be the Blue Springs run during the last drawdown and was aghast at the almost complete absence of animal life except for leaches. Even Gambusia were absent. Acres and acres of fishless water. No aquatic insects, either. The reservoir is dying. Even the fisherman I talked with said the fishing was not as good as it used to be. The reservoir is slowly dying. Get rid of it.	The health of the St. Johns River and the final fate of the reservoir.	Not really.	Follow the science. Restore the river.
10/2/2021 10:52	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	Keep it	It's now part of the environment and the counties.	Angry Forest Residents. We're weird	Nada	
10/2/2021 10:54	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Preserve it	Historic usage		No	
10/2/2021 10:56	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Take the dam down and let this vital river run its natural course. After paddling through he heavily vegetated waters of Rodman reservoir I am convinced that this is a totally unnatural flowing waterway. Dead fish were seen floating in it. No manatees had access to it.	All the federal and state agencies agree that maintaining the Rodman Dam is not economically viable. Biologists, hydrologists and ecologists have all supported the Ocklawaha's return to its natural flow and riverine forested state. I was a student at UF when the whole biology department rose up in dismay when it was learned that the cross Florida barge canal would change the natural flow, flood numerous springs and drown a healthy riverine forest. For at least 50 years now this boondoggle has been allowed to linger as a blot on the face of Florida's riverine systems and hydrology.	If the dam is not removed and this weed-choked Rodman pool is allowed to persist the loss of more manatees due to loss of historic access to spring-warmed overwintering waters where underwater grasses abound, additional money would be allocated to maintain the dam and upkeep. Blue green algae is more likely in this stagnant system.	No!! Let the bass fisherman continue to catch their prize bass in the St.John's river. Let the floodplain forest return to the heart of Florida and it's free flowing spring fed waterway.	In addition to numerous paddle trips near the outflow of Silver River to Ft. MCoy, I have paddled the headwaters if the Ocklawaha from Eustice (441) to Welaka in the St. John's River. The Ocklawaha River is a personal experience for me. It is one of Florida's living legacies. Let's be proud of honoring the wisdom of nature as it provides a continuous life flow for the real Florida!
10/2/2021 10:58	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, to allow free flow of the river	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/2/2021 10:59	Okaloosa		No	No					Breach the dam.	Restoring manatee habitat and migratory fish access to the springs.	That the dam will fail eventually and flooding could be catastrophic.	No	
10/2/2021 11:00	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Other: I don't. Only went with friends that were boating	Man made obstruction to the natural flow of wildlife and scenery. It is ugly and does not serve a purpose.	Other ill conceived structures that hurt the wildlife and beauty of the land. It will hurt the attraction of Florida which so many people enjoy and come to these places to vacation.	Vote for the Democratic Party which much more fully supports the environment and not development of our natural resources.	
10/2/2021 11:01	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times				Keep as is, been fishing and camping there my whole life. I now take my kids there regularly. The wildlife is so abundant.	Wildlife, access to nature for my family. Outdoor activities	Could be taken away for my kids and grandkids to enjoy.	More access, more promotability	
10/2/2021 11:07	St Lucie		No	No									
10/2/2021 11:22	Outside of state / other	Knoxville, TN	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing	Keep the dam and Rodman Reservoir as is, continue to manage for wildlife and fishing.	As shown in Florida Trophy Bass data, Rodman is regularly the most productive lake in Florida.	Our fishing groups (one in February and one in October) would no longer make the annual trip to Palatka in order to fish Rodman Reservoir.	No	
10/2/2021 11:27	Sarasota		No	No					Remove the dam.	I've read articles about restoring natural ecosystems and the positive outcomes in Yellowstone Park and in locations around the world. Our Florida environment deserves a chance to renew, too.	Ecosystems continuing to deteriorate, plus millions spent on maintaining an intrusive dam.	I don't know, but time and again, nature has shown us the correct path.	
10/2/2021 11:37	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	The death of the forest that once surrounded the river. The reservoir is little more than an impoundment with little enviro mental value and will require greater management as time goes on and it naturally stills in.	Spending money to keep the reservoir as a fishing hole.	No. The dam need to go to allow nature to heal this scar.	
10/2/2021 11:37	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove it, please!	This is in part a critical piece of restoring a natural system that should have never been altered	Years of continuing decline of a high magnitude natural system that may loose it's ability to naturally recruit historical plants and wildlife	Remove the dam is step one and a must	Please remove the dam for the good of Florida's environment and natural history
10/2/2021 11:39	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: I am more likely to visit this area during the drawdown. While the dam blocks the natural cycle I am less interested in being there.	I would like to see the dam dismantled and the Ocklawaha support natural migrations of species that depend upon a free flowing river and the natural habitat that it provides.	A free-flowing Ocklawaha provides important ecosystem services such as mitigating salt water intrusion downstream for a healthy St. Johns. Many ecosystem services are curtailed now when the dam is closed. And the dam is nearing the end of its projected life span. Maintaining it involved increased costs and increased risks.	Increased risk from dam failure, salt water and flooding during rain events, wildlife loss.	NO. Even the bass fishermen realize the quality and size of the catch is reduced over time. Unless the dam is gone the springs will be gone.	The dam only serves big boaters and the recreation that requires a big boat. Its time to realize there are other recreational opportunities provided by a free flowing Ocklawaha, not to mention the ecosystem benefits.
10/2/2021 11:43	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the breach of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The fact that Florida has some of the most unique and valuable landscapes in the world is one of the things I look at in the scheme of this dam. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project. actual figures show that by breaching this dam - which is already past it's life expectancy - saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We could miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), the dam is unsafe serving no real purpose - it is a waste of taxpayer money to keep, but it could really stimulate an economy (struggling after Covid) and put people to work doing a valuable public project protecting the environmental issues that are Florida's claim to fame - manatees, springs, and outdoor recreational opportunities! This is a huge reward with up to $47 million dollars in economic benefits!	No, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. It is the equivalent of starting a project, getting bored, and leaving all the jet restaurants, stay in local hotels and bed and breakfasts, rent canoes/kayaks/paddleboards, go boating, and yes, still go fishing after the removal of the dam would be such an amazing economic opportunity for the area! It would also present the unique opportunity to help save the Florida Manatee after the record year of 2021 die-offs. Habitat restoration as one of the benefits of the removal of the dam would help to restore native grass beds and warm water refuges for the Florida manatee - a widely recognized and well loved iconic animal crucial to the identity of Florida.	I can't imagine we would want to miss the amazing opportunity to put Marion and Putnam county on the map as a destination location for its amazing natural wonder of 20 springs (just in this one area!) and the flora and fauna that come with it. The number of businesses that could flourish with the uptick in visitors here to see the springs, birds, eat jet restaurants, stay in local hotels and bed and breakfasts, rent canoes/kayaks/paddleboards, go boating, and yes, still go fishing after the removal of the dam would be such an amazing economic opportunity for the area! It would also present the unique opportunity to help save the Florida Manatee after the record year of 2021 die-offs. Habitat restoration as one of the benefits of the removal of the dam would help to restore native grass beds and warm water refuges for the Florida manatee - a widely recognized and well loved iconic animal crucial to the identity of Florida.
10/2/2021 11:48	Leon		No	No					I would like to see it removed.	The fact that it impedes the natural springs and is only there due to an unfinished canal that was a terrible idea in the first place.	The continued degradation of Florida's springs and aquifer.	Perhaps more frequent drawdowns/ breaches	I understand why those that live down river would be concerned about flooding. The biggest obstacles would be those that have a business dependent on the reservoir and those that live downriver. These are the people this effort needs to be focused around.
10/2/2021 11:57	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Other: Travel	Breach the dam for wildlife benefit and to avert potential future flooding downstream.	Information from the SJRWMD and local Florida Audubon studies.	Catastrophic flooding and the continued impoverishment of this blue-way. negatively affecting our precious whitlife.	NO! This environmental restoration is long overdue and needs to be accomplished NOW!!!	
10/2/2021 12:12	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Torn down to restore natural flow	Newspaper articles	Continued pollution down river	No	
10/2/2021 12:19	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached, to release the free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	Breaching this aging dam would restore the river and its floodplains, allowing vegetation to regenerate and plants and animals (fish, manatees) to migrate as previously, while refreshing the many affected rivers and springs.	The environmental benefits above would be compromised, and economic risks elevated from this aging dam that serves no purpose.	Breaching the 53-year-old dam is the only solution to the environmental and economic risks it poses to our river systems.	
10/2/2021 12:21	St Johns		No	No					Slowly demolish the dam, letting the water flow into the St. Johns.	Need to reduce salinity at other end.	Loss of wildlife and certain fish that need fresh water.	A smaller dam, creating a smaller lake and less flow.	

10/2/2021 12:28	Alachua		No	No					Take it down.	Ecology, science.	Continued incompetance of state officials.	No	
10/2/2021 12:40	Duval		No	No					I would like water flow to be restored to the St. John's river.	The St Johns river is suffering from more frequent algae blooms.	The health of the St. John's river.		
10/2/2021 12:55	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Water level back to normal level.	Free the springs	Fish not able to make it to their spawning area.	Have to dam free flow unless the is a reason to raise the dam. Like to prevent flooding down stream.	
10/2/2021 13:01	Palm Beach		No	No					I would like the reservoir to have better water quality monitoring, remediation and management to stop any toxic water from being stored or released there		seagrass will die, manatees and other wildlife will be killed		
10/2/2021 13:07	Duval		No	No					Please remove the dam and partially restore the river.	This is a cost effective solution that will repair some people of the environmental harms of the dam.			
10/2/2021 13:14	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other:	Take it back to original flow.	No need for the dams. Wildlife and connecting bodies of water will greatly benefit.	Con3tued degradation of waterways and wildlife health.	No.	
10/2/2021 13:17	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	No more dam	It will bring many springs back to life. It will help our manatees who are struggling severely.	Our springs and manatees continue to die off.	No	There is no reason for the dam.
10/2/2021 13:22	Marion		No	No					Keep as is.	It's been functioning for years the way it is...		disappointed...	not sure...
10/2/2021 13:24	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I think it would help the local environment to take away the dam and restore the river flow.	We need to keep the river flows and spring levels healthy	Even more damage to the water ecosystem and all that relies on it	No. This needs to e done for the future of water resources in the area.	
10/2/2021 13:24	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see it removed and the Oklawaha restored	I have been to the reservoir when it was full and when it was empty. It is much more beautiful and useful when it is empty and the natural flow of water is established.	That it will be too late to restore the environment if we wait too long.	No	
10/2/2021 13:24	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the reservoir drained and the river cleared to return to its natural flow.	Ecology not commerce.	The St Johns River will continue to degrade as water is removed and nutrients are added.	No	
10/2/2021 13:30	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times		Remove the dam. Restore ocklawaha to it's natural state	This river was untouched for thousands of years and we came in the last 50 years and changed it for the worse. Manatees and fish cannot access their natural habitat, aquatic vegetation is choking the river and the solution is to spray with awful herbicide. 50 years is not long in the span of nature's lifetime. If we remove the dam, in 50 more years, the land will be back to it's natural state and it will be better than it is now. Just because some people use the reservoir for fishing and monetary gain, that shouldn't be a reason to keep the dam. With a natural habitat, we could bring even more money in tourism to view this beautiful, natural, free flowing jewel of central Florida. We have nothing to lose and a lot to gain. Healing the choked out springs, even helping maintain balance of salinity in the st John's river. I see no practical reason to keep the dam besides some people like to bass fish in lake ocklawaha. That benefit of a few fishermen doesn't outweigh all the damage it is doing to our ecosystem.	The poor manatees and fish. The ecosystem as a whole is suffering. Our area is growing and we are missing out on so much natural tourism. Also the dam will need repairs soon, so hopefully it will crumble and breech naturally if we don't remove it.	No. Remove the dam, restore the ocklawaha	I'm tired of money hungry legislature thinking they know what's best for everyone and everything. When they don't, they just care about lining their pockets. I live in spitting distance of the river and spend lots of time on it. This is my home and it makes me sad seeing the river choked, Lilly, and hardly any fish anymore. The manatees can't even get to silver springs because of the dumb dam. They are starving to death and the river has a surplus of vegetation that the state dumps harsh herbicide on. It's an atrocity and makes me sick that so many people oppose restoring the ocklawaha just so they can go bass fishing. If the manatees could get to silver springs, do you realize how much tourism our county could attract?? Look at blue springs, and homosassa, they Garner so much tourism and people would prefer to go somewhere less crowded so silver springs and ocklawaha would be the perfect destination! It's common sense really. I don't see how this is still a debate
10/2/2021 14:06	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam will help restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. As much as $14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	We have done enough damage to the ecology of our great state. Every opportunity to repair the damage should be taken advantage of.
10/2/2021 14:36	Alachua		No	No									
10/2/2021 14:47	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Boating Other: See clear natural springs during drawdown	Would like the reservoir and dam to be removed or opened and return to original River to natural flow pattern	Fishing will be better. Land will be in natural preserve state	That it will stay and require tax dollars to keep in unnatural conformation for the benefit of just a few. The River can supply sport and activity in natural state	Would love to hear options and +/- of each	I am 72 yo native Floridian. I was on the River multiple times with my family BEFORE the canal project, fishing, swimming, boating. It was gorgeous. Animals plants flowing water. Sport fishing can be done without reservoir. So ugly.
10/2/2021 15:04	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I visited just to see what it looked like.	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River to it's original condition.	The loss of the springs while the dam remains in place.	The loss of one of the most amazing natural wonders in the world. Also, the continued use of taxpayer dollars to maintain the lake for the few people who benefit by it, and after it's purported purpose has been negated.	No	
10/2/2021 15:08	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the River by opening up the dam	Friends of the River study	The springs are affected along with the River quality	No	
10/2/2021 15:16	Martin		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take out the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring drowned springs and historic routes for migratory fish. Opening up more habitat for manatees. No more maintenance dollars on a worse than useless dam.	Water quality continues to decline. Taxpayer dollars are spent to achieve nothing positive. One more opportunity to begin to restore Florida's natural water system is missed.	No. The dam should not have been constructed and needs to be gone!	I love Silver Springs and the Ocklawaha. Please don't let them go the way of Lake Okeechobee and the Indian River Lagoon.
10/2/2021 15:17	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	It's time to do the right thing.
10/2/2021 15:24	Duval		No	No					I would like to see it removed to restore the natural flow of the river.	The natural flow of the river will help restore the natural path of fish, birds and water. It will also reduce the unnecessary expenditure of money	We will waste money and continue to block water flow. We have considerable trouble with water flow in north central Florida from over drawing water and it is foolish to distort the natural flow of water.	no	
10/2/2021 15:41	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/2/2021 15:41	St Johns		No	No						Dam removal	Water quality	Detrimental water quality	Maybe
10/2/2021 16:02	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing	I would like to see it left alone and just like it is.	It is a beautiful lake with lots of wildlife and it also brings quite a bit of essence to the local economies.	That once again, our government has bowed down to a few loud people that really do not know what they are talking about.	No	This has now become a beautiful part of this area. It is also, an area that the manatees live. I have heard the river keepers talk about the "extra" flow to the St John's. The same amount if water goes to the river no matter what. To keep the lakesfrom flooding, thecwater has to pass to the river at Rodman Reservoir would be flooding Orlando by now.
10/2/2021 16:03	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economics lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No	
10/2/2021 16:08	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	I would like to see the dam removed.	Few Manatee, mullet, and other aquatic wildlife can get to Silver Springs.	The native fish populations in Silver Springs continue to drop.	Not really.	The dam never should have been built. It needs to be removed. The local bait shops and other businesses have disappeared. If the fish return, maybe the local economy will get a boost.
10/2/2021 16:13	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking around the river	Having seen the area during draw down, I firmly believe the dam should be breached and the Ocklawaha should be restored to its natural flow.	First the am benefits a small percentage of the population. Many more will benefit from the restoration of the flow. The are so many lost springs (many of which I observed during a drawdown, that would be restored, which would allow the historical flora and fauna to thrive once again. The three rivers that have more that 50 springs, truly a Florida treasure and certainly will provide more than enough tourist interest to offset the sad state of fishing in the unnatural lake. Maybe the manatees (which are declining) would return. I think more than 10,000 acres of the Wildlife Corridor would be restored to be enjoyed by people and wildlife providing lots of recreational opportunities. Economic opportunities would be available for more people who live and work along the rivers. Potential flood damage for those downstream might be less of a risk.	Tax payer money spent to keep the dam in repair. Taxpayer money used to subsidize flood insurance. Dam failure might cause extensive flooding and climate projections indicate increased storms and flooding for Florida. The St. Johns River Estuary will continue to suffer from lack of fresh water flow.	Not really. Breaching the dam should have been done decades ago. It is time and should be done intentionally not as a result of poor repair or storm damage.	As a property owner and taxpayer and resident of the State of Florida, I request that the Ocklawaha River be allowed to flow in its natural state and that the 200+ miles of rivers and springs be restored so that humans and wildlife may flourish. There are numerous scientific, environmental. aesthetic, and socially beneficial reasons to breach the dam appropriately and restore the flow. There are only a handful of, in my opinion, rather selfish and out-of-date reasons for not doing so.
10/2/2021 16:18	Marion		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	It is its own ecosystem now. Too late to go back. Not right	All the wildlife that would be impacted	No	Please leave it
10/2/2021 16:20	Putnam		No	No					I would like to see ecologically safe changes made in the running of the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.	My concern for the manatees and other land and water creatures that rely on these waters for their survival.	I would like to see ecologically safe changes made in the running of the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.		
10/2/2021 16:23	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove dam and restore the Oklawaha	Fishing in the reservoir is declining. Migratory fish are suffering	Maintaining dam is expensive. Fishing failing	No. There is either a dam or there isn't	Restore this wonderful river
10/2/2021 16:26	Orange		No	No									
10/2/2021 16:30	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Returning the waterflow to the natural state, as closely as possible	Removing the dam will help restore many natural springs, as well as restoring the more natural flow of the St. Johns and Ocklawaha Rivers--all BEAUTIFUL Florida areas and assets to tourists and Floridians alike.	money wasted to maintain the old dam	No	We need to save natural Florida for our kids and Grandkids.
10/2/2021 16:35	Outside of state / other	Kent, Wa	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Leave it alone as is for fishing and wild land refuge	I saw all kinds of fantastic wildlife during my one day trip fishing. The birds the fish. etc. all was beautiful	Losing the catch and release fishing and the industry that goes with it	No	
10/2/2021 16:39	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam.	It will restore the river as well as improving the flow on the St. johns and Silver Rivers.	The St. Johns will continue to become more polluted.	No	
10/2/2021 16:54	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing					
10/2/2021 17:04	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Open them up and give our Florida nature back.	The flooding of over 20 springs is just wrong. Wildlife and aquatic life have been and continues to be impacted.	The Ocklawaha and Silver will continue to die. This impacts all:	If the cost is a problem, i.e. removal of the dams etc. At least get them opened up and the water flowing freely.	
10/2/2021 17:05	Volusia		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economics have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife.
10/2/2021 17:05	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other:	remove the dam	return river to original site	to have to continue to seek removal of dam	no	
10/2/2021 17:10	Gadsden		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the river	Can visit all the springs again	Lake fills with aquatic weed	No	I thought the dam was to be removed years ago!
10/2/2021 17:21	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	I would like to remove the dam so the Ocklawaha River is restored and the ecosystem is fully functional.	100's of manatees would benefit as well as other unique FL species and 1000's of acres of precious habitat is would be improved or be restored.	The ecosystem continues to decline impacting water quality, fish and manatee populations while taxpayer money is wasted on a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit	No. Breaching the dam is long over due	Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.
10/2/2021 17:33	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	keep this valuable resource available for future generations	This resource provides habitation for for many endangered species such as manatees, eagles, alligators and a large range of other species that need this habitat. It also provides revenue for the county and state. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP RODMAN RESERVIOR ALIVE.	The loss of wildlife	No	Leave this resource as is , we are lucky to have it.
10/2/2021 17:33	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	For the Dam to remain, it's a phenomenal fishery and great sanctuary for wildlife. Removing the Dam would also have a negative impact to the local economy.	Over 20 years spent on the reservoir	Giving in to a bunch animal activists with no hard data or scientific evidence to back up their claims	No	Rodman is a beautiful place please leave it alone
10/2/2021 17:45	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economics lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/2/2021 18:05	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					I'd like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached in order to restore the Ocklawaha River.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to negatively impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	At this point, there is not, as breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am also concerned with how the dam negatively impacts manatees. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 has been the deadliest year on record for manatees. Unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.

10/2/2021 18:11	Lake		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/2/2021 18:42	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Other: I don't use it, I just wanted to see it to have an opinion about it.	Removed	To cut down on the maintenance cost to the state	A constant drain on the Florida budget	No		
10/2/2021 18:49	Walton		No	No					like to see it gone	Natural habitat will benefit entirely	Wasted opportunity and funds	No		Love to visit "all" florida springs
10/2/2021 19:11	Broward		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the rivers	4-14 million in $ saved	A dam with no purpose, failing, loss of wildlife			
10/2/2021 19:46	Leon		No	No					Get rid of it	Impact on springs and fish/manatee				
10/2/2021 19:49	Orange		No	No					Removal to restore the manatee habitats	Health of the environment	Loss of biodiversity			
10/2/2021 20:04	Citrus		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		I would like to see the dam breached and the original and natural river flow restored.	All the springs that would be restored and the benefit to manatees.	We would miss this opportunity to do something that is 40 or 50 years overdo. With manatee deaths at an all time high last year, this action will finally benefit nature and the springs, and it will also benefit Florida's iconic manatees.	No. The time is now. Restore the Ocklawaha.		
10/2/2021 20:17	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/2/2021 20:28	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers will be restored as well as 50 springs and the wildlife that desperately need it eh.	The extensive damage to natural wildlife habitats and water quality, not to mention the expense of trying to maintain the dam.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/2/2021 20:30	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times		Other: None of the above. Only during drawdown		Restore the Ocklawaha river and develop recreational opportunities.	$50 million gallons of fresh water per day NOT flowing into the SJR	The SJR continues to deteriorate and the mud hole continues to fill up with crap.	Not really. Development of economic assets while the restoration in in progress.		This has been a political football much to the demise of the SJR and the environment. This is FL's second worst environmental disaster. We are finally restoring the Everglades it is time to fix the Ocklawaha and stop wasting $ on a mud hole.
10/2/2021 21:10	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing		Get rid of the dam, ASAP	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	nope		Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/2/2021 21:27	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Restore natural habitat	Ecosystem would function better if restored	Continue deterioration of environment	Not really		
10/2/2021 21:45	Alachua		No	No					I would like the natural environment to be restored protected.	The updates that I have received regarding the campaign.	The environment will continue to be degraded.	Greater environmental protection, more investment in protecting wild spaces, no new dams, no development allowed in coastal areas and on rivers, and so on.		We need greater environmental protection in Florida. Our shorelines are a travesty!! We keep building in wetlands and Floodplains. Our Springs are being drained by water bottling companies. The development and deforestation is unchecked.
10/2/2021 22:22	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		The Dam should be breached, if not wholly removed. I've followed this issue for nearly 40 years and have engaged stakeholders on all sides of the issue. To the extent the pool is opened, evaluation of the restoration needs of the floodplain should be undertaken and activities undertaken to accelerate floodplain recovery and renewal. Organic (and nutrient) accumulation may warrant isolation and partial removal. Floodplain and river species of fish may need to have some restocking -- again, the idea is to accelerate recovery/ Not completely unlike the efforts on the Kissimmee, this would represent a great opportunity to reverse a poor ecological decision.	The Cross Florida Barge Canal has been abandoned. This is a non-project. Residual elements of its construction have no serious value to the environmental health of Florida or its economy. Other portions of the abandoned canal concept have been restored, there is no scientific, ecological or significant economic reason to leave this element in place.	That the issue be dropped in perpetuity. The system need not be studied to death with no action whatsoever.	A partial breach would be a start . . . . with commitments to conclude the job at a time certain. This allows adjustments to reservoir users and property owners (who would still benefit from the floodplain and river).		The decisions not to act for the past decades are based on (unwarranted) political fear and the volume of voices opposed. At some point rational decisions need to be made.
10/2/2021 23:03	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Driving past seeing all the non-native vegetation		Remove it.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	The continued disregard for nature and the balance that was destroyed when this was built	No		
10/2/2021 23:03	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		I would like to see the dam breached to allo free water flow to the Oklawaha river. Doing so has the potential to warm the waters, creating a suitable habitat for manatees	Restoring the river , by allowing the water to flow freely, can help restore the springs currently impacted by the high water levels created by the dam.	Ongoing destruction of habitat. Our natural world is under assault. It seems like a very important time to restore natural habitats for water and land creatures.	No.		People could benefit from the money saved by not repairing the dam. At this moment, we need to put endangered species and habitat loss as a top priority. Let's repair that habitat so that we can continue to enjoy these amazing creatures and all other wildlife.
10/2/2021 23:13	Nassau		No	No					Please remove the dam	The fact that the project, of which the dam was a small part, has been stopped and the dam is no longer needed.	Wasted $ to maintain the dam plus additional $ needed to resolve environmental issues such as to restore unencumbered passage for manatees to access the springs blocked by the dam.	Eliminate the dam and redirect maintenance funds to instead create other ways to provide the positive benefits of the dam (if there are any positive benefits).		
10/2/2021 23:40	Duval		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking		Breach it.	The ecology and how it was destroyed.	Flooding, permanent damage to fish and wildlife			
10/3/2021 1:10	Dade		No	No					Remove it and turn adjacent area into nature center, kayak lounges, etc.	Negative environmental impacts caused by the dam.	Wildlife populations and the amount of tax payer money going into repairing the dam.	No.		
10/3/2021 0:27	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Spring hunting		Remove the dam ave restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha	Water quality inn area springs and devastation to the flooded landscape	Why a government would leave a dam in place that serves no purpose and does great harm.			Free the Ocklawaha
10/3/2021 0:59	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing		Dam destroyed and Reservoir turned back to natural.	About dam being destroyed.	Wild life & fishing habitats destroyed. Springs destroyed also.	The locks at the dam and locks staying open all the time or the physical locks taken out.		
10/3/2021 1:04	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove and open up the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Some 20 natural springs would be returned to life by removing the dam & reservoir. In this one action, the removal of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam would be one of the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	$$$ wo$ted. Millions$ in taxpayer$ money is being unnece$$arily $pent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that does$ not even provide flood protection, power, water Supply or even any clear public benefit.	Umm… leave a small portion of the existing waterworks as a monument to man's folly and our disregard of what Mother Nature is telling us…		
10/3/2021 2:00	Outside of state / other	Brisbane, Queensland, AUSTRALIA	No	No					I'd like to hear that with doing what is said to be needed to be done in this article that hopefully with time, hope, effort & love that over time hopefully we'll live to see these beautiful creatures known as Manatees also known as "sea cows", do actually come back to these dams which once were a known place for these mammals to be. So I'm hoping with these changes I'll hopefully be alive to hear or see the outcome we do desire !!! Let's not kill off another piece of our food chain like every other animal species alike and different ie extinction of New Zealands native animal the little Tassie Devil aka Tasman Devil and alike all animals on verge of extinction like the beautiful chinas black and white bears known as the panda !! We need to turn things around and fast before it's too late	extinction - this word is almost like a demonic creature we all have come to know as the bad side of good. There's always the evil side and I refuse to be defeated on this and allow the bad to beat the good .. we can save this creature if we stand together as one !!	Then these creatures will go in to extinction			
10/3/2021 2:22	Escambia		No	No					Remove the dam Restore Ocklawaha River			NO		
10/3/2021 2:50	Outside of state / other	Langhorne Pennsylvania	No	No					Restoration of free flowing waters. Dam removal.	Returning the waterways and lands to their natural state for the benefit of native wildlife.	Continued human intrusion causing an unnatural state and its related impacts.	No		When we know better, we do better. Today we know that damming rivers negatively impacts wildlife and the environment. Returning the area to its pristine state, without dam, is the RIGHT thing to do for humans and wildlife.
10/3/2021 4:26	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Camping		Breach the dam, restore the river.	Improved water quality, return of submerged springs.	The ongoing expense of maintaining the locks and an earthen dam beyond the end of it's planned life.	No.		
10/3/2021 6:11	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other		Open it to allow natural migration of fish and manatee and allow the flow to help naturally maintain the water lettuce population allowing manatees to eat it and the natural flow takes care of the amount of foliage gathering in different areas of the river allowing it to spread out. When I visit during the draw down there are so many many birds and animals all along the shoreline that you don't see because it's all flooded. And you see the growth of the trees in the grass and the natural foliage and the beautiful white sand beaches flourish to the wild Plum trees etc. Please just let it free flow I beg you. This is a dream of my heart. For the health of the trees the animals environment for more opportunities for different types of recreation and for the springs that will be revealed that are covered up right now due to flooding! Believe you melt is going going to substantially change the natural beauty of this area! Thank you so much for doing this!	It is going to substantially change the natural beauty of this area! When the drawdown is going on I see so many people shoreline fishing that could help sustain people who can't afford to eat. There was a different dynamic they're wider variety of people who were actually using the river to sustain themselves! It was such a heartwarming seen.Thank you so much for doing this!	The natural free flow of the river will keep the river from being flooded which will allow the trees to properly grow and not be flooded and the other foliage and birds and animals to feed along the shore lines and grow and the manatees to free flow and freely eat the clogged up river due to water lettuces. I have no doubt this is going to just substantially positively change everything in a positive way people and foliage and animals and birds and reptiles and fish.	The natural free flow of the river will keep the river from being flooded which will allow the trees to properly grow and not be flooded and the other foliage and birds and animals to feed along the shore lines into r have no doubt this is going to just substantially positively change everything in a positive way people and foliage and animals and birds and reptiles and fish.grow in the manatees to free flow and freely eats the clogged up water lettuces. At least open the damn half of the year and the other part of the time let it flood again I guess? setting it flood is never a good idea. It just sickens me seeing it. And then they just use all that chemical spray to get rid of the water lettuce which doesn't even work.	At least open the damn half of the year and the other part of the time let it flood again I guess? I setting it flood is never a good idea. It just sickens me seeing it. And then they just use all that chemical spray to get rid of the water lettuce which doesn't even work. It's such a rich and beautiful environmental area i can't wait to be able to get out and see the Springs being exposed again so that the fish can be healthy and that environment as well so they're not flooded out all the time and browned out. It's just such a different dynamic and natural dynamic that is exciting at the thought of it. I went when it was during draw down and it the sand on the beaches were white and beautiful and the natural wild plum trees are blossoming and growing and there was all kind of new green shoots coming up from the trees and they were so much more wildlife and birds and it was so peaceful and just gorgeous.
10/3/2021 6:29	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		partial breaching of the dam.	Silver Springs alliance recommends and other articles I have read in the Ocala Star Banner. Cost of upkeep of the present dam.	continuing the degradation of our springs.	no.		
10/3/2021 6:32	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		Restoration of a free flowing Oklawaha River.....please breach the dam	Studies and research by both environmentalists and economists give evidence that by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick over 7500 acres would be restored to the natural floodplain. Another 20 fresh water Springs and miles of natural river channel would also be restored. Plant and animal habitats restored to its natural state. Millions of taxpayer dollars currently spent on herbicides to control invasive growth of aquatic weeds could be better spent.	Taxpayers on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and reservoir, and liable for loss and property damage should the dam fail.	No		
10/3/2021 7:07	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure)		Remove the Dam and restore the River	Fishing quality of the river and loss on natural migration of the manatee to silver Springs. Flooding of the upland up stream from the dam	Continue loss of the river's natural habitat	No		
10/3/2021 7:09	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing						
10/3/2021 7:10	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		Breach both	restore springs, restore routes for migratory fish and additional access for manatees	Spending of tax payers money to repair a dam that does not provide protection, power, water supply or other public benefit.	no		
10/3/2021 7:12	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Continued and increased pollution.	No.		
10/3/2021 7:20	Marion		No	No					I have visited the dam when I was younger. I would like to see the dam removed and area returned to its natural state.	I have witnessed the degradation to Silver Springs and the Ocklawaha River over the last 50 years.	I would like to see Silver Springs return to its original clean water condition	Any improvement is better than nothing		
10/3/2021 7:28	Alachua		No	No					Remove the damn dam	Killing of flora and fauna on the Oklawaha	River would continue it's degradation	No		When our children were young my good friend and I would take them on canoe/camping trips on the Oklawaha- pre Rodman Dam. We would see huge gar(5-6ft) as well as all kinds of other flora and fauna These wonders are rapidly disappearing on the Oklawaha which is now just a shell of its once majestic beauty and vibrancy.
10/3/2021 7:30	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: I dont	I would like to see the Oklawaha restored to where it was 50 years ago. I grew up on the river and then the dam just ruined it. I was there as a young adult when the dam was built the bridges built and one of the most beautiful river with springs was destroyed.	That the manatees suffered, the residence lost livelihoods, one of the most beautiful rivers and its 22 springs destroyed. Wildlife and families all suffered great loss.	We will continue as we have the past 50 years throwing away money on something that went nowhere and millions of manatee die.	Just put things back the way God intended!		Please I beg you we have spent millions destroying this beautiful river. Just STOP and restore what was meant to be.
10/3/2021 7:38	Alachua		No	No					Free the river. Remove the artificial dam.	The river should flow as it was intended to restore nature.	Same old political crap where the "good old boys" get whatever they want and the rest of us wither.	Yes,STOP THE GERRYMANDERING!! let all Floridians have a say, not just the Republicans and fat cats.		When there is a legally supported state referendum, it should be honored when voted in and not twisted for those who didn't like it. For instance, restoring the vote for felons who have served their time.
10/3/2021 7:44	Alachua		No	No					Destroy the dam and restore the Ocklawaha river	The reservoir has become a cesspool, discharging polluted wastes into the St Johns river basin. Restoring the river would bring back pristine river water and allow the migration of native Florida species, such as Manatees, who would benefit from the warm springs and the vegetation.	Continued pollution and degradation of the reservoir, and further loss of manatees. Growth of invasive species such as blue tilapia. Continued maintenance costs.	Breach the dam, and restore the river flow. Not as desirable but better than nothing.		
10/3/2021 7:45	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The flooding of properties north of the St. Johns River during hurricanes and tropical storms could be mitigated or impact reduce by restoring the wetlands needed to slow the flow of the river during heavy rain and pushing winds.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway. I would rely on both water management experts working with wildlife experts to come up with a solution that is best for the environment and the communities affected.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/3/2021 7:52	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see some or all of the wetlands restored.					
10/3/2021 7:54	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam & restore the river.	The restoration will help manatees & bring revenue to the area.	Manatees will die.			
10/3/2021 7:56	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking		Breach the dam	The water flow is not natural and is resulting in poor water quality. The water levels created by the dam drown out the numerous springs along the Ocklawaha River. The dam also inhibits the natural wildlife migration from the St. John's River thru the Ocklawaha.	Continued deterioration of water quality upstream of the dam. Declining fish varieties. Loss of ecotorism due to the inaccessibility of the natural springs that are currently hidden.	No. This dam should have been removed when the barge canal plan was eliminated.		Please act now. This is long overdue.
10/3/2021 7:59	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Picnic	Remove the damn	The dam was installed as part of the cross Florida Burger canal and the canal and the dam are a bad idea.	Fish and animal species will not be allowed access to more portions of their Ocklawaha.	There are other dams impeding the river, they are not part of this discussion.		
10/3/2021 8:09	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman Dam removed quickly and forever!	The environment has suffered decline all the years the dam has been in place. Much of beautiful, natural Florida has been degraded or destroyed. Many springs have been covered by the higher water levels. Salinity of the St. Johns River has been adversely affected. As early as 1940s I remember my father speaking of the Ocklawaha River and the springs that flowed into it. If the State of Florida saw fit to stop the Barge Canal decades ago, then why has the dam stayed in place. It's just wrong!	Interests of a minority have will have outweighed the interests of the majority and denied future generations the pleasure of experiencing natural Florida.	No.		
10/3/2021 8:10	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam removed, and the river restored	Scientific studies on the environmental benefits of restoration	Continued decline of habitat	Maintain and manage a smaller reservoir as a trophy bass fishery, while still restoring the river		
10/3/2021 8:15	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Fishing	Preservation	Good business sense	Animals and people will be harmed	More preservation		
10/3/2021 8:17	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Remove the dam. Restore the Ocklawaha to what it was. The dam was a bad idea 50 years ago and is a bad idea today	Information from the scientific community	The Ocklawaha and its tributaries will continue to deteriorate	I don't see one now. I don't see this issue lending itself to compromise. Th dam goes or stays There's no middle ground. I would like to see something done to help those who are impacted by the loss of fishing but I don't know what that would be		Act decisively and soon. This can has been kicked down the road long enough
10/3/2021 8:20	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating	Remove	Water quality	Declining fishery	Don't know		
10/3/2021 8:23	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and lose the reservoir	Poor water quality running downstream	Continued degradation of the river environment	NO		This dam was and remains a money pit of wasted finances and environmental waste.
10/3/2021 8:25	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the reservoir and dam removed.	Removing the dam and reservoir will restore the health of the Ocklawaha as well as ad the St. Johns River. Restoring the Ocklawaha as a free flowing river, I believe, will lead to an equal or greater number of visitors for fishing or sight-seeing. This will also eliminate the need for costly maintenance and repairs to the dam.	Should the cost burden of maintaining the dam become too much in the future, it will simply be allowed to deteriorate and fall of its own.	There may be, but I have not heard of any.		I believe removing the dam and reservoir is more popular than it currently seems. The reason being that supporters of its continued existence are so much more vocal than advocates for its removal.
10/3/2021 8:29	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	It should have never been dammed. It's time to turn the river back to its natural flow!!!	Take down the dam!!!	Another sad day to see. Things need to go back to what it once was!! The fish and other mammals are dying from lack of natural environments and they so badly need help!!	I'm supporting it now!!		Help the environment and all the animals and fish that live in the river!!
10/3/2021 8:34	Alachua		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River.	EPA analyses and Earthjustice reports.	Continued water/environmental degradation.	None.		Continue to keep the comment effort open and publicize the issue.
10/3/2021 8:41	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat)	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		
10/3/2021 8:41	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore natural flow to the Ocklawaha River by decommissioning the dam	Impartial cost-benefit analyses invariably favor restoration to natural habitat for environmental health over maintenance of a project designed as part of a failed engineered canal	Continued degradation of an ecologically important river system	Who knows? What are the scenarios?		Instead of only asking how often folks visit the dam, why not ask how often people boat/kayak/canoe the river up to the dam. Ask how that frequency might change if the river were restored to its historic flow
10/3/2021 8:42	Leon		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	restored to its natural state	letters to the editor	loss of wildlife	not sure		

10/1/2021 8:44	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No, maintaining the dam is a waste of money and breaching is the only desired outcome.	
10/1/2021 8:46	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/1/2021 8:54	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	The Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam have to go down! Too much environmental disaster, it is obvious to see.	The river has drowned springs that could be used for manatees in the winter to keep warm. The river needs to go back to its natural course, the way it was intended to be.	That the river will be destroyed because of human greed.	NO! The life of nature, and animals is more important than ANY money grab situation going on right now.	I am sure that this will be ignored, because I am against it, but please consider the manatees that used those springs for years before human greed took a hold of the river.
10/1/2021 8:54	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	breach the dam ..... free the waters, they were meant to be free from the beginning of its time	Scientific studies show ecological benefits to restoration. manatees, fish, otters, turtles, water birds await the glory days of the St Johns River.		No	I live on the Harris Chain of Lakes in Lake County since 1990. We moved here because of the 1400 lakes in this county, because of the beauty of water and all the glorious benefits they provide.
10/1/2021 8:56	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We want to see Rodman Dam breached to restore the natural balance and flow of the Ocala Esha, diver and St. John's rivers. We do not want to waste Florida taxpayers money by repairing and keeping in place these dams that have seriously impacted Florida wildlife and the natural river corridor that historically had been in place for 1000's of years.	The Rodman and Kirkpatrick dams are beyond repair in a cost effective manner and decreasing wildlife population	Continuing decreased populations of native wildlife and over stress to natural eco balance in our rivers and springs	No! I strongly urge you to breach these dams ASAP!!!!	Thank you
10/1/2021 8:56	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/1/2021 8:58	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove and restore	Restore the river's natural beauty	Costly repairs	No	
10/1/2021 9:11	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	NO! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/1/2021 9:12	Alachua		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam on the Rodman Reservoir.	Flood support, social support, and biodiversity support (https://www.wcrr.org/River-Restoration/Social-benefits-of-river-restoration)			
10/1/2021 9:13	Lake		No	No					Demolition and removal	Environmental impact	Plan B	Potentially	
10/1/2021 9:14	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and reservoir.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha river will enhance the overall health of the watershed.	Loss of habitat for manatees.	No	It is time to repair the damage we inflicted on this river over 50 years ago. Thanks
10/1/2021 9:18	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed. The reservoir should be drained, returning the river to its natural path and flow levels to the maximum degree possible. All trash should be removed from the currently submerged land adjacent to the original and newly-recovered banks of the river. Except possibly for a small and discreet historical marker, the objective should be that no trace of the dam or the reservoir remains observable after sufficient time for the native flora and fauna to return to the reclaimed land areas. That process may be assisted and supported (but not impeded) by a responsible non-political state government agency, with input from citizens and/or environmental organizations that have no fiscal or other economic interests in the ultimate outcome of the process.	We should not have messed with the river to begin with.	The current abomination would remain.	None that I have seen proposed to date.	
10/1/2021 9:20	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove dam.	It's a mistake held over from the defunct Cross FL Barge canal	Continued deterioration of the Oklawaha and Silver Rivers	No	
10/1/2021 9:21	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the river and entirely remove the dam!!	The deterioration of the dam.	Flooding	No	
10/1/2021 9:25	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Breach the dam.	Dams are inherently destructive to nature, and this one more than most because it serves no legitimate purpose. The bass fishing in Rodman is not as exceptional as it once was unless you can find the fish in a hole during a drawdown, which isn't very sporting. Nature knows best, and restoring nature will benefit every plant and animal in the ecosystem, and the fishermen too.	The continued degradation of the river system.	No.	
10/1/2021 9:29	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/1/2021 9:31	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: Visiting a site important to Florida environmental history	I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha river by breaching Kirkpatrick Dam. Most of the drained reservoir should be rehabilitated with native vegetation and managed as a conservation area with opportunities for research in restoration ecology. A portion of the reservoir should be allocated for recreational/tourism infrastructure to support the local community.	The reason for Rodman Reservoir existing, the Cross-Florida Barge Canal, was canceled long ago, and it came at the cost of flooding valuable floodplains, forest, and an ecologically valuable river. Maintenance of the aging infrastructure consumes resources disproportionate to the benefits the reservoir provides.	The continued degradation of the Ocklawaha basin and Rodman Pool itself, increasing maintenance costs for the dam, and the lost opportunity for Florida to continue building a positive environmental legacy for this and future generations	I think breaching the dam rather than totally removing it and the aging infrastructure constitutes a compromise in and of itself.	The state should consider a visitor center near the site of the reservoir for installation of a museum about the Cross-Florida Barge canal and support needed investments for the local community to benefit financially from the restoration of the Ocklawaha.
10/1/2021 9:32	Outside of state / other	MN	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.			
10/1/2021 9:36	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Hiked by it	Please restore the river to its natural state.	Articles in the Gainesville Sun	Continuing decrease of biodiversity. We need to support wildlife over recreation.		
10/1/2021 9:36	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha river.	Information showing that it would benefit wildlife, in particular manatees. It would also improve water quality. The dam has never been used for its original purpose.	Ongoing declines in manatees and other wildlife. The expense of maintaining the dam long term.	Breach half the dam?	
10/1/2021 9:36	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed to allow the environment recover to preconditions.	Environmental degradation	That the stakeholders are not listening to the scientific community.	There may be an alternative option that can support all parties.	
10/1/2021 9:37	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: sight seeing, picnicking, fishing	Leave it as it is.	The fishing and recreation upstream.	If the real purpose is to free the Oklawaha river the Moss Bluff lock and dam must also be removed.	There are few options. It's either there or it's not!	I would like to know who benefits financially if the dam is removed. The dam has established a sustainable ecosystem upstream. The only reason I can imagine for this annual hullabaloo is that some one or group stands to make a significant amount of money. To truly free the river Moss Bluff dam must also be removed.
10/1/2021 9:48	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Don't use the dam or reservoir, but do use the river, what's left of it.	The dam should be demolished allowing the river to flow naturally.	Most recent of many, report by Gixler Engineering Inc., concludes that Rodman Dam should be removed unless the state commits to a large and ongoing investment of tax dollars to address years of neglect and ongoing legal liability. The report notes that removing the dam would provide the added benefit of restoring the river to its natural state, benefiting fish migratory routes and the passage of manatees up and down the river	Continued harm to the river, surrounding environment, and humans and animals that use it.	The only sensible scenario is removing the dam. This will save the river, our natural heritage, and money.	The dam should have been removed a long time ago. It's time to let it go.	
10/1/2021 9:53	Okaloosa		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Mother Nature	The longevity of our springs	No	
10/1/2021 9:55	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times		2-5 times		Slowly draw down Rodman Pool to avoid harm to private property and wildlife. Remove the dam once water levels are equalized.	There is no rational basis -- it is completely illogical -- to maintain relics of a Cross Florida Barge Canal that was halted because reasons for it no longer existed. National defense, piracy. transport of people and goods by water no longer are factors. Moreover, there is much greater knowledge of its ecological harm today than there was years ago. The public understands that the The dam contributes to degradation of the water supply of Florida which is solely a groundwater state.	Degradation of Florida's water supply and continued ecological damage.	No.	The public would be grateful for the removal of the dam because Floridians are concerned about their water supplies and fragile environment. This is a paramount quality of life issue, and, it must be said, would be well received politically.
10/1/2021 10:11	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time		Restore the free flow of the Oklawaha river.	Restoring the river would expose many springs and allow manatees to migrate to warmer waters during winter and allow fish populations to return.	Manatee and fish populations would continue to decline. The Silver River has already lost more than 90% of its original numbers.	No.	The dam was built with no real purpose in mind other than providing lakefront development.
10/1/2021 10:13	Marion		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam breached to allow the water to flow and restore the Ocklawaha River.	To allow fish to migrate to the lost springs and Silver River where blue tilapia are taking over with no predators.	A loss of a natural habitat for a free flowing river where manatees and fish could freely migrate.	No	
10/1/2021 10:15	Marion		No	No			1 time		Remove the dam and let the Ocklawaha River go back to its natural state.	The information that supports the ongoing damage the dam is doing.	Another piece of natural Florida is destroyed. I'm a 76 year old native Floridian and this state is in ruin because of developers and projects like this dam.	No	
10/1/2021 10:16	Marion		No	Yes		1 time			Tear it down	Let the manatee and other native species to be able to travel freely.			
10/1/2021 10:31	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/1/2021 10:47	Marion		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Dismantled	Restore water flow and biodiversity to the Oklawaha River and Silver Springs. Many studies have been conducted showing that this would improve the condition of these waters, surrounding habitats, and wild life.	The river and the springs would continue to deteriorate. Every year the quality of the river and springs gets worse.	I understand that breaching the dam might be beneficial although I personally think it would be better to eliminate as originally proposed.	Years ago the destruction of the dam was supposed to happen and still we and nature wait.
10/1/2021 10:51	Sarasota		No	Yes					Remove the dam and let the river flow free!	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced.	Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. The Reserved would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	This is important. It is not the only dam that has been taken down with POSITIVE results.
10/1/2021 10:53	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take it down	Dam removal would be very good from r the env, and it would improve tourism to the area and thus the economy would benefit. More people would come to the immediate area for recreation and tourism the presently come to fish for bass. If the dam is removed, there would be much greater biodiversity which would be a good thing.	The environment would continue to be degraded.	I can't think of one. It seems to be an either/or situation. If the dam were to be taken down, there would continue to be good fishing.	Very thoughtful questions. Than you for this survey.
10/1/2021 10:54	Alachua		No	No					Restore The river	This artificial impoudion Will not be there forever, someday the river will return, why not now	Cost of maintaining a dam	No	
10/1/2021 11:13	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Sightseeing	Remove damn and restore free flow to the river.	Damage to Springs including Silver Springs.	Lost opportunity to restore free-flowing balance to the waterway systems.	No. The damn needs to be removed.	No. The damn needs to be removed.
10/1/2021 11:24	Alachua		No	No					Please remove the dam to restore the ocklawaha river	Migratory route for manatee to the St. John's river	Loss of manatee habitat	Partial removal of dam to allow for migration.	
10/1/2021 11:32	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman Kirkpatrick Dam breached so the Springs and River corridor may flow freely again.	There are at least 20 springs that are drowned in the current situation. The damn impedes free movement for migratory fish and is disastrous for Manatees. Also the dam is old needs repairs. If we did away with the damn that would save billions of dollars.	Spending money on a day that useless and impeding the St John's and Ocklawaha River Corridor. Also 2021 was the worst year yet for Manatee deaths. If the dam was removed they would be able to swim freely to get to warmer springs and food sources.	No.	
10/1/2021 11:44	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Other: Class field trips	I would like it removed. It serves no useful purpose and prevents a historically iconic waterway from flowing naturally while impeding the movement of people and species (some endangered) in its path. And the dam has outlived its lifespan, threatening to cause a disaster when it fails.	Multiple, multiple environmental studies and histories of the dam.	That Florida would be deprived of a beautiful river and endangered species will perish and people will be hurt when the dam fails.	NO	Stop the insanity of this dam. It is costing taxpayer money that I'm not willing to spend and preventing all Floridians from enjoying the true beauty this river could be.
10/1/2021 11:48	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Too much tax payer money is spent on the unnecessary dam.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Open and free flowing waterways are essential for fish/manatee migration and spring/water health.
10/1/2021 11:51	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: surveying conditions on the river and at the dam	Move forward with the partial restoration alternative as was occurring under Florida Governor Lawton Chiles in the mid to late 1990's. The partial restoration alternative accomplishes all of the benefits of restoring a free-flowing river at the least possible cost. And that cost is actually an investment that will eventually pay returns far in excess of costs as studies have shown. This alternative will improve water quality, reduce evaporative water losses, restore habitat to native species of fish, provide much needed natural habitat for manatees, restore 20 lost springs, and will greatly increase economic opportunities for communities along the Silver, Ocklawaha, and St. Johns rivers.	There is no single piece of information that is most important. There are numerous reports that document the benefits of restoring free-flowing rivers once it has been determined that a dam can no longer serve its original primary economic purpose, whether that purpose was water supply, power generation, flood control, or commercial navigation. The Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam never served its original purpose of commercial navigation. Even if it had, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers eventually recognized in its revised economic analysis for the project (1977), that the costs for the project outweighed the potential benefits. Hence, the project should never have been authorized. However, by restoring a free-flowing river, we can realize multiple economic, ecological, and water resource benefits. Every governor of Florida spanning 40 straight years from 1971 to 2011, Republican and Democrat alike, supported restoring a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	I lived in Putnam County for 8 years. My three children attended schools in Putnam County. My biggest concern is that economic stagnation and decline will linger in Putnam County, a county that has been plagued by a variety of troubling conditions including low per capita income, poor educational performance, limited economic opportunities, poor health outcomes, and criminal conduct. Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River would transform communities near the river into thriving destinations for visitors from Florida and beyond.	Yes, on an interim basis. Move forward with a drawdown of water levels behind the Kirkpatrick Dam. This could be done in a phased approach to promote revegetation by native species of plants and trees, eventually reaching the natural channel of the Ocklawaha River. This would also reduce the risk of a catastrophic failure of the aging Kirkpatrick Dam. The Dam is now 53 years old and showing multiple signs of deterioration, including possibly hazardous piping through portions of the dam (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dam_failure). As an earth-fill dam, the bulk of the Kirkpatrick Dam was constructed from highly-permeable sand. Earth-fill dams constructed from sand are more susceptible to piping failures than other types of earth-fill dams.	There is a small but vocal group supporting the status quo. Many of these people honestly believe that preserving the Rodman Reservoir is the right thing to do. Most of their reasoning for supporting the status quo focuses on bass fishing. Curiously, some of them don't even fish there anymore due to declining fishing conditions. Many fish for sport only. That is, they release their catches back into the water. However, there is another group of people who fish for an entirely different reason. They fish for sustenance. These people, often low income, put food on the table for themselves and their families. Few if any of these people know just how hazardous it is to eat largemouth bass caught in the Ocklawaha River. Multiple reports by the Florida Department of Health have cautioned users to limit their consumption of largemouth bass taken from the Ocklawaha due to dangerously high concentrations of highly toxic mercury. Men have been cautioned to eat no more than one catch per month. Children and women of child-bearing ages have been cautioned to never eat largemouth bass taken from the Ocklawaha. This is clearly an issue of social justice. This problem could be entirely eliminated by restoring a free-flowing river.
10/1/2021 11:53	Flagler		No	No					Remove both dams quickly.	Ecology studies of dam removal benefits.	The canal was a disaster and needs to be fixed so wildlife can recover.	Only dam removal.	
10/1/2021 12:18	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Let the dam go... Let nature have it with natural springs. Please	Let nature return! Please	Killing animals	Let nature have it	
10/1/2021 12:20	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam.	It will help the environment to breach it.	Our fish population will continue to decline.	No.	Florida's ecosystem is the #1 thing we should be proud of in this state. It's time to stop killing mother nature.
10/1/2021 12:31	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: none of the above	remove the dam		Despite bipartisan support from past Governors and many other groups, off this effort fails it will never happen permanently preventing environmental benefits		
10/1/2021 12:31	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and let the Ocklawaha river flow free.	Restore river wildlife, birds and manatees		Very aggressive seasonal water release to annually restore some environmental benefits	Thanks for asking for public input beyond understandable very vocal NIMBY opposition
10/1/2021 12:35	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach it. Restore the river, the springs, and this vital ecosystem and aquatic habitat for migratory fish and manatees.	The fact that the springs have been drowned and the river decimated. We can fix this now.	Extinction of the manatees, which are under immense stress in their quickly disappearing habitats and scarce natural warm water havens.	No. Breach the damn dam. It is rare, particularly today, that people get an opportunity to right such an obvious wrong. Breach it with pride and rest in the knowledge that you've done the right thing.	May wisdom guide you to heal our land. Peace be with you.
10/1/2021 12:36	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The outcome will be 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. Some 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem will be restored.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits	Unfortunately not. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The citizens of Florida deserve clean, healthy waterways and springs. The time has come for restoration of the Ocklawaha.
10/1/2021 12:48	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the River breech the dam	Water quality improvement; improve wildlife conservation	Continued harm to the natural environment	None	Let's not let this opportunity pass
10/1/2021 12:48	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't.	Removal	Useful only to fishermen.	Same old story ruining a beautiful state.	No.	Best of luck doing good
10/1/2021 12:53	Pasco		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Leave it like it is	The fishing and recreation	Loss of income to the business and loss of recreation	Maybe	
10/1/2021 13:07	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the natural path of the river	Scientific studies and personal observations over 20+ years	The health of the river will be negatively affected	No	
10/1/2021 13:32	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating	The dam needs to be removed and restore the natural river	We only need to look at the restored Kissimmee river south of SR 60. What an amazing rebounding of wildlife and natural beauty.	Taxpayer expense of maintaining a deteriorating structure.	The dam needs to be demolished to restore this river back to its original state. Moss Bluff will control the lake levels in that area.	

10/3/2021 13:36	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the free-flowing river	The dam was built for the cross-Florida canal, which was not completed.	Continued degradation of the river and wildlife	No	
10/3/2021 13:41	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Kirkpatrick/Rodman Dam and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River	A healthier river and springs system in central and northeast Florida including the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers by restoring the many springs that are drowned by the Rodman Reservoir and the 14,000+ acres of woodland that is either underwater or impaired by the reservoir	The waste of millions of taxpayer dollars spent to repair and maintain the existing dam that is actually damaging to Florida's natural environment	No. The dam should be breached, the sooner the better	With sea level rising and Florida continuously under pressure from development, it is increasingly imperative to restore natural landscapes wherever possible. Restoration of the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River will benefit not only wildlife along the river, but will help provide flood control and slow the effects of salt water intrusion into the St. Johns River system. As we create and maintain Florida's Wildlife Corridor, this piece of property as an undammed river becomes an important link for many species both on land and in the water, particularly manatees and many species of fish. It seems like a waste of taxpayer money and time to continue to maintain this area as an artificial lake with very few positive attributes.
10/3/2021 13:42	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam, drain the reservoir, and allow the river to run free	evidence documenting damage to environment and aquatic life	continued environmental deterioration and loss of aquatic life	breach the dam at a minimum	
10/3/2021 13:44	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see it removed. Restore this mistake to its original, natural state.	Kirkpatrick Dam was put in as part of the now-defunct Cross-Florida Barge Canal. It now has no purpose except to keep Rodman Reservoir as a stagnant bass fishery. Studies have shown that the economic as well as environmental impact will be beneficial and more than make up for the loss of the bass fishery.	The environment will continue to deteriorate.	No.	
10/3/2021 13:49	Alachua		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking the Florida Trail	Restore the Ocklawaha River by removing the dam.	Scientific research showing the benefit to the River's ecology if the dam were removed.	Continued degradation of the River such as increase in invasive fish and decline in manatee populations.	Breach the dam but leave the structures in place.	I would visit the Ocklawaha River more often if the dam is removed due to exposure of the springs, the longer available paddling route, and enhanced wildlife viewing.
10/3/2021 13:57	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time			The dam should be removed	Before the dam was built, I considered the Ocklawaha River to be the most beautiful place on earth. We need it back.			
10/3/2021 13:58	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	leave it be.	its a great fishery.	we would lose an amazing fishery.	no	
10/3/2021 13:59	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the flow of the Oklawaha River restored to what it was when I was a child.	Water in Florida is in trouble. If the dam is removed, it will help restore 50 springs plus the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. More than 150 gals a day of restored flow would go to The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. It's economically wise. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy and whose reason for being was invalidated 50 years ago!	We'd miss many opportunities to improve water in FL: Putnam County and Silver Springs will miss out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae blooms, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. And finally, restoring the flow will bring many needed jobs to the area.	No. Not at all. Getting rid of the dam is 50 years overdue. I hear my parents' voices in my head --- they are dead now --- talking about it.	Florida is such a beautiful, wild place but the developmental pressures it is facing, especially when it comes to water, are like never before. We must act now to preserve the State we love so that our children and their children can enjoy it as we have -- or even better!
10/3/2021 14:02	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River!	Wildlife needs a free flowing river. If it was restored it would generate eco tourism.	Manatees are dying and invasive fish species are overwhelming the native fish.	No	Please do the right thing for the environment!!
10/3/2021 14:02	Broward		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached/removed so the Ocklawaha can be restored back to it's natural state/flow.	The 20 springs (one of Florida's most important sources of drinking water & some of our most beautiful tourist attractions) that were flooded by the reservoir would be restored to their former beauty, increasing essential habit for our endangered manatees & allowing natural migratory routes to resume down the Ocklawaha, increasing the fish populations in the Ocklawaha, Silver Springs & other tributaries.	We would miss out on a great opportunity/time to get this done. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No! This something that is long over due and anything short of breaching the dam would only further/continue the damage being done.	The environmental impact of this project is profound and the most important thing to me as a native Floridian of 61 years, who loves the beauty of this state. However, almost as important to myself and most Floridians is the amount of money that would be saved by the state in breaching the outdated, unsafe dam, plus the increased revenue the state would gain from increased tourism down stream from the unnecessary structure.
10/3/2021 14:05	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: wildlife viewing and walking	Remove all or a portion of it so that the natural flow is as before it was constructed to allow all of the connecting streams and rivers to return to their historical flow.	The lack of manatees, snook, mullet etc. in the Silver Spring headwater like the headwater of the Homosassa river.	The loss of wildlife and the deterioration of the waters below the dam.	Create a bypass around the reservoir as a passage to create a natural flow.	
10/3/2021 14:05	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	taken down--PLEASE; Restore the river!!!	wildlife habitat and river restored	Wasteful expense of our resources--the State getting in the way of Mother Nature.	No--can't fathom any that make any sense. The money to keep this going could be put to better uses for all of us!!	
10/3/2021 14:09	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	repatce the dam and put in a boat ramp on the north side of the dam.	i dont have any information on the Dam, I just spend a lot of time on and around the dam.	May move out of Putnam county	I would have to see both sides.	
10/3/2021 14:12	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the reservoir drained to restore the natural river channel and riverbed, a healthier water flow and un-drown the natural springs that are currently not visible and under utilized. The freeing of manatees and other blocked migratory fish to continue upriver to the Silver River would benefit both rivers and attract many people to see them.	The comparison with other river and spring parks in Florida (and even other states) (e.g., Troy Springs, Lafayette Blue Springs, Juniper Springs) where thousands of visitors come to swim, snorkel, canoe/kayak, picnic, walk, sightsee, wildlife viewing, etc. and spend money in the area.	The continued need to spray toxic chemicals to control aquatic plants and the loss of ecotourism based visitor spending in our economically deprived county (of which I am a resident of Putnam county).	I think the best solution is the removal of the dam, but permanently breaching it would be my second choice and permanently lowering the water level would be my 3rd choice.	My family lives about 15 miles from the Rodman reservoir, and we live in the watershed of it. The lake near us drains into Orange Creek and then on the Ocklawaha River. I fear that the next major hurricane that passes over the area, could drop 10" of rain and potentially collapse the dam. I also think the money needed to upgrade the dam could benefit the local economy much more by creating a natural flowing river revealing springs that would support visitors coming, enjoying themselves doing various recreational activities (fishing, boating, swimming, sightseeing, hiking, enjoying nice winter days, camping, kayaking, etc.) in our natural Florida and spending ecotourism dollars in the local economy.
10/3/2021 14:33	Polk		No	No					Remove dam and restore river.	Historical data on how important the free-flowing river was.	Continued bad effect on water quality	no	
10/3/2021 14:49	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	We should return the Oklawaha River to its intended role as a free flowing tributary of the St. Johns River.	My 76 year long life, almost all in Florida, has shown me that the less we alter nature the better off we and other species will be in the long run.	I fear many unintended consequences. We are already way too crawler with our water supply. In my 40 years on Strawberry Creek in Jacksonville, I have watched cypress trees steadily retreat upstream due to salt water intrusion. How many other species have decamped as well?	Not that I know of.	The Cross Florida Barge Canal project was stopped in 1971 due to unintended environmental and social consequences. And here we are 50 years later, still arguing about it. There are winners and losers in almost any action. We need to grow up and move on.
10/3/2021 14:51	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: relaxing	Leave it alone. Too much economically and environmentally rides on it in its current form. People travel here from all over the world for the recreation (fishing, Osceola turkey, etc.) Destroying one ecosystem with the vain hope of replacing it with a cinderella dream ecosystem just won't happen. Yes, the original GOD mad Ocklawaha ecosystem was destroyed. We can't change that. After 50 years nature adapted, we can try to change it back and hope Nature adapts to its original form, BUT it won't; that is gone. Not even in 50 years as they believe. How many times do we have to screw with nature to learn our lesson.	Joe Biden	A poor county becomes poorer and destitute	time machine	Stop playing GOD and "redestroying" what you shouldn't have destroyed to start with. Everglades all over.
10/3/2021 15:01	Marion		No	No					Remove and restore the river.	Water quality studies.	Catastrophic failure or extreme high cost to retain the safety.		
10/3/2021 15:14	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please remove it	There are countless ecological studies that show the benefits	That corruption would continue to fester in our government and we would have lasting ecological damage	No	
10/3/2021 15:16	Seminole		No	No					restore the river	science and research	fate of many	do the right thing and complete the restoration so all can thrive	
10/3/2021 15:27	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Observe environmental damage	Remove the dam	History of the Ocklawaha River and its restoration	Lack of environmental stewardship by government officials	Remove a significant part of the dam so that flow of water out of Rodman Reservoir would be continuous	Removal of Rodman Dam is long overdue
10/3/2021 15:31	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Keep it. Great fishing draws people to our poor county. If you ever take it out, Putnam should get mitigation payments each year for 20 years.	Great reviews from anglers and guides.	Runoff from exposed nutrients would reach the St. John's and make algae blooms even worse.	Not really. Those mitigation payments would have to be big. Clean up money to protect the St. John's would have to be huge as well.	Environmentalists in Alabama would go nuts if some wanted to drain Guntersville reservoir where they reestablished bald eagles. Why do our want to destroy habitat. Natural or man made, habitat is habitat. Rodman is cleaning water and giving animals a safe place to live.
10/3/2021 15:31	Columbia		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time		Restore the river by removing the dam completely. But at least breach the dam.	it's no secret that the Cross Florida Barge Canal was an ill-conceived pork barrel project when it was begun and the river and the environment that depends on it has suffered for it ever since. Now is the time to restore the Oklawaha as much as possible. Ideally we should completely remove the dam. Barring that, let's at least breach it.	That the water-quality, deteriorating biodiversity and chances for manatees to survive would continue to decline.	We could support breaching the dam.	We were 22 and 23 years old when this unneeded and destructive project was begun. We'd like to see it repaired in our lifetimes.
10/3/2021 15:37	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam	Constant need to maintain the dam and do drawdowns.	Wildlife can not migrate up the Ocklawaha.	No	
10/3/2021 15:39	Hernando		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manatee unfriendly gauntlet that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/3/2021 15:41	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to come down, restoring the river to origins	The dam has done more harm than good as years have proven and now will be a fruitless expense to our economy as it ages. Let's return nature to its origins	More damage to our rivers and springs	No.... just do it	
10/3/2021 15:44	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Open or remove the dam and let the Ocklawaha return to its natural state.	Sierra Club	More wasted money maintaining an unnecessary structure	Opening the dam instead of removing it entirely would be a good temporary measure	
10/3/2021 15:51	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman Dam and partially restore the Ocklawaha River. (By partial restoration I mean take down the dam materials that block the flow of water but not remove associated structures, which would be very costly.)	I believe the Economic Development Element of Putnam County's Comprehensive Plan that emphasizes the importance of tourism to the county and the potential of ecotourism is a powerful position in support of breaching the dam. Jeremy Walker, Jacksonville University associate professor of Marine Science, has presented compelling science to back this position.	Further degradation of the regional ecosystem, including worsening threats to endangered species that have state and federal protection.	I believe the breach and partial restoration is the position that reaches this balance.	
10/3/2021 16:20	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: wildlife viewing and walking	restore the river to pre dam conditions. remove the dam.	that the dam has impeded the flow of the river for 50 plus years.	continuation and increase of poorer water quality and blocking the natural movement of aquatic life.	some form of a bypass canal so that the manatees and fish could access the warmer water and migrate naturally leaving reservoir is ok. could leave dam structure if there is no impediment of marine life and aquatic vegetation.	too much man made destruction taking place for no real environmental purpose what so ever. the cross florida barge canal needs to be removed as it was an environmentally destructive project from the beginning.
10/3/2021 16:23	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The dam removed and the river restored to what it should be.	The river needs to be restored in order to return to a healthier environment for vegetation and wildlife.	Continued loss of healthy environment.	Removing dam.	
10/3/2021 16:27	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Dam removed and river freed	Dammed for the wrong reason. Relic of past planning	That pool would not be permanently drawn down	Not really	It was a mistake that needs correcting by restoring the River!
10/3/2021 16:33	Collier		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam removed so that the river and springs can return to a more natural state. I paddled this area with a group and we had to have an airboat push aside all the weeds because it was unnavigable	The springs are browned/drowned by the current system	The loss of this river and its associated springs	No, the dam needs to be breached.	
10/3/2021 16:38	Volusia		No	Yes					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman dam. This will enhance the quality of water	The current environmental evidence of the negative impact on wildlife and plant life. The plant and animal corridor are impacted by this dam. By breaching the dam a variety of environmental benefits would be seen 150 million gallons/day of water would be restored to the lower St. Johns River, a huge benefit. Migratory fish would have access to the Ocklawaha system	That the quality of water would be greatly impacted. The animal and plant corridor, along the O20 corridor, would not be restored. A variety of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna could not occur. We need the river to proceed as intended - how it was designed, how nature formed it	No	This is important. And instead of spending millions to repair a defective and environmentally damaging dam, we need to restore things as they were. This is a huge opportunity, let's not miss it
10/3/2021 16:44	Nassau		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	My thoughts are to breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs & recreate The Great Florida Riverway.	All the springs that are buried under the flooded area. We need to restore the natural flow of these rivers.	That the springs will remain covered. Our drinking water supply will continue to be impacted negatively.	No	
10/3/2021 16:46	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored and $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 478) SECOND PARAGRAPH OPTIONS GENERIC: This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 517)
10/3/2021 16:47	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removed /dismantled restore the flow of the Ocklawaha	The dam restricts natural corridor for aquatic wildlife	Prolonged damage to the natural environment		
10/3/2021 16:55	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating	keep as is a great fishery has tournaments almost every weekend	a great place to take children fishing			
10/3/2021 17:01	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Moreover, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/3/2021 17:01	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					The Ocklawaha River needs to be restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	I am very concerned about the future of the manatee in Florida, and restoring the Ocklawaha River is the best manatee habitat restoration project in the state. It will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Over 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, which will benefit species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed will deprive hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Because breaching the dam is 50 years overdue, I cannot support any other outcome. Manatees, other wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/3/2021 17:05	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Other: Took a group of from the VA to visit the damn and fish if desired.	I would like to see it removed and for the river to flow freely.	Variety of environmental groups	Life in river is diminished, springs not returned.	Probably not	
10/3/2021 17:06	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	Remove it!	The health of the Oklawaha and the Silver rivers and the aquatic species that depend on free-flowing water.	Continued degradation of the habitat	No. Taking out an earthen dam is not as destructive as removing the average dam.	A free flowing oklawaha would expose the natural springs that make the Oklawaha an even greater attraction for boaters, and would still support fishing.
10/3/2021 17:14	Outside of state / other	NEWTOWN PA	No	No						YES	CLEAN WATER FOR ALL	SEA LIFE AND HUMANS	NOT SURE
10/3/2021 17:20	Gulf		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Nothing. Leave it alone. Leave it there. Rodman Reservoir is a fantastic treasure of the outdoors in Florida.	Unmatched freshwater fishing and I mean anywhere in the US.	It would destroy families that live and work in the area	I don't know what that could be.	It's there and it's beautiful. The wildlife and marine life is thriving. To hear the people who want to destroy the dam sate it's ugly is just a lie to advance their cause.
10/3/2021 17:34	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore it to its natural flow!	Stop invasive species & environmental decline of the waterway.	Continued increase in tilapia, loss of manatee habitat, & other environmental decline of the waterway.	No! A majority of citizens have been "voting" for this for many years! It is long overdue!	
10/3/2021 17:55	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Complete removal and restoration to pre-dam conditions	The reason the dam was installed is no longer valid and the reasons for removal and restoration outweigh the perceived reasons to keep the structure in place.	The environmental impacts from the installed dam will continue	Leaving the levee in place, but removal of the dam structure to equalize flow	
10/3/2021 17:58	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting	I would like to see the damn removed and the river restored	fish and animal migration.Cost to maintain.	It is an environmental disaster and a money pit.Tax dollars are better spent elsewhere than on maintenance and drawdowns.	no	This reservoir wasn't needed for water storage but was built to accomodate cargo shipping.When president Nixon cancelled the barge canal the river should have been restored then.It is a boondoggle that must be corrected for future generations.
10/3/2021 18:10	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Walking	The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has built countless projects. Years go by and some need re-evaluation for example the Kissimmee River. This success has been used to justify the value of ecosystem restoration. How about the Dead Lakes, a 10-mile-long waterway near Wewahitchka? After this dam was torn out the biologists found the lakes were healthier without the dam. I think it is time to reassess the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam. The dam is past its life expectancy. I am in favor of the removal of the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. I think a restored natural flow - original flow is important.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Florida will lose out of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, and recreation.	I am not a civil engineer or Army Corp engineer. I am not privy to future Florida plans but an open mind is a good place to start. The controversial Cross-Florida Barge Canal never happened, do we benefit from the Rodman Dam? Has this become Florida's longest-running environmental wrongful? How much do we want to spend? How long should we wait?	Thanks for your time and consideration.
10/3/2021 18:24	Hernando		No	No					removal of the dam.	just don't feel that dams are good for the environment	Loss of habitat. Changing the natural course of water flow affecting the environment.	If there was a way to let more water flow below the dam	
10/3/2021 18:24	Duval		No	No					I would like to see it removed entirely	It's been very bad for the environment, and would save tax payors money if it were removed.	Continued destruction of natural Florida.	I'd like a full removal.	
10/3/2021 18:26	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other: wishing that I could Kayak past the dam (from downstream)	For many, many years people running for office in this area have promised to remove the dam, but it never happens. I would like to see the dam removed and the flow restored so the fish and maybe manatees can use the river.	Talking with Audubon members and others about the whole situation. Why was it ever built?	stagnation	no	as has been said before "TAKE DOWN THE DAMN DAM.
10/3/2021 18:30	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam and allow the flow of the Ocklawaha River.	I have seen the damage that has been done to the river and area. I remember the beauty of the river before the cross-Florida barge canal and Rodman Dam. I believe the river and wildlife can be restored in time if left alone.	I would be disappointed to see continuance of destruction and wildlife imbalance.	No.	
10/3/2021 18:31	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Close the Dam	Wildlife & Water Life			
10/3/2021 18:36	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed.	The degradation of water quality, manatee requirements, migratory route for fish and manatees should be opened.	That the deaths of manatees and degradation of water quality would continue.	None.	
10/3/2021 18:41	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing	Restore the river to pre-dam conditions.	The confluence of economic, scientific, and environmental advantages.	Further economic and environmental degradation.	No.	

10/3/2021 18:45	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: photography	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. wasting millions of dollars repairing and maintaining the dam.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 150-mile lower St. Johns River. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/3/2021 18:49	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating	Breaching the dam and draining the reservoir.	American Rivers report on the Ocklawaha being the 9th most endangered, because of the da..	The continued need for draw downs to to reduce invasive species, the expense of maintaining the locks.	No.	
10/3/2021 18:52	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural flow of the river.	Articles about invasive aquatic plants present at the dam.	Restoring the natural flow of the river.		
10/3/2021 19:01	Walton		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No, this action is overdue and necessary	Manatee populations are dying. These animals are important to the environment but also local economies. We should not continue to put local people and wildlife at risk.
10/3/2021 19:17	Pinellas		No	No					This was a badly conceived project right from the start. These dams need to be removed so the natural river flow can return and habitat restored.	The reduction of water flow has killed or damaged thousands of acres of cypress trees, native plants and habitat area. The streams that flow off this river have also been depleated. I also understand that the dams are in poor condition and will require millions of dollars of repair. This would be a total waste of taxpayer money which would be much better spent restoring the natural flow.	My concern is millions of wasted dollars repairing a harmful project. I am also concerned with the depletion of all of our springs emptying into the Gulf. Their water level is getting lower and lower. The state is also, in my opinion, corruptly allowing bottling companies to continue to take water to fill polluting plastic bottles. These beautiful, natural springs and surrounging habitat will be lost to salt water intrusion or just dry up and disappear which would be tragic.	NO! It is long overdue to restore our rivers , protect habitat and wildlife , protect the springs and preserve natural Florida for future generations . This state has been exploited for far too long . The Everglades are another example of that . The diasterous phosphate slacks are another disgrace . It is time to do the right thing with this river . Thank you for your work . I hope 🙏	
10/3/2021 19:20	Brevard		No	No						Opened		Detriment to wildlife	No
10/3/2021 19:23	Bradford		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking	Remove the dam to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha.	Ecological integrity of the aquatic system to ensure healthy and available freshwater to people and nature.	Spending more tax dollars to keep an aging and unnecessary structure operating.	None that I could think of.	
10/3/2021 19:46	Outside of state / other	Prince George's County, Maryland	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/3/2021 19:49	Alachua		No	No					Tear it down and restore the river, opening up much more recreation while also creating better habitat for all the flora and fauna native to the area.	This is not a sustainable use.	That this resource continues to be wasted and that manatee and other animal populations continue to dwindle.	There needs to be free flow of the ocklawaha, not sure what that exactly looks like, the the dam staying should not be on the table, it does very little for the people of Florida, a restored Ocklawaha, will increase water quality, habitat, recreation and many other parts of this basin. Think of the thousands of people recreating on the silver and Santa Fe Rivers every single day, the Ocklawaha could have this and also increase property values and quality of life for those nearby.	
10/3/2021 20:09	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating	Removed and the Oklawaha restored	Ecology of the region	Environmental issues	No	
10/3/2021 20:12	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/3/2021 20:16	Pinellas		No	No							If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.		
10/3/2021 20:26	Outside of state / other	OK	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy. If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, constructers, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait. Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species! Make the river come alive & free again! Lydia Garvey Public Health Nurse 429 S. 24th st Clinton OK 73601				
10/3/2021 20:28	Brevard		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hikaing	Keep it in place. It a great wildlife refuge and is some of the best big bass fishing in the country.	The Reservoir is easily the best bass fishing in the state and an abundance of wildlife	It would ruin one of the best big bass fisheries in the country if not the world. Also it is a place where the Florida Manatee still have plenty of grass to survive.	No	Please keep the damn. The wildlife and the birds you see out there besides the greatest bass fishing, it also provides grass the that the Florida Manatee need to survive.
10/3/2021 20:30	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like the Oklawaha River to be opened up the way it was when I was a kid living in Ocala. The dam is ugly and it is prohibiting the natural flow of the river.	The fish that have disappeared and the pile up of water plants clogging the area	Silver Springs will be affected as are the many springs that are covered up. This area could be a boon with activities that everyone could enjoy. Even if it takes years to reestablish what was damaged by the dams. These rivers are treasures and were disrupted by dumb politicians.	A drawn down then full dismantle at some point- soon.	These dams and the cross Florida barge canals construction had zero regard for the beauty, nature and environmental impacts on this great state. It would improve the tourist dollars by regenerating these pristine springs and areas.
10/3/2021 21:02	Polk		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is		Florida is losing its natural resources		
10/3/2021 21:07	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam on the Rodman Reservoir.	The Ocklawaha River was named among America's Most Endangered Rivers of 2020 by the American Rivers organization.	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha River's 20 freshwater springs and continued significant harm to threatened and endangered species, adjacent wetlands, forests, Silver Springs, and the the St. Johns River.	No	Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
10/3/2021 21:08	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural flow	The ecosystem and manatees are suffering	Continued decline if the environment		
10/3/2021 21:26	Outside of state / other	Seattle, WA	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	I just moved to Washington state after living in Florida for most of my life. The St Johns watershed will always hold a special place in my heart, and I hope that moving into the future we can fortify its natural beauty.
10/3/2021 21:26	Alachua		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	The dam should be breached and the floodplain of the Ocklawaha River should be restored.	Decommissioning the dam and reservoir would aid in restoring the hydrology and natural communities of the Ocklawaha River. Importantly, it would allow greater access to the river for the manatee.	The Ocklawaha River ecosystem will continue to degrade and the manatee will be denied a potential refuge when the species is under such severe threat.	The dam should at least be breached.	
10/3/2021 21:29	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Removal	Freeing up the springs and aiding in manatee migration to Silver Springs in the winter	Continued degradation of the St. Johns and lower Oklawaha Rivers	no	
10/3/2021 21:31	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	It is time to breach the Kirkpatrick Dam!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/3/2021 21:38	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodmon/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring drowned springs, letting the fish and manatees through as it would through nature, not waste money maintaining the dam	the status quo is not sustainable for nature	no	
10/3/2021 21:39	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The Oklawaha is one of Florida's most beautiful and historic rivers. It should be allowed to run free.	The impact of the dam on the fish populations, manatee migration, and water quality is well documented.	To continue this insult to nature is fiscally imprudent, and not justified for the minimal benefits provided	The drawdown could happen slowly - even over decades	
10/3/2021 21:56	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I think that all of the above activities can be more enjoyable without the dam blocking the flow of the river.	I would like to see it removed.	I would like to see the Oklawaha River and the submerged springs flowing freely again so that the river can become healthy again to support wildlife and recreational activities.	I fear that invasive species of plants and fish would ruin the ecosystem of the river and we would lose so many native species.	Breaching the dam is a good alternative.	The Manatees are a unique mammal that should be helped to thrive before we lose them all. The economic benefits and opportunities along the river would be increased with a free flowing river.
10/3/2021 22:15	Lafayette		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Kayaking the Natural Springs in the Reservoir/River, When Lowered.	All Mari Made & Maintained Equipment/Dam Removed! Let the River Flow Naturally, Again. All Rivers, Waterways, Natural Springs are Connected Naturally, Let them be that way again Please. Capt. Cas Suwannee River Reid	The Dam has simply deprived the Natural Flow of the Natural Water, this has caused many migrating species, such as Manatee's, Bass, and other species to change their migration habits causing the loss of the species with the dam in place.	Those species numbers would continue to shrink until extension.	It seems simple, the Bass Fishing Industry is Not as profitable as Opening the waterway, eliminating the dam would bring a much broader demographic of people that would utilize the whole River, as it was meant to be.	Please count this as MY VOTE to Remove the Dam and Free the River. Thank you for your hard work and concern. Sincerely, Capt. Cas Suwannee River Reid
10/3/2021 22:17	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I don't use it	The dam should be removed to open the flow of manatee traffic and to decrease the amount of algae due to sluggish water	Endangerment of manatee	Endangerment of manatee	Removal of any part of the dam to allow free passage by manatee	The dam should have never been built - neither should the cross-florida barge canal - there was a movement against it at the time of construction that was ignored.
10/3/2021 22:19	Seminole		No	No									
10/3/2021 22:33	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	The a dam serves no purpose and artificially restricts natural water flow	Continues restriction of natural water flow	No	The dam must go.
10/3/2021 23:12	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Restore the Ocklawaha , remove the dam.	It's ecologically the right way to restore the natural river and prevent further degradation of our environment.	Florida must preserve the natural beauty of our State as we keep increasing our population. It is economically and environmentally the right thing to do.	None	
10/3/2021 23:20	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick dam breached and the Ocklawaha river restored	I am sustainability studies major taking multiple classes this semester about hydrology and geographical sciences, and I have learned about the many drawbacks of dams. I do not think that this dam has enough benefits to outweigh the many problems that it causes to the environment.	I am concerned about the waste of money that would be required to maintain the dam as it ages. I am also concerned about the ecological impacts of the dam and the continued harm that it causes to the environment and the wildlife.	I would like at least some portion of the dam to be breached if it isn't possible to return the river to pre-dam conditions.	
10/4/2021 0:22	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam removed and natural water flow restored to the Ocklawaha River.	Spending time on the Ocklawaha River and observing how unhealthy it looks.	More destruction of a precious natural resource and ecosystem.		
10/4/2021 3:50	Manatee		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/4/2021 4:34	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Other: Hikaing					
10/4/2021 5:55	Alachua		No	Yes				Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Casual observing of boaters and fishers as well as wildlife	Maintenance of the dam itself is minimal.. hydrilla is controlled by opening and closing the spillway and requires only a single visiting operator. However, seal the lock! At least stop maintaining it for transiting boaters. Use the lake...launch on the lake!	Decades of use as a boater and fisher. Experience both above and below the dam.	Continued pressure from a few people who never use the lake and just climb on that bandwagon just to go along.	Maintain the dam. Seal the lock.	While, it would have been better decades ago NOT to build the canal and dam the river, the deed was done, and the creation of Lake Oklawaha produced a unique and largely self-sustaining ecosystem. The lake at drawdown is not pretty but the aftermath is a healthier and more vibrant system in which the wildlife both below and above the water have thrived. Pulling the plug would create more decades of natural disruption and would produce no actual improvement. Two wrongs do not make a right.
10/4/2021 6:00	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam and open the 50 lost springs and restore Silver Springs back to the beauty I can remember as a child. We have the knowledge now moving forward to know changing natural waterways is unethical to our future and the future of all species and the environments that surround them.	Record dying of manatees in 2021 should be on the front line. This is urgent news and moves need to be made quickly. Fish and wildlife that's once inhabited the springs are no longer there or very minimal, compared. Over 90% of the population of inhabitants for these springs have vanished.	It would reach a point of no return and our greed and egos get in the way of a brighter future. More clean water and more wildlife vs. less of both and countless (millions) dollars spent on restoring a dam that devastated the area from the start.	No, it's been long enough and the time is now. We can't waste another second wondering if, when, and how. All supporting factors to restoring the springs have been put on the table. We have evidence to prove what it's worth to have these waterways restored. Foot forward, let's make the right decision together.	I am born and raised here in Marion County, Florida. This is home. Always will be. Has been for generations before me and I intend on making a happy place for the generations to come. Within my lifetime things that seemed so expendable are now of highest concern. 1000+ people moving to Florida every day and Florida NATURE depleting just as rapidly. PS: For the first time ever in my life I had the privilege of paddling next to a family of manatees in Silver Springs. Only because someone at the dam let them pass!
10/4/2021 6:29	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Return River back to natural state. Remove the dam. It has no purpose.	Recover Wildlife habitats. The dam is also aging. Restore natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The Ocklawaha River may never recover if something isn't done quickly.	Probably not. Removing dam is bestscenario.	
10/4/2021 6:33	Hernando		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Historical data	Loss of wildlife	No	
10/4/2021 7:31	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		I'd like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River take place by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. This is my preference because for it to remain the way it is negatively impacts water quality and wildlife throughout the area.	That three rivers--the Ocklawaha, the Silver River, and the St. Johns Rivers, and over 50 springs will be restored and the habitat of manatees will be regained.	I have many concerns--primarily the loss of the precious springs and manatee habitat.	No, not at all. It is time!	It is time to finally restore the Ocklawaha River for the future of our state and its wildlife.
10/4/2021 7:14	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Wanted to see where our tax money had been wasted.	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river.	Cost effective project with the best return for the taxpayer dollars spent.	Continual decline in our springs and loss of winter habitats for our endangered manatees.	No not really. The cross barge canal project was a mistake from the very beginning. Why was taxpayers money to maintain that mistake. More benefits can be gained by removing the dam and allowing nature to repair itself to hopefully its prior glory.	People come to Florida to enjoy our springs and waterways. We need to preserve our natural resources for ourselves, our children and our tourism. We are allowing millions if not billions of dollars of water to be bottled out of our springs. Draining our natural resources for the mighty dollar. Why can't we spend our taxpayer dollars on a project that will help restore some of those resources back to health. We/Am for our natural resources and those who use them.
10/4/2021 7:26	Alachua		No	No					remove the dam, plain and simple.	it's not serving the purpose it was created for, so the negative side effects are all for nothing.	compounding negative effects on the local environment.	why stop short of removing the dam? it's not doing what it was originally built for, and actively hurting the long term health of the local environment. is all of that worth making a few captive fish easier to catch for a few years? why not make fishing more sustainable and vibrant for the long term by removing the dam?	

10/4/2021 7:52	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Have never utilized since the early 1970's when I lived in Putnam County.	Remove it and restore the river to natural beauty that I remember as a young person.	Remove so the natural springs within the system will return.	It continues to be the destructive boondoggle it has always been.	No!		
10/4/2021 8:02	Duval		No	No					Destroy it and allow nature to be in its natural state	Allowing the springs to return to their natural states. Giving our manatees a place to be during the cold season, they're close to being endangered again! And don't California up Florida. They screwed with the natural systems so much and now they're suffering for it.	Death of the manatees, waste of money to repair and upkeep of the dam. What true benefit does the damn provide? It doesn't provide electricity, it's blocking natural habitats	No		
10/4/2021 8:05	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxing.	Breached.	Support for the Manatees and other species of wild life.	Putnam county's tourism would be limited to just Bass tourists. If the River is restored many other people would come. Not just them. Another point is Manatees need the warm springs that would be restored. To many are dying.	Not really. The status quo is not working or appreciated by many.	Do the right thing.	
10/4/2021 8:14	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove dam.	The river would return to its natural state, or close to it. Dam is unnecessary.	Unnecessary structure would remain.	Not certain.	Remove the dam; it serves no necessary purpose.	
10/4/2021 8:20	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored over time.	The dam is old and continues to deteriorate.	Loss of wildlife.	None that make sense.	This dam was built for the terrible idea of a cross Florida barge canal. Fortunately that was shut down by President Nixon. That would have been an enormous disaster to the environment of Florida. So it is time to remove this current artifact that is harming our natural environment.	
10/4/2021 8:24	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	removal of the dam and restoration of the natural functioning of the Oklawaha River	Restoration of natural fish and manatee populations	extinction of manatees	no. This dam removal should have been done many years ago	Natural Florida is disappearing. We must do what we can to protect and restore the pieces we still have.	
10/4/2021 8:47	Baker		No	No					Remove the dam and let the water flow resume a natural state.	My understanding is the dam is no longer viable and requires extensive maintenance. The purpose of the dam is outdated making maintaining it a waste of public funds that could be better spent elsewhere. In addition, many springs and tributaries could once again be regenerated with fresh water to prevent their demise and support wildlife throughout the region.	Continual decline of wildlife that is already struggling to survive due to habitat loss and waste of tax dollars on an outdated useless project.	No. The dam needs to be removed for any real benefit to occur.		
10/4/2021 8:51	Lee		No	No					Make it good	water bad	I will kill myself	Eat my ass		
10/4/2021 9:03	Hamilton		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I come here to have oreys with my family.	Give out better condoms.	I have the birth records	Ur mom	I would be satisfied as long as I can legally fuck a porcupine.	I found a condom here, used it, and now im pregnant. I'm going to sue you. I also made tea with the water and now my baby is black.	
10/4/2021 9:07	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Keep it. Very relaxing. Place to just go and sit. Smoothing. To here water housing out	Love it out in woods restoring something. Beautiful. And. And accessable. For handicap. And. Veterns. To fish from				
10/4/2021 9:10	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restore the springs and the ecosystem for all the wildlife.	The dam is useless and a waste of money to retain and repair. The possibilities are endless for the environment and the wildlife if we breach the dam.	No. This is 50 years overdue - let's do what is right!		
10/4/2021 9:13	Alachua		No	No					Remove the damn dam and let our spring water flow again	That the natural environment was not the primary concern of the dam project.	Destruction of our natural environment: plants, animals, water, recreational use for humans, and much more.	I would be open to suggestions	Put the environment and Floridians first!	
10/4/2021 9:27	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.		
10/4/2021 9:33	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam to FINALLY restore the Ocklawaha River! A half century of damage should not continue just because that is what people are used to, the dam negatively impacts water quality, submerged springs and even hinders the local Putnam County economy.	Manatees & fish will return once the breach opens creating a free-flowing river, the St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor that just received $100million in acquisition funding will be available, and millions in dam repairs will be saved since the dam is well past its life expectancy.	We will miss the best opportunity to finally fix this debacle of a failed project. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money will be spent on dam repairs for a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No.		I don't understand why this public polling is being conducted when the state is LEGALLY obligated to remove the dam and restore the river. Stop wasting time and money on feel good antics designed to provide cover for politicians. Get the job done. It IS your job.
10/4/2021 9:34	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River!	Wildlife needs a free flowing river. If it was restored it would generate eco tourism.	Manatees are dying and invasive fish species are overwhelming the native fish.	No	Please do the right thing for the environment!	
10/4/2021 9:39	Clay		No	No					Restoration to original state; remove the dam.	The dam is old and no longer serves a purpose.	Impact on local economy.	I have not heard of a proposal so no.	Restoring full flow to the Ocklawaha River should reduce the stagnation of Silver Springs and the Silver River.	
10/4/2021 9:50	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	Restore to its natural form as a river.	So many, many years of important info/data regarding why the Rodman Dam has endangered the natural water system in Florida (first meeting in 1998) - too much info to list.	Continued deterioration of natural water/river system.	No		
10/4/2021 9:52	Lake		No	No										
10/4/2021 10:07	Marion		No	Yes	1 time			Boating	Removed	Environmental	Mover of the environment being distorted	No		
10/4/2021 10:27	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Lower the reservoir and breach the dam to restore the Oklawaha.	Economic and environmental studies supporting the breaching of the dam.	The continued degradation of the Oklawaha and Silver rivers and the continued death of manatees due to lack of warm-water habitat.	This action is 50-years overdue. There are no half measures left that can save the water quality of the rivers and provide the needed manatee habitat.	It's finally time to get this done. The disastrous cross-Florida canal project was abandoned 50 years ago, and the Rodman dam is the last remaining wedge of that mistake. Time to remove it and let the real, old Florida flourish again.	
10/4/2021 10:38	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, restore the ocklawaha river please	Scientific data/research	Endangered species, environmental harm, expense of maintaining the dam	Let the dam crumble and collapse on its own	The dam is not serving any purpose don't listen to people who say it is necessary for fishing there are plenty of places to fish and the restored ocklawhaha river would benefit the area environmentally, ecologically, and economically.	
10/4/2021 10:47	Alachua		No	No					The kirkpatrick dam should be breached, and sincere actual reasources should be put into restoring the Ocklawaha River to help wildlife and water quality in the river to recover.	That manatees are starving to death from loss of seagrass caused by the dam and the degrading state of the river and lack of access to natural springs. The dam blocks the movement of fish and wildlife along the river and it should have been removed years ago.	That we continue to hurt yet another Florida waterway and that the wildlife in the area will continue to suffer as a result.	No. I am sick and tired of all of the ways in which Florida's waterways and springs are being abused and neglected. It's shameful. Our children will bear the consequences of the selfishness of their grandparents if we don't change our ways.	The efforts to make this problem better should not stop with breaching the dam. That is not enough, and acting like it is enough would be a lie. Resources and actual sincere effort needs to be spent cleaning up and restoring the river and then protecting these areas from future human tampering.	
10/4/2021 10:48	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economics, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration	
10/4/2021 11:15	Madison		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Preserve the Dam and Reservoir as is currently.	The area is fully stabilized and the home of many wildlife and is an important sanctuary for bald eagles and manatees to name just 2.	Destruction and havoc to the wildlife habitat and resulting serious fallout and negative impact on numerous species.	no	As a frequent user who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to increase the maintenance and improve access to the lake, update the boat ramps, add additional facilities, and expand park areas for public access. While public use is now tremendous these small improvements would steadily increase. The dam and adjacent parks alone are used by hundreds of people every month for fishing and recreation! A day NEVER goes by that people aren't there fishing! Most importantly environmental needs are critical as the lake and adjacent area are homes to numerous manatee, bald eagles, black bear, and other wildlife that were rare prior to Rodman being constructed. Rodman and surrounding land have become a vibrant and vital ecosystem. It would be a sacrilege to destroy it and the fact a group who call themselves environmentalists is hard to believe. I hear continued comments about protecting the manatees. Rodman is NOW their natural habitat and its existence has no effect on die-offs! The warm water from Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs is still there! Untold numbers of manatee habitualte Rodman and access it every year to mate. Just ask the lock managers how often they open the locks to allow the manatee to gain access to rodman! I just recently watched from the bank for almost an hour more than half a dozen manatee mate. For the size of the area, it's amazing how often I get to see the manatees. Natural Springs? Silver Springs is upriver from Rodman and is its major resource. The fact that Rodman supposedly encompasses a number of small springs has absolutely NO effect on the condition of Silver Springs. In the years prior to Rodman with few exceptions, likely none of these small springs had any visitors at all. The handful of visitors the uncovered springs would attract is laughable compared to the vast number of visitors the lake attracts. Rodman has become one of the leading fishing resources in the country and has increased historic fish populations for all species. Rodman contributes millions to the local economy every year and property values adjacent to the lake have increased over 50% just in the last few years. Putnam and Marion county economies would take a huge hit and future opportunity for economic growth in the area would be stifled if this resource was lost.	
10/4/2021 11:15	Sarasota		No	No					I would like the dam removed.	Restoration of the river and other water features.				
10/4/2021 11:28	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	Breach the dam.	The dam impedes water flow and blocks migratory routes for wildlife.	We need to provide a healthy ecosystem for wildlife and improve water quality in Silver Springs. I remember when Silver Springs was healthy. Now it is home to invasive tilapia.	Not really. The unhealthy situation would just continue.	I realize bass fishing is a big industry. However, creating a healthier ecosystem would bring other kinds of economic benefits to the area. Plus the taxpayers wouldn't have to pay ongoing maintenance costs for a dam that was a disaster from the beginning.	
10/4/2021 11:40	Gilchrist		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the area	Local people				
10/4/2021 11:48	Volusia		No	No					Have it deconstructed and let the river flow in its natural state.	Reports about its ecological impacts.	The continued alteration of an ecosystem.	Construct a weir instead of a dam.		
10/4/2021 11:50	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam gradually,not to flood or overwhelm areas and let nature as intended do its thing.	The dam is man made(for our use)thats not its origin.	The quality of our water.			
10/4/2021 12:18	Pasco		No	Yes				Other: I don't use it	Blow the son of a bitch up			no.		
10/4/2021 12:27	Duval		No	Yes				Other: I visited only once. Want to see it go away.	TEAR DOWN THE DAM and ELIMINATE THE RESERVOIR. This ill-fated project has been an ecological disaster and a financial boondoggle.	It is a Win/Win no-brainer economic decision benefitting everyone which is long overdue. It has less than a 4 year payback and returns estimated $50 million net benefit over the first 10 years alone! It ought to then provide annual economic boost of $8-10 million according to economic experts from the Univ. of Fla. In 2020 the national organization American Rivers put the "trapped and devastated" Ocklawaha on its Top 10 most endangered rivers due to "steady declining water quality, spring flow, necessary wetland forests, and quality and quantity of fish and wildlife." These 40+ environmental organizations working toward complete restoration of this important river. At least 15 scientists and professionals have provided great justification via their You Tube posts as presented on the website www.free the ocklawaha.com, which provides tremendous supporting evidence for the restoration.	If restoration DOES NOT happen we have again continued to squandered to make right what was mistakenly conceived way back in the 1930s and 1940s. Specifically: The lower St Johns river estuary continues to be deprived of 150 million gal./day of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce unnatural salt water intrusion. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored to their natural state which would provide wildlife habitat, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, enhanced recreation benefits. Millions of dollars of taxpayer money is tragically and unnecessarily spent on a useless, deteriorating structure that does not provide BROAD public benefit, any flood protection not any water or power supply. Also risks failure which could result almost $60mil in damages to over 500 Putnam County homeowners. Putnam County and Silver Springs are deprived of substantial increased revenue from eco-tourists and sightseers. Substantial quantity of manatees lose the ability to migrate up the Ocklawaha to essential water water springs that are not released by the restoration and can't travel all the way to Silver Springs where they formerly resided in the winter. Historic fish are not allowed to once again habituate the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers And we may miss the opportunity to received the State and federal funds that are now available	No	The Ocklawaha is the centerpiece of the 217 mile Great Florida Riverway system of rivers and springs flowing north from lake Apopka in the St Johns and Atlantic Ocean. Its restoration to its natural state would: a. greatly improved the natural habitat for wildlife of all kinds by restoring 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, b. benefit water quality through biofiltration c. provide at least 150 mil gal/day of fresh, cooler water which will help restore the lower St Johns aiding in combating algae blooms, counter-salt water intrusion, and bring back more necessary and lost vegetation on the Lower St Johns d. result in significant net economic benefits to the surrounding area. On a personal note, I enjoy taking guests on my 1929 antique Chris Craft wooden boat to view the natural Florida. I have ventured up the Ocklawaha briefly and would love to make the journey all the way to the Silver River and maybe even the Lake Harris chain of lakes. As a citizen and stakeholder I ask you to complete this restoration with all due haste.	
10/4/2021 12:29	Broward		No	No					Restore the River!!!!!	restoring The Great Florida Riverway will be vitally important for manatees, other wildlife, and people.	Death of a multitude of creatures including our beloved manatees!			
10/4/2021 12:38	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	the dam removed and the river restored to its natural state	the decline in water quality of the river and other natural resources	continued decline in the water quality and other natural resources of the area	not really, I see no advantage to keeping it as it is	the dam impedes the natural flow of the river and its inhabitants. the ocklawaha is a beautiful and vital waterway for our area and the state. it's time to allow it to follow its natural course.	
10/4/2021 12:41	Marion		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha and get rid of the dam					
10/4/2021 12:42	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Free the River	Return nature				
10/4/2021 13:10	Hillsborough		No	Yes					Remove the dam, restore the Okalahawa River & let the natural ecosystem return itself to all 3 rivers. Help wildlife flourish!	Removing the dam helps restore the springs & the rivers flow.	Destruction of forests, wildlife & algae blooms, fish kills, poor water quality. Restoration will create jobs & increased visitation/tourism will also create jobs.	NO. The dam must go.	We are the caretakers of the earth. We must Protect it and Allow it to flourish. The dam is destructive & has outlasted its usefulness.	
10/4/2021 13:10	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	None. This is long overdue.		
10/4/2021 13:17	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Other: Hiking	I support the restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River, knowing that it would eliminate both the Dam and the Reservoir	The science. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to correct a mistake. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe and requires expensive maintenance.	No not really. I do recognize that, for the fishermen in the area, they can still catch large and healthy fish with a restored free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	Thank you for this opportunity	
10/4/2021 13:21	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River flows restored and the dam eventually phased out.		The quality of fishing and boating experiences as well as wildlife habitat may continue to decline over time.			
10/4/2021 13:27	Escambia		No	Yes					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha!	Restoration of the ecosystem	Failure of the dam. Depletion of drinking water for the state.	No	I grew up in the Ocala National Forest. I have been an active duty Marine for 28+ years and maintain my Florida residence in Escambia County.	
10/4/2021 13:35	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam. Allow the Great Florida Waterway to fully open.	Watching documentary, talking with experts.	Dam is not needed. Manatee and other aquatic animals are endangered.	Not that I know of	Please help FL aquatic life.	
10/4/2021 13:43	Duval		No	No					Remove the Rodman dam and restore Oklawaha to its natural flow	President Nixon ordered the construction of the canal/construction of dam to cease in the 1960's because he saw the environmental damage. That's 60 years ago !!! It's way over due !!!	Environmental damage would continue. The herbicides required to keep the reservoir weed free would continue contaminating the natural flora and fauna. A new dam would have to be built and more maintenance would follow on and on. Who pays ???? Florida's natural environment continues to deteriorate. Endless cycle.	NO		
10/4/2021 14:09	Duval		No	Yes					Remove the dam completely	Support among numerous environmental organizations. Return the river to its natural state.	Continued loss of natural environment	Nope		
10/4/2021 14:17	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave as is in its beautiful state.	Scenery, beauty, fishing, solitude and the opportunity for others to see enjoy this pristine water resource.	Impact on fishing and wildlife. Loss of a resource.	No		
10/4/2021 14:18	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					The dam must be removed and the surrounding waterways restored for the benefit of manatee and other species that call this area home.	We cannot sustain ourselves without sustaining the environment in which we live.	We are killing our environment and ourselves in the process of holding on to old technologies that did not consider the sacred nature of nature.	No. Halfway measures are no longer adequate. We have abused our environment fir so long that we ate in a crisis situation now. Only dramatic remediation will suffice.		
10/4/2021 14:25	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just went to see it & take photos there.	Open it up to connect the Florida rivers.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Losing habitat for our beloved manatees plus fish and active water adventures for citizens and visitors.	NO	This is very important to many of our friends and neighbors throughout the state.	
10/4/2021 14:26	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I am not a fisherman	Dam removed. Other structures stay in place. Explore possibilities for compensating those whose businesses are critically dependent on lake fishing	Restored river and springs would be an economic plus for the region.increases tourism and decreased cost to maintain the area.	That our state will persist in its downward environmental spiral in the interest of business as usual	Not aware of any		
10/4/2021 14:29	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	History and Science	Long term degradation of the river system. continued impacts to Manatees	No		
10/4/2021 14:31	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Go back to it's natural state	Wild life and the fish and Manatee migration surpression sense they changed it	It hurts all the rivers that come together in that area	No		
10/4/2021 14:44	Bay		No	No					I would like to see the dam opened/breached.	Restoring the springs, fish, manatees and saving money.	the funds won't be available in the future, restoration of a key part of the ecosystem won't take place, this damn does not serve a public purpose. It is time for Florida to start being a MUCH better steward of our natural gifts, the basis of all of our income	nope. this project is long overdue.	Save more manatees!	

10/4/2021 14:52	Alachua		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration is also an ideological term. Conservationists can never use a historical or natural baseline by which to "restore" nor do they take into consideration how the landscape has changed over time and what it now realistically can be restored to. The "restoration" of the Ocklawaha River and the decommissioning of the Rodman Dam is not one of those obscure or ambiguous prospective projects. The natural flow of the watercourse beyond the damn towards Little Lake George still exists; the adjacent hydric hammock floodplain along the Ocklawaha beyond the dam is still present; the springs that lie submerged beneath the Rodman Reservoir, as evident during its drawdowns, are still flowing. Unlike dams in other parts of the country, the Rodman Dam serves no function. It was developed during an era in our State's history where the concept of a cross-Florida barge canal was feasible...which never, thankfully, panned out. Therefore, the dam is functionally obsolete. It doesn't provide hydropower nor does it protect urban areas from flooding. The dam's adverse effects are far more considerable than its positive. West Indian Manatees have been blockaded from making their seasonal migrations into the Ocklawaha and its first magnitude springs; striped bass and other estuarine fish species are also prevented from making their seasonal movements into the Ocklawaha River; the dozens of springs that lie submerged beneath the surface of the Rodman Reservoir are inaccessible to those tourists and naturalists who would otherwise invest in visiting the area to explore and visit this landscape. To those sports fisherman and their lobby who claim the removal of the dam would adversely affect their sport, how? We know from multiple examples and academic studies that the restoration and decommissioning of dams increases the abundance of fish stocks and would have a positive effect on a region's biodiversity. The only adverse effect it would have for sports fisherman is reducing the concentration of targeted fish species in the reservoir by actually allowing those species to be able to fully	The West Indian Manatee was down-listed from endangered to threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act back in 2015. It was one of an assemblage of species that were either down-listed or de-listed as a result of legal pressure from the Florida Home Builders Association against the USFWS as a result of the USFWS's failure to promptly update Species Protection Plans in the timeframe they should have. This is understandable...despite the Florida Homebuilders Association's intentions...and it is true that, at the time, many of these species' numbers had recovered significantly, including the West Indian Manatee's. However, the population dynamics and demography of a species can change from year to year and dramatically over a short span of time. West Indian Manatees have been featured in local, state, and national news again as videos showing starving manatees attempting to feed on turf grass along residential canals and washing up bloated and dead on Gulf Coastal beaches as a result of annual Red Tide events become all too frequent. We know that West Indian Manatees naturally and historically rely on our freshwater springs and their watercourses for overwintering habitat, and the Ocklawaha River and its springs were a part of that historical range. Why wouldn't the State seek to restore that...especially now that Silver Springs State Park is in State hands. Please fill in the gaps that remain vacant, and let's all celebrate the return of the manatee into our celebrated eastern North Central Florida springs and rivers.	At this point, the status quo is a liability. A blighted major river is..well it's a blighted major river. Will the State kowtow to the sports fishing lobby, who wouldn't even be adversely affected by the removal of the Rodman Dam, or will the State recognize the expertise, data-driven research, and (righteous) desires of those conservationists, naturalists scholars, academics, experts, scientists, and other concerned residents who are fully aware of the impacts the Rodman Dam continues to have on the Ocklawaha River and its watershed? I do hope the State will make the good and sensible decision regarding this matter.	Unfortunately, no. I imagine that any other scenario, short of the outright removal of the dam, would require an unnecessary amount of public funds and, therefore, be unnecessarily and wastefully cost prohibitive.	
10/4/2021 15:05	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing Other	remove the dam and restore the floodplain	Restoring migratory fish species, restore more natural water temperatures, and detrital export. Also, reduce E.T.	Continued degradation.	No	
10/4/2021 15:25	Levy		No	No					remove the damn	various studies	health of the river	no	
10/4/2021 15:25	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River.	Florida fresh water springs need to be supported for the Florida aquifer to survive so we can survive.	Salination of ground water when springs' flow is degraded.	No.	Artificially provoding bass fishing is not sufficient reason to keep the reservoir.
10/4/2021 15:30	Duval		No	No					Remove this dam! ASAP! I like kayaking and going to Springs. Our Springs are so popular we need to allow patrons to spread out. There are 20 springs buried by this dam. The kayaking and Springs tourism would be significant. The health of fish, water quality all the way to the St Johns would improve by its removal.	Buried Springs, promoted health of natural systems that protect us. BETTER fishing if it was removed.	You would only be pushing the issue down the line. At some point NATURE WINS and we will HAVE TO remove the dam. Why waste more money and time, do it now.	No not really. I would be happy if the water was drawn down but if you were to do that, why not just remove the dam. It serves no purpose other than supposed bass fishing. However, the bass fishing will INPROVE if the dam is taken down. There will still be bass fishing to be done.	
10/4/2021 16:11	Hernando		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I strongly support the removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam across the Ocklawaha River, which created the Rodman Reservoir. Over 50 years ago this reservoir was to be part of the ill-fated Cross-Florida Barge Canal. It is time to stop wasting millions of dollars on continual repairs of this dam.	If the Ocklawaha River is allowed to flow freely, the additional fresh water will play an important role in offsetting the rising salinity level as higher sea levels push into the river's mouth at Mayport.	In addition to the waste of money in continuing to repair the dam which has no purpose, water quality will continue to decline.	NO, the dam should be removed!	
10/4/2021 16:23	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Springs viewing during drawdowns.	Would like to see the dam removed and the river system restored.	Restoration of the springs and natural flow that would increase biodiversity of the area. Currently millions of dollars are spent supporting a man made alternative that benefits only a few and continues to degrade the environment of the area. ?	Cost of maintenance of the repairs and maintenance but more importantly a lost opportunity for restoration and an economic driver for the area.	No. Building this dam and flooding the area should never have happened. The cross FL barge canal was a misguided idea which is why it was finally stopped. It is time to finally acknowledge that this was a mistake and do what's right, restore the area.	This is an opportunity to do the right thing and to create a win win both for people and the natural resources dependent on this area. Let's get rid of the dam!!!
10/4/2021 16:34	Brevard		No	No					Stop the area of focus as an economic benefit that actually only benefits a small portion of well off people of society. Our ecosystems are barely hanging on based off of man made intervention. Put the process and flow of water back to what it is intended to do. Stop thinking about the benefit to humans and give back to nature what we have taken or expect the generations to come to struggle to survive based off the actions of old people who are not first hand witness to the destruction of the country'.	I have lived in Brevard my whole live, as a young aspiring architect, I have seen how people (older generation) do not care to invest in nature as much as should but rather economic or touristic appeals finalize their decisions. I do not know everything, but one thing I do know is that this whole country was built for their time and after many years have passed, still are doing the same thing. You can't take money with you when you die, but you take your memories. Do you really want the memories of the future generations to be concerned about how they will receive their basic human right, access to water?	The devastation of wildlife and the extinction of natural systems that have lasted hundreds of years before intervention. Florida is incredibly unique geographically and we have already disrupted the flow of water from Lake Ocklawaha to the Everglades. Sources for energy are still developing and the new graduates of universities will have the skillset needed to provide these solutions. Just expand the ways of thinking.		Please think about the future generations. Do not take nature for granted. The earth does not need us, we need the earth. Think about that.
10/4/2021 16:34	Outside of state / other	Riverdale, MD	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/4/2021 16:41	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Keep the reservoir and dam as it is.	The environment is now set. Removing the dam would destroy then current ecology	see above	No.	
10/4/2021 16:47	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time		Take it down to unite the rivers	Science supports it	More manatee deaths, more degradation of springs,	No	
10/4/2021 16:52	Broward		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities. 1. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Please use this answer or enter one of your own: If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	Increased manatee mortality!!! This cannot happen. If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Please help the manatees and reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs.
10/4/2021 16:56	Outside of state / other	durant, oklahoma	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Please help the manatees!
10/4/2021 17:05	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam and restore the Ocklawaha river.	River and springs health	Continued degradation of river and springs.	Restore full flow by breaching without fully removing.	
10/4/2021 17:15	Levy		No	Yes			1 time		Other: None	I would like to see dam demolished and the Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state.	There's so many but I rank habitat for manatees as #1.	Permanent degradation of the natural system.	No. Get rid of the dam. A powerful few just want to glory in man's creation instead of God's Creation.	God is Green! If anyone wants to save the planet it's the Creator.
10/4/2021 17:30	Outside of state / other	Summerdale Alabama	No	Yes	More than 5 times		More than 5 times	Fishing	Please do not change anything. Too many birds and animals depend on it as it is. It is the reason my husband and I come every year to bass fish. The atmosphere is so pleasant filled with bountiful fish and birds who depend on its needed waters and damns.	Or visit yearly.	Please do not change what is a perfect habitat for animals, birds, and fishes.	No	
10/4/2021 17:33	Sumter		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River	Dam is too old and will cost millions in tax payer dollars to repair River will provide natural fresh water flow	The use of taxpayer dollars to repair the dam We need to provide warm water and forage habitats for manatees	NO	save the manatees. This is a Florida responsibility. 2021 has been the deadliest year for manatees due to the loss of seagrass causing them to starve.
10/4/2021 17:39	Dade		No	Yes			1 time		Take it down	Manatee survival. Tourism dollars	Death of manatees (extinction?) Potential lost income from tourism	Shorten the dam	
10/4/2021 17:40	Outside of state / other	Summerdale alabama	No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing	Came here 45 years ago. Still visiting. There are animals, birds, and fishes that rely on it to survive	Wildlife would change drastically		No	
10/4/2021 17:44	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/4/2021 17:47	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time		Other	Remove dam--restore natural ecosystem functions to that area. Saves forests. Dam not serving purpose. No need to invest millions into something that is not serving function.	We have a chance to restore functioning ecosystems. Would help wildlife, bring millions gallons fresh water to St. Johns and they sure need that.		
10/4/2021 18:10	Outside of state / other	Ashland, MA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/4/2021 18:33	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove	Negative impact on nature	Continued negative impact on nature		
10/4/2021 18:43	Brevard		No	No					•Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	•Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	•If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests	No	
10/4/2021 18:48	Escambia		No	Yes			1 time		Wildlife viewing	carefully removed over time	acute impact	acute environmental and economic impact	The Dam is aging out. Safely and slowly allow systems to return.	Thanks for asking
10/4/2021 18:48	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Reevive the springs and restore the river.	Breach it.	Than politics has won again.	No	
10/4/2021 18:53	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/4/2021 18:57	Broward		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam.	With restoration, an estimated $4-$14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Additionally, River restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. The dam does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Now, state and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe, creating a window of opportunity that we cannot miss.	No.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I was proud to become a full time Florida resident in early 2019. As I began to learn about my new home, I was impressed with Florida's amazing natural environment. I was shocked to hear that 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees. Unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. Thank you for your consideration.
10/4/2021 19:21	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river.	It would improve the quality of the river and promote ecotourism benefiting the local economy.	Continued deterioration of the river.	No.	It's the right thing to do.

10/4/2021 19:26	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating	Protect it	The ecosystem it supports	The fishing will never be the same.	No		
10/4/2021 19:32	Indian River		No	No					Open the damn and restore the flow to the river. The area becomes a lot better for wildlife and visitors are more willing to come to the area because of the natural beauty.	Images of the recent drawdowns shows an area that I would like to come visit.	I believe the local wildlife and springs will continue to suffer and decline. As long as the dam is active I will not be willing to visit the area.	No		
10/4/2021 19:40	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking		I think it ok put back to its orginal state, before they screwed everything up with the dam	The public will not get to enjoy all of its beautiful benefits available to u. when u go there, to fish, canoe, etc.	No		Please do the right thing for the people who love to go there
10/4/2021 19:41	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Hunting Wildlife viewing	Nothing!! It is perfect	All the wild life	It would be ruined, the wild life and fishery lost	None		Leave it alone. Improve parks and viewing areas
10/4/2021 20:01	Lee		No	No										
10/4/2021 20:18	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Too many good things will happen to the St Johns River if and when the dam gets removed.	The information from the St Johns Riverkeeper organization	The St Johns river will continue to deteriorate.	No. Just do it!		
10/4/2021 20:22	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and return to natural state	Information about ecological damage	Irreversible loss and damage			
10/4/2021 20:25	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam!!!!!	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No!!!! This is highly necessary - this dam is causing drastic environmental damage that can and must be repaired ***today***		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/4/2021 20:28	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/4/2021 20:36	St Lucie		No	Yes		1 time			Remove it and restore free flow.	The springs are in terrible condition.	Manatees will continue to die. 2020 and 2021 they were dying of starvation and less access.	No.		The money I voted for in the tax increase is there. This is the most cost effective use of the money with the greatest environmental improvement. Please make this dam come out!
10/4/2021 20:40	Marion		No	No					Nature needs to be restored to what she was before this boon-dongle was created.	The quality of the water in the Florida Aquifer	What kind of water/ecosystem are we leaving for future generations	Anything that aligns with returning the area to what it was. Natural, not a money making or bureaucratic endeavor		This area must be "put back". It is time to set politics aside, big business aside, and do what is necessary to sustain Florida's Ecosystem
10/4/2021 20:47	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	30 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		
10/4/2021 20:48	Outside of state / other	Ky	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	I think the reservoir should remain in place. It is always an amazing experience to see the birds and other wildlife that make the area home. The fishing is truly unique and the health and quality of the fish are outstanding.	The preservation of this unique recreational property for generations to come.	The welfare of the wildlife that live in and around the reservoir.	No. Leave it alone.		
10/4/2021 21:15	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Hunting Wildlife viewing						
10/4/2021 21:37	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Florida's ecosystem is very fragile. We have destroyed the Everglades - the only place like it in the entire world - and have gone too far down the path of destruction to hope for a complete recovery. We still have a chance to undo some of the damage done to the Ocklawaha River Basin. With the dam breached and the river returned to its natural state, thousands of acres could be returned to provide habitat for our native plant and animal species that are losing habitat at a rapid pace across Florida. We could preserve some of natural Florida for future generations - and increase the ecotourism offerings in Central Florida. The positive economic impact would benefit the area which would offset any economic loss from draining the reservoir. A win for the future of Florida in every way - a win for the native plants and animals, a win for the preservation of nature, a win for the economy, and a win for our descendants!	That we will continue to lose what makes Florida unique - like we lost the Everglades - and not due to any natural disaster or global warming - just to our own stupidity. We have a chance to be heroes to our children and grandchildren - we should not lose our opportunity.	Absolutely none - the breaching of the dam is long overdue. The cross Florida barge canal seemed like a good idea at the time - however, it has proven to be destructive to the environment and never served it's original purpose. We should take this opportunity to right the wrong.ALL THE WAY - not just partially.	Please do the right thing for the future of Florida. Thank you for your time.
10/4/2021 22:26	Outside of state / other	Cartersville	No	No					I would like to see the manatees live out their lives peacefully and the resources get more advanced and more worldwide.	I LOVE MANATEES. Also I would love to see them live a happy life.	That manatee would not live peacefully.	Being more worldwide and becoming more advanced in saving the manatees.		
10/4/2021 23:30	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river and land restored to their natural state.	Research has shown that restored areas help wildlife and naturally filter the water.	My biggest concern is that Florida's natural ecology will never be restored thus preventing future generations the experience of seeing the wild beauty of Florida.	No. Remove the dam, drain the reservoir and restore the ecosystems.		
10/4/2021 23:51	Alachua		No	No						Removal	Save the manatees	Continued decrease in manatee and fish habitats / resources and thus their population eventually.	Slow removal of the dam	
10/4/2021 23:59	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing		leave it be, its beautiful				
10/5/2021 2:41	Hillsborough		No	No						Remove the dam	No Rodman Dam = healthier St Johns River, more Manatee shelter and migration, 20 Springs to recreate in, etc. Those springs bring in a lot of money. AND fishing will probably improve.			
10/5/2021 4:49	Duval		No	No						Restore the Ocklawaha River	It stands as an impediment to the movement of native Florida wildlife.	Impact to wildlife and water quality.	No	
10/5/2021 5:39	Duval		No	No						Tear down the dam and bring back the springs	Manatees are having their deadliest year on record. This would provide an essential food source and habitat for them.	Manatee populations continue to decline.	No.	
10/5/2021 5:58	Duval		No	No						Remove the Dam and restore the river	Lack of biodiversity in river. Manatees are dying.			
10/5/2021 6:13	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating	remove the dam and restore the river	return access to our river, the natural way to Silver Springs, Ieesburg, etc.	the river and areas surrounding it will never return to the way they were and the cost of keeping the dam running and operating will continue to increase every year.	No. I have been fighting this for years. the dam is only supported for the fishermen.		Lets get the dam removed before we spend a fortune to restore it for no reason other than the fishermen.
10/5/2021 6:26	Columbia		No	No					I would not like to see it move forward. I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state.	The dam serves no purpose other than for fisherman. The river's water quality and quantity has been degraded; the river's wildlife has also been harmed. Restoring the river would bring more outdoor tourism to the area than fishermen.	That once again Florida's flora and fauna fall victim to mismanagement.	The dam either stays or goes; I'm not sure you could leave it there and still have complete river flow.		
10/5/2021 6:29	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	I would like to see the dam removed to restore the river	I have a degree in Forestry, and I have been on the Rodman lake. I have read the newspaper articles for and against restoring the river. It seems obvious that, politics and money aside, the ecologic benefits would be better by restoring the river.	a weed choked lake would remain.	no		see the lake for yourself. Boat up the river below the dam. it is obvious
10/5/2021 6:48	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river	The St John's River is saltier and plant life is dying.	The destruction of the river plants and ecology	No		There has been too much discussion and not enough action. A handful of jobs should not hold up correcting a mistake made decades ago.
10/5/2021 6:48	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other	remove the dam	St Johns River Keeper		No		
10/5/2021 6:50	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I have hiked near the dam.	The dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state.	Scientific research.	The effect on tourism.	No.		
10/5/2021 6:52	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Totally remove the dam or partially breach it	Restoring the natural environment	Higher salinity in the St Johns river	Not sure what the options are		
10/5/2021 7:02	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it , restoring the flow of freshwater to the St John's River	Ecohns Riverkeeper provides good data to its members and the public	Continued degradation of St John's River	Not aware of one .		In this case , the bass fishing interests in water backed up by Rodman dam are not as important to Florida's future as the free flow of the water. Water is Florida's most important resource
10/5/2021 7:06	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha restored	Dying seagrass due to increased salinity downstream of the dam. Prefer to see the larger river system benefit rather than preserving one small part of it.	No concerns. A natural state is always better than a man-made state. We have many environmental problems to fix. This is one of them. Fix it and move on to the next.	No		Great, unique bass fishing spot, but there are many great bass fishing spots all throughout Florida.
10/5/2021 7:40	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just for viewing	Removed and restore the waterways	The review by informed scientists.	We will continue to destroy our environment.	No.		
10/5/2021 7:43	Duval		No	No		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Restore the river to its pre-canal status.	Man meesses up everything we touch!	Continued destruction of natural habitat and the spring?H20 system of Florida	Nope		Just restore the Natural River
10/5/2021 7:46	Levy		No	No					The Kirkpatrick Dam should be removed.	Decades of research showing deleterious effects of dams. This dam is particularly disruptive to manatees.	Further botching of a natural waterway	What are the alternatives that are supportable?		
10/5/2021 7:47	Duval		No	No					remove the dam. the sooner the better.	freeing the Ocklawaha river	a small group is allowed to overrride a larger group. politics usa.	no		i cant believe this dam has been allowed to impede the flow of a major river for so long.
10/5/2021 8:07	Duval		No	Yes			1 time			History. restore to the prior ecological system that supports our waterways and surrounding biota	The future of the St Johns River will be negatively impacted, especially as pressure increases to draw water from the river due primarily to ongoing population increase.	I am not sure how to view this as anything but an "either or" question.		
10/5/2021 8:09	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Boating		Get rid of it and restore the Oklawaha	There are too many stumps to enjoy boating! The Oklawaha is beautiful and the water needs to be restored!	The Oklawaha will no longer exist!	No	I have a house in Buffalo Bluff in the river! I dated my husband in the Oklawaha! Bring it back for us to enjoy as well as the wildlife! The Rodman is only good for various fisherman, not boaters! Too many stumps and it's not pretty!
10/5/2021 8:09	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		I want the Dam removed!	The studies that show the benefit to the Ocklawaha, Silver River, and St Johns. IT will be great for the water quality and for wildlife.	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha	How do you partially remove a dam?	
10/5/2021 8:12	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/5/2021 8:15	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating	Restore the river to its natural flow	Studies presented by the St. Johns Riverkeeper and my personal experience.	The permanent destruction of the natural flow of the river.	No		
10/5/2021 8:18	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, restore the waterway	DEP reports	Continued degradation of the river and associated habitats	No		
10/5/2021 8:29	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and let the Ocklawaha flow naturally again.	The ecological impact he dam has had on the St Johns River.	Further degradation to the St Johns River.	No other options seem viable.		
10/5/2021 8:30	Duval		No	No					Remove dam and restore river to its natural flow.	It's the way nature intended it to be.	further ecological destruction	possibly.		
10/5/2021 8:34	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	improvement of surrounding waterways, benefit manatees, native fish species, etc.	postponing the right thing to do.			
10/5/2021 8:35	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river to its natural flow	https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/environment/2021/10/01/ocklawaha-river-restor-it-consoder-kirkpatrick-rodman-dam/5980682001/	Continued harm to the St. Johns River	No		
10/5/2021 8:36	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: Not at all. I live in Welaka and we go up to the dam by boat from the St. Johns River. That stops us from going any farther.	Open it up and allow the Oklawaha to run free as it should.	The dam has stopped all migrating fish and wildlife from continuing up the Oklawaha as it should be. Removing the dam does not stop people from fishing. They will be able to fish on the Oklawaha like we do on the lower river.	More of the same backward logic. The dam does not do anything positive for the river and its inhabitants. The fisherman that use it will still go fishing on the Oklawaha like we do on all the other parts of the river. The river would actually get a lot more usage from the lower end of the river.	No. Open up the Oklawaha river.	I have been to the Rodman dam at least 30 - 50 times. I have never seen more than a dozen people fishing at the dam. On the actual reservoir, I have seen fisherman there but not all that many. Who pays for the maintenance on this structure that blocks all access from the lower Oklawaha? If it is so healthy, why do they have to drain it down every few years to help clean it out? I have even seen Manatees on the lower Oklawaha trying to go up river. The lock is in operation. Who pays for that ridiculous scenario? A lock that gets used once or twice a week? I have never seen it in operation.
10/5/2021 8:39	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the original river to it's natural state	Nature always knows best!	Continued environmental damage	No		
10/5/2021 8:42	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river	Newspaper articles	Continued degradation of the St John's river			
10/5/2021 8:46	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam	Restoring the natural flow of the river and improving water quality	Death of natural habitat	No		
10/5/2021 8:46	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian in the world.
10/5/2021 8:52	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I feel that the Kirkpatrick Dam needs to allow more water from the Rodman Reservoir to enter the St. Johns River to improve the health of the river and Silver Springs associated with reservoir. The water in the river and the springs has deteriorated significantly since the Ocklawaha dam was built. There is no need for a canal which was never completed. Wetlands and springs which have been effacted by the dam need to be restored to their natural origins to improve the ecology of the region from Ocala, Palatka and Jacksonville. Removing these wetlands destroyed the ecology and drainage from this entire region. Restoration of the natural environment of the region will improve the food web in Silver, Ocklawaha and lower St. Johns River by offsetting the impact of dredging, pavinging and wetland destruction. It would also help curb the creep of salinity of the St. Johns River which is heading further south each year and changing the ecology of the river negatively.	Algae blooms have increased dramatically the last 10 years. Vegetation in the St. Johns River is declining. Manatees are dying due to a shortage of food. People are unable to swim or fish in the river due to the poison in the water. An increase in fresh water would improve the safety of the water.	The St. Johns River will become a flowing, smelly nuisance flowing through our community rather than a thing of beauty. The springs will stop flowing as they clog up with chemicals. The natural regeneration areas which help recharge the aquafer will become less effective each year which cause salt water intrusion and less potable water.		
10/5/2021 8:53	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: hiking around it						
10/5/2021 8:53	St Johns		No	No					Tear down the dam! Remove it completely.	Ecological damage to the river and surrounding areas.	Continued harm to the river	No		
10/5/2021 8:53	Duval		No	Yes				Other: Informational	It should be removed	Combination of impact on water quality and deleterious effects on manatees, etc.				
10/5/2021 8:57	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I think the dams should be removed.	Many areas of the country are removing old ill- conceived dams. Oregon and Washington have already done many dam removals. The dams interrupt migratory routes for fish and manatees. We need to better respect our natural environments and get back on a path toward saving our planet. Although our planet will survive, we may be seeing the beginnings of human extinction.	Concern for the natural environment if Florida. Our state is a remarkable place, but it needs protection.	I don't think so.		Thank you for seeking the interests of the people of the state.
10/5/2021 9:00	St Johns		No	No					Tear down the dam	Put the river back in its natural state. Make the St John's river and its tributaries cleaner	Dame old ho hum and do nothing			
10/5/2021 9:03	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and let nature take its course in repairing five decades of man-caused damage.	Science/ecology/common sense. A cross-state canal was a classic boondoggle with no economic or ecological justification.	That we would continue to maintain an expensive and damaging structure.	No		It is long past time to cure this problem by removing the dam.
10/5/2021 9:03	Duval		No	No					Tear it down!!! It was absurd to begin with and has totaly screwed south Florida waterways including the Everglades.	The deterioration of the rives and springs and animals and fish that rely on it. Remember when Silver Spring was a major tourist attraction?	Continue ill effects on the rivers and lakes and the Everglades in Florida.	NO! You are messing around with Mother Nature!		Do not let Nestles have water rights n Florida! We only have so much water you know. Less water, less evaporation, less evaporation, less return of water to the state with painful.
10/5/2021 9:05	Duval		No	No						restore flow of Ocklawaha River	Environmental Health of the river system & positive impact on wildlife, migratory routes	Continued deterioration of biodiversity and poor water quality	The dam should at least be breached to restore the river flow to pre-dam conditions	
10/5/2021 9:06	Duval		No	No						Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha	River water quality	River pollution gets worse	Not really	No
10/5/2021 9:14	Duval		No	No						Remove it.	Scientific evidence. Multiple studies. Recommendations from all environmental organizations support the immediate removal of this dam. Let the river flow as nature intended!	Continued environmental destruction.	No.	I support the complete removal of this environmental boondoggle.
10/5/2021 9:16	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the flow of the Ocklawaha River returned to normal.	Being an active boater on the St. Johns River, I have observed the consequences of the reduced flow of fresh water resulting in dying vegetation due to salt water intrusion. Also, I read the scientist analysis that makes many arguments for removing the dam.	Continued salt water intrusion into the river, resulting in additional impacts on the vegetation and marine life. This could also increase the likelihood of more often and sever algae blooms in the river. Generally, overall continued environmental deterioration to the lower river. Also, the cost of continuing to maintain the dam and potential catastrophic damage to massive failure of the dam.	Possibly, but none that I am aware of.		I am personally familiar with Dead Lakes in the Florida Panhandle which and the damn restricting the flow natural flow of the Chipola River, springs, creeks of that area. While the fishing was good, it deteriorated over time. Ultimately that damn was removed and the area has since made great improvements.
10/5/2021 9:17	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.	Rodman is a great world known fishing destination. It provides so much space for many people in many boats to enjoy their pastimes whether they are fishing, boating, or wildlife viewing. Keeping Rodman and the surrounding area the same makes the most sense. People can go to the large reservoir or they can go to small rivers. No need to change anything. Another great thing about Rodman is the ability to control the water level. In times of drought (which we all know will return) the reservoir can be kept full when other natural lakes may get very low. Even to the point of being almost dry like the Orange Lake cycle. People can always have access to a lake with Rodman in the area. Rodman is a great tourist destination for fishermen. Many people visit to attempt to catch their largest bass ever. And many have succeeded! Rodman has great wildlife viewing. The shoreline (much longer than would exist with a small winding river) provides habitat for many birds and animals. Ospreys and Bald Eagles can often be seen. Their nests are visible in many parts of Rodman. The drawdown program for Rodman has kept the reservoir "young" and productive. The fishing has not declined as so often happens with other man-made reservoirs. And weed control using drawdowns is so much preferred to chemical treatments!	The large beautiful reservoir would be gone. A small windy river would be all that remained. The size of the Ocklawaha River makes it unsuitable for large numbers of typically sized pleasure or fishing boats. The area has several locations where rivers are available for use by those who like that type of recreation. Miles of the Ocklawaha either before Rodman or below the dam are available for people in small boats or canoes or kayaks. The Silver River is just slightly south as another similar location. Rodman is the only lake in the area where the water level can be controlled. This provides great benefits.	No. If the dam is removed then Rodman is gone. That would be a tragedy.		Input from local people who frequent the reservoir should carry the most weight. Area people absolutely want to keep Rodman. There is a small but vocal group who have been trying to remove Rodman for decades. They end up trying to make their case with crazy claims about reduced fresh water flow, less wildlife, a "weed-choked" lake, etc. In standard conditions, all normal flow of the Ocklawaha River just travels into and out of Rodman to the St. Johns River. Fresh water flow is whatever nature provides. This only changes during the periodic drawdowns and this impact on the St. Johns River is trivial. Rodman supports more wildlife of all types than would a small "restored" Ocklawaha River. Weeds in Rodman facilitate the great fishing for all species of game fish. The water depths with old river channels and the like keep boating access open. And drawdowns can reduce the weeds if necessary.

10/5/2021 9:20	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Visited to look at the structure	Take the dam down. Restore Ocklawaha	The science that supports restoring the ecology and economy of the entire region from Ocala to Jacksonville.	The continued cost to maintain a structure that has no real purpose	No		
10/5/2021 9:29	Putnam		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Be taken down	I grew up on that River it was better when it Fla's free seen first-hand	Being baffled by humans once again	No		I have always loved this River and it needs to be restored
10/5/2021 9:31	Pinellas		No	No					Preserved	Save the manatees	Manatee endangerment	No		
10/5/2021 9:33	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir remain the way it currently is. Have you visited the Rodman area. It is beautiful. When you spend a few hours in the Rodman area, you will probably see many different types of water birds, ospreys, eagles and manatees. One of the best areas to fish in the state is the Rodman Reservoir.	The bass fishing and wildlife viewing is outstanding.	If the reservoir returns to its former self, the ability to view the wildlife will be more difficult. Currently, the viewing is wide open. Birds are plentiful and easy to see. In a creek or river, the ability to view would be obstructed by trees. The fishing is outstanding and one of the best areas in the state for bass.	If the reservoir goes back to its original state, why would I need to visit it for wildlife viewing and fishing. I live in Ponte Vedra. I have several opportunities to visit water nearby with the Atlantic Ocean, the intercoastal and Guana State Park. I go to the Rodman because it is a special place. The bass fishing is the best around. If the reservoir disappears, I will not return.	The way I see it, one side of the public wants the reservoir to remain the way it currently is. The other side wants the reservoir to go back to the way it was. Who wants it to go back to the way it was? Have those people actually visited the reservoir? Have they spent a day on the water for the viewing of many species of birds that are attracted to the area? Have they seen the gentle creatures called manatees come near your boat while fishing and stay in the area for 30 minutes? And, do they fish for bass. Best bass fishing in north Florida. The people who are voting on the Rodman should be those people who have actually visited the reservoir. What have they seen that should promote a change? I do not support a change in the Rodman. The many people visiting the Rodman are also spending money for gas, food, hotels, fishing supplies and etc. This money goes back to the town of Palatka. I wonder what kind of changes are in store for Palatka if the Rodman changes. Currently much of the money spent goes back to the town of Palatka. This is a town that I'm pretty certain, depends on the Rodman.
10/5/2021 9:36	Levy		No	No					The Kirkpatrick Dam should be removed and the Rodman Reservoir allowed to drain so that the Oklawaha River can return to its natural water course.	The Cross Florida Barge Canal was a boondoggle of the highest order from its inception. There was no valid economic justification to build the dam or create the reservoir and there never has been a valid economic justification for allowing it to continue. Maintaining the dam and reservoir is an irresponsible use of scarce resources and a prime example of the worse sort of political backscratching. After 50 years, it is time to tell the politically connected good old boys it is time for the dam and reservoir to go.	The continued waste of money contrary to all valid cost benefit studies in order to appease the wishes of a politically connected minority.	No, there is no "middle" ground that justifies the continued existence of the dam and reservoir. It was conceived because of greed and stupidity; it was built because of greed and stupidity; and it continues to this day because of greed and stupidity. There is no need to compromise for compromise sake when there is no rational basis to support anything other than the removal of the dam and natural restoration of the river. In this instance, pandering to greed and stupidity is no justification for agreeing to a partial solution for the sake of compromise. Sometimes the right solution is the only solution.	acknowledge that I am biased. My wife worked with Mrs. Carr in the 70's to restore the Oklawaha and we have been members of Florida Defenders of the Environment since that time. However, I have a degree in resource economics and the opinions expressed herein are primarily based on a cost/benefit analysis that does not support or justify the continued existence of the dam and reservoir. Thanks.
10/5/2021 9:37	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and let the river go back to it's natural course.	There is no cross-Florida canal at this location and the dam is hurting the flora/fauna/water environment in NE Florida	Continued negative environmental impacts.	No.		Please remove the dam...it's time and removal will support a more vital natural environment for all to enjoy--both humans and fish/animals/birds/critters while supporting a more robust natural, green space.
10/5/2021 9:39	Marion		No	Yes				Other	Taken down and restored to original water flow. Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir are a hinderance to natural and original water flow and cause great damage to the natural order. Manatees would be helped by removal of this obstruction.		That things continue on the same damaging path.			
10/5/2021 9:40	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other	Restore river	My father rafted logs down O river years ago.... got caught in log jam for days. Ate swamp cabbage to survive on way to St Johns River where logs moved logs to Jacksonville sawmill.	Sadness that normal nature will not happen	No			
10/5/2021 9:43	Leon		No	No					Free the damn dam NOW! And sign the 5 petitions generated by FLS.	Ensuring the pristine nature of our state's many springs and rivers	A continuation of the human attitude that we can do almost anything even if natural waterways are compromised	no		Please encourage your audience to sign the FLS.org petitions to help save our waterways and wetlands!
10/5/2021 9:47	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other	I'd like to see reservoir removed	Climate change and water resource	Death of the river	No			
10/5/2021 9:47	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and allow the river to flow free!	Nature does it best!	More of the same blockage will not make it better.	No			
10/5/2021 9:48	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing. Keep Rodman open for use. Do not remove the dam.	The reservoir is a great and unique destination in this area of Florida. The great majority of area residents favor keeping it because it provides a large area for water recreation.	Our area would lose a fantastic and unique lake.	no. If the dam is removed Rodman would be gone.		Keep Rodman Reservoir for our use
10/5/2021 9:49	Hillsborough		Yes	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river flow. Repair the environmental damage done by this boondoggle	This was built to support an ill conceived transportation project that was never completed and serves no purpose	Not restoring and preserving Florida's natural environment and protecting the water supply	No		
10/5/2021 9:49	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing		Dismantle the dam	Mostly from conservationists that say it should come down	Water of St Johns river will remain in poor quality	No		
10/5/2021 9:51	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Be removed and allowed to be restored.	The harm it is doing ecologically and environmentally.	The damage it will cause in the future	No		None at this time
10/5/2021 9:53	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the reservoir and the dam as they are now and have been for 50 years.	The greatest benefit to the greatest number of people results from having Rodman as well as the small area rivers like the rest of the Ocklawaha. If Rodman is eliminated all that would remain there is a small little river that can't handle anywhere near the number of boats as Rodman.	A lake that my family has visited for decades would be gone.	NO		Rodman is a great location. Never let it go away.
10/5/2021 9:53	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Bird photography, picnicking	Demolish the dam, restore the Oklawaha ss springs and tributaries dependent upon this source are resupplied. Important to ecotourism and numerous communities downstream.	Scientific studies have all concluded restoration of the Oklawaha is among the most important factors in restoration of riverine health.	That the springs' qualities continue to deteriorate, that algae blooms continue to proferate, endangering human and wildlife.	No there is none.		Thank you for opportunity to express alarm and concern for this great Florida treasure, the Oklawaha River.
10/5/2021 9:54	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just drove in area to look around	Tear down the dam and restore natural flow of river.	I've been following this for years. The dam was created as part of a failed canal project. It shouldn't be there. I read the newspaper and various newsletters from river keepers etc...	Manatee and fish habitat, free flowing springs that would help with st. John's river water quality.	I don't know one at this time.		
10/5/2021 9:58	St Johns		No	No					Would like to see restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The original reason and purpose of the reservoir that was built from legislature halting the Cross Florida Barge canal is obsolete.	This would continue to negatively impact water quality and biology of the St. Johns River.	None at this time.		The damn should be removed to restore a natural balance to the environmental waterways. People who may be impacted by home properties should be compensated if negatively impacted by removal of the dam.
10/5/2021 9:58	Escambia		No	No					I would like to see it removed.	The Ocklawaha river should be restored to it's natural state. I am very concerned about Manatees, and they need to be able to use the springs that were completely covered up by the formation of this reservoir.	Further degradation of Florida's water system. Also, the cost involved in maintaining the dam.	No.		This dam should never have been built in the first place. The cross Florida Barge Canal was done away with by Richard Nixon and the rest of it should have stopped then. The amount of revenue that will be generated by restoring the Ocklawaha River will surpass any gained from leaving the reservoir. Please end this environmental mistake.
10/5/2021 10:00	Duval		No	Yes				Fishing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored.	The quality of the St Johns and the benefit to manatees.	Algae blooms will continue to increase in the river and slat water intrusion will increase.			The Rodman Dam was a political boondoggle to begin with and needs to be removed.
10/5/2021 10:01	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Boating	I think the dam should be removed.					
10/5/2021 10:01	Clay		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Dismantle the dam. Restore flow to the Ocklawaha River. Restore flow of submerged springs. Restore stocks of native fish species. Eliminate Tilapia.	Deteriorating health of the St. Johns River system.	Continued deterioration of the St. Johns River and Ocklewaha area wetlands.	No.		
10/5/2021 10:08	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Removed and the river restored	That removing it will benefit the ecology of the entire region.	The health of the St. John's river and the aquifer.	No.		
10/5/2021 10:19	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Removed	Revitalization of the Cross Florida barge canal.	The loss of the 20 springs that feed the St. John's River.	No		
10/5/2021 10:19	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other	Open the dam	Restore the Ocklawaha	Further degradation of the St. John's River.	No		
10/5/2021 10:40	Orange		No	No					I wish to see the restoration of the natural Ocklawaha River!! This can only be achieved by removing the Rodman Dam, which has caused endless harm to the wildlife, water quality,and even economy of the raceway.	There have been dozens of lost springs and ecosystems destroyed, specifically the Silver Springs.	The fish, manatee, and other wildlife populations are devastated from continued destruction of water quality. Look at the Indian River Lagoon - dead manatees and fish everywhere due to government lack of support.	The dam needs removal - it should have been removed decades ago!		As our technology advances, individuals are being exposed less and less to our natural resources. Every boundary placed to make our wildlife removes the chance for thousands of generations to fall in love with nature just like I did. Restoring the river is essential.
10/5/2021 10:41	Duval		No	Yes		1 time			Remove the dam please	Ecology and St Johns river flow	The future of our water system			
10/5/2021 10:47	Duval		No	No		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like it taken down and have the Ocklawaha restored.	That there is a depletion of fish life by 90% since the dam went up.	Concerns are the continuous depletion of fish life, manatees and water quality.	No		Breaching this dam is the number one thing we could do in support of our natural waterways.
10/5/2021 10:48	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	SJRK information	Continue degradation of the rivers	Partial removal of the dam and permanent drawdown		
10/5/2021 11:01	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam and reservoir as is.	Loss of reservoir would be a great loss of bass fishing and a great refuge for waterfowl.	Loss of bass fishing and sanctuary for waterfowl.	No.		Rodman Reservoir and the outstanding bass fishing is what drew me to this area over 30 years ago. Health issues have recently kept me from going to Rodman, but I hope to return to fishing in the near future. Fishermen like me have supported the local economy by buying food, lures and gasoline. Canoeing can still be done down stream of Rodman Dam. If you visit the reservoir during a draw down you will be able to see a amazing variety of waterfowl using it as a sanctuary.
10/5/2021 11:05	Orange		No	Yes					Breach it	Restore the springs and oklawaha	Lose a good fishing spot for no good reason	No		
10/5/2021 11:18	Duval		No	No					Removal	Waterways being restored for manatees, restoring the springs, reviving fish life	The suffocation and depletion of our springs and restriction of water flow to the St. John's.	No		
10/5/2021 11:18	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the damn removed Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state	I would like to see the damn removed Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state	The health of the Saint Johns River. Restoring the natural wetlands and the springs.	No		
10/5/2021 11:21	St Johns		No	No					I think the Dam should be breached to allow for restoration of the Ocklawaha, returning the river to its natural flow. The St Johns & Silver rivers should be reconnected.					
10/5/2021 11:24	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and the Ocklawaha restored to a more natural flow.	Research studies indicating benefits to the ecology as well as the economy of the area affected.	Continued degradation of the riverine systems affected by Rodman.	No.		
10/5/2021 11:26	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Flow from the Ocklawaha effects all downstream users in the lower St Johns River Basin	Restore of the free flow and ecosystem of the Ocklawaha River.	The restoration of the Silver Springs ecosystem and multiple springs, natural flow to the St Johns River needed to avert the adverse impacts of increased dredging near the mouth of the river.	The prescient opportunity to restore this once-magnificent ecosystem will be lost for another 50 years.	No. This is long overdue. Failure to do this will demonstrate one more political decision to support limited business interests over the protection and conservation of our natural resources.		Please, we have witnesses tragic degradation of Florida's water resources under the past two administrations. How about doing something positive for a change.
10/5/2021 11:26	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Boating	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		Florida is rapidly losing its natural areas to development. River systems are being polluted and ruined. Algae blooms are everywhere. Wildlife is in decline. This is a chance to right a terrible wrong and restore a beautiful and unique Florida aquatic ecosystem that will attract nature lovers from around the world.
10/5/2021 11:37	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/5/2021 11:39	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: n/a, don't use	Restore free flow of the river, wildlife movement streams, and plants. Reduce maintenance costs.		Increased Expense to water, wildlife, plants, maintenance of the dam.	Partial restoration		
10/5/2021 11:42	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: To observe first hand the negative effect the reservoir and dam are having on the Oklawaha River .	I would like to see the Dam removed and the natural flow of the Oklawaha River restored.	The Dam and Reservoir has blocked the Oklawaha's flow for 50 years or more. The dam has blocked the movement of aquatic life. It has also degraded the water quality in the surrounding area.	The water quality flowing to the St Johns and through the Oklawaha River areas will be made worse. The environmental damage can easily be seen as well as harm to all of the species of wildlife in this Ecosystem.	ABSOLUTELY NONE		I grew up traveling the 80 +miles from the St John's River up the Oklawaha to Silver Springs at least once each summer with our family by boat. The water quality and other environmental damage from Dam and Reservoir is blatantly obvious. For crying out loud, get up from your desks and go look at it first hand.
10/5/2021 11:42	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/5/2021 11:51	Polk		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River	The dam has covered the presence of multiple natural springs(20), and is costly to maintain for little benefit and a continued destruction of the natural environment. The state has the funds; this is a no-brainer cost effective use of environment funding to restore the natural environment of the Ocklawaha area	This is a very cost-effective way of restoring a large area of the natural environment. It is foolish to throw good money after bad by continuing the maintenance of the dam, as the barge canal was canceled in the 1970'sPresident Nixon can you believe it?), yet we still throw money at it.	Not of which I am aware		We are at a tipping point concerning the destruction of Florida's natural environment. As a fifth generation Floridian, I have seen many changes in my over 70 years. I am concerned with loss of natural habitat due to explosive population growth. We need to value Florida for what it once was-there is more here than sunny skies and warm winter weather. I want my grandchildren and their offspring to be able to experience some of the Florida environment I have enjoyed in my lifetime.
10/5/2021 12:06	Marion		No	No					Finally after years of ,effort on the part of environmentalists, I would like to see the dams torn down.	I support the the environmentals like Bob Knight.	The lakes continue to deteriorate.	No		
10/5/2021 12:11	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/5/2021 12:11	Duval		No	No					Removal of the Dam and the free flow of the river.	Information on the damage caused to wildlife and the health of the St Johns River.	Continued deterioration of both of the above concerns.	No		
10/5/2021 12:11	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	I would like to see the dam breached/removed in order to restore the Ocklawaha River to its prior condition of flowing to the St Johns.	Research from experts indicates the dam's removal will provide ecological and economic benefits to the region. The dam was only constructed because of its role in the long-abandoned Cross-Florida barge canal.	Continued degradation of food supply for manatees and other wildlife that rely on quality fresh water.			
10/5/2021 12:12	Outside of state / other	Jefferson, NH	No	No					BREACH the dam; restore the waterway!	Manatees are dying	Manatees at gone	no		
10/5/2021 12:14	Duval		No	No					Returned to natural state	Environmental impact of current dam on lakes, wildlife, flora and fauna supporting wildlife and the overall health of the St. Johns river	The continued environmental degradation. Rodman lake will support tourism and fishing if returned to its former state.	Haven't seen one proposed.		Thank you for allowing input in this Florida issue
10/5/2021 12:26	Duval		No	Yes				Other: many years ago we went camping there	get rid of this monster and restore the natural flow of the river before it comes crashing down anyway. We do not need to continue to support this dam because a select group wants to fish. Restore the river and they can fish in the river. They knew 50 years ago that this was environmental detrimental	a natural habitat for fish, manatees, etc. is far more important than someone catching a big fish for sport. These mammals depend on our help for their absolute survival	that even more instances like this may occur and a species that lives in our rivers will be gone forever Man should not be allowed to destroy this God-given land and its inhabitants	breaching the dam is not what I desire but it is better than nothing		50 years ago it was known that this dam and the continued cross-Florida barge canal was environmentally destructive so can someone please explain to me why this is even an issue? this dam should have been undone 50 years ago and the beautiful Ocklawaha would flow in all of its glory insuring better water quality and better environments for our fish, mammals and wildlife. I am 77 years old please make it happen in my life time.
10/5/2021 12:45	St Johns		No	No					Take the dam down!	Restoring the Ocklawaha river to benefit many existing issues that have been identified!	That politics once again blocks another worthy project!	No!!!		This awful decision to do this dam injustice to the Ocklawaha has lasted far too long and MUST be corrected asap!
10/5/2021 12:51	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam.	Restoration of he natural Oklawaha River. No more chemical spraying of he reservoir.	Continued chemical spraying of the reservoir and not allowing the natural flowing of the Ocklawaha River.	NO!		It is noticeably apparent that the cross Florida barge canal should never have been started in the first place. So, restoration of the changes that were made should have been made immediately. It's not too late now.

10/5/2021 12:52	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	• 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. • 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. • Imperilled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. • Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Cross to Osceola (COO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat.Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida • Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. • Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. • Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. • Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. • At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. • An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. • The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing	• The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperilled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. • Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. • The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. • Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. • Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida • The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the COO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etoniah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. • Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. • Imperilled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Free the Ocklawaha!!
10/5/2021 13:01	Marion		No	Yes		1 time 2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The original purpose of the dam no longer exists
10/5/2021 13:01	Volusia		No	No				Removal the dam	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Way overdue	
10/5/2021 13:02	Alachua		No	No				Remove the Dam so the river can flow along its pervious course and the springs can be restored.	The environmental degradation along the rivers natural course, the Dam's barrier to the natural movement of aquatic wild like, and salt water intrusion at the mouth of the St. John's River is Jacksonville caused by the lack of natural water flow.	The continued degradation of the natural environment caused by the present of the Dam.	No, the Dam must be removed.	The original purpose of the Dam was removed when the cross Florida canal was stopped. So the Dam has not purpose.
10/5/2021 13:25	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	It's removal and restoration of the original river flow	I saw and enjoyed that part of the river system before Rodman and see what the dam did to impede the natural flow of the springs and rivers.	The damage to the environment and the declining health of the St Johns is at a critical point-maybe even too late, but we need to try.	Stop allowing so much removal of water from the aquafer in that part of the State	I am 85 years old and got to see the amazing beauty of the rivers and springs before Rodman. The barge canal was lunacy, and putting bass fishing above the chance to restore the river before it was too late was cras greed by the few who benefited. For once, let's try to preserve what is left of this once pristine environment ,we are running out of time- it may even be too late.
10/5/2021 13:32	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing!! It is perfect	All the wild life	It would be ruined, the wild life and fishery lost	None	Leave it alone. Improve parks and viewing areas
10/5/2021 13:32	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Other: Remembering how it used to be before the dam.	To restore the Ocklawaha River to as close as it was before it was obstructed by the dam. The natural flow of the Ocklawaha will allow the numerous springs to recover and become what nature intended. Our natural resources, especially water, is essential to life in all aspects. Please, please, please.	There are so many aside from spending my summers as a child on Lake Kerr and Salt and Juniper Springs. My memories and all that I have read.	We will not have enough healthy water to sustain the population that continues to grow.	The Barge Canal should have never happened. No, my desire is to restore to as close to what Mother Nature created.	It is time to heal our springs.
10/5/2021 13:33	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached or removed so that the tributary can flow into the St. Johns River	The ecological condition of the St. Johns River which should have had its tributary all these years.	Continued degradation of the St. Johns River	no	
10/5/2021 13:33	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like steps taken that would allow the Ocklawaha River to flow freely to the St. Johns River. This would necessarily require the elimination of the Rodman Reservoir.	Actions taken to achieve my position (stated above) would increase economic opportunities to the area, and allow the ecology of the central and northeast Florida St. Johns River system to return to its natural state. This would improve the water quality and environment within all the waterways involved while improving economic benefits to the Rodman area with increased tourism.	The water quality of the St. Johns River, Ocklawaha River, Silver River and others would continue to degrade to the detriment of the environment and area tourist industry.	If it cost too much to eliminate the dam, the at least permanently breach it to allow the Ocklawaha to flow freely to the St. Johns River. The breach should be sufficient to allow marine life to move up and down the entire length of the Ocklawaha system.	Studies seem to indicate removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam and the elimination of the Rodman reservoir would initiate an economic boom in the area. In addition to all the water quality and environmental benefits that would come from these actions.
10/5/2021 13:34	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Boating					
10/5/2021 13:37	Pinellas		No	No					Removed	River water quality	River quality continues to degrade	Expanding water flow through the damn
10/5/2021 13:40	Manatee		No	No					Removal	Improve the water flow to the springs	Continued degradation of the water quality	
10/5/2021 13:41	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam to restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Over 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. Fish and manatees could migrate without the dam impediments and challenges.	The environmental travesty of the Cross Florida Barge Canal continues and continues to degrade a significant national river system and its ecology for the purposes of maintaining a reservoir for fishing purposes. Secondly, the citizens have to continue to may to maintain this degraded system and its failing dam structures.	NO. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration. Let's show the world how Florida can do restoration right and create huge economic benefits through the entire Ocklawaha River system.	
10/5/2021 13:44	Duval		No	No				The fact that the dam and reservoir were originally a part of the trans Florida barge canal project and now make no sense as the project has been abandoned.	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha river returned to its natural state.	Natural flow to the St. John's river would continue to be maintained in an unnatural state		
10/5/2021 13:52	Citrus		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/5/2021 13:53	Nassau		No	Yes	1 time	1 time 2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would Like to see the dam breached.	Restoring the river and helping wildlife. Plus the springs are important.	Harm to wildlife	No	
10/5/2021 13:54	Pinellas		No	Yes	2-5 times	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	the Color of the water	Follow the science and let the water run	The deterioration of the rivers, and waterways.		
10/5/2021 13:55	Duval		No	No				I would like the dam to be removed to restore the river	It would be beneficial to native fish and to manatees. It would be healthier for our river systems and it is important that we begin to take care of them. Four different governors have supported removing the dam.	Detrimental to the health of our river systems and manatees and wildlife. We are already losing so many.		
10/5/2021 14:00	Duval		No	Yes			Wildlife viewing Other: Once a number of years ago.	I would prefer to see the dam removed and the original river restored to the extent possible.	I believe it would improve the health of the St. Johns River basin and the river itself.	Continued impact on the St. Johns and cost to maintain the status quo	No	I feel strongly that the short and long term health of the entire St. Johns River system would be greatly improved by returning the Ocklawaha to its condition prior to construction of the dam. I have and will continue to support the removal of the dam.
10/5/2021 14:07	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Just to visit.	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and return and restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural flow.	Returning the river's natural flow is common sense, and it benefits the ecology and economy of the entire region.	Continued cost of dam maintenance and a missed opportunity to restore and enhance the health of the vast network of tributaries, creeks and rivers as well as the enhancement of the food web throughout the lower St. John's River including the Silver and Ocklawaha Rivers.	No.	
10/5/2021 14:11	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Remove the dam.	Riverkeepers support removal of the dam. Marine biologists support removal of the dam. The Army Corps of Engineers cannot make better what God intended for the Ocklawaha River. Remove the dame to restore the Ocklawaha River to a more natural state.		No	
10/5/2021 14:17	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Remain as it is	economic development and water storage for extremely wet conditions	A mud hole would be created for the rest of my life and my Grandkids life	no	
10/5/2021 14:29	St Johns		No	No				Please remove the dam as soon as possible and restore the river to its original flow.	Improvement of the water quality of the St. Johns River system, both in the headwaters/springs and the flow to the ocean.	Continued deterioration of the Florida aquifer.	None noted.	
10/5/2021 14:29	Pasco		No	No				Have it removed	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No the dam is an unnecessary expense	SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/5/2021 14:36	Duval		No	No				The dam needs to be torn down and the river restored.	It was man made and should have never been built.	Continued water quality issues for the St. Johns	no	
10/5/2021 14:38	Duval		No	No				Breach the dams	Improve the health of the springs and rivers. Protect wildlife and allow it to flourish	Manatee and fish population will continue to struggle. Springs will continue to be suppressed.	I'm not aware of any	
10/5/2021 14:42	Alachua		No	No				Restoring the river by breaching the dam.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible.	No	I'd be much more like to visit and paddle the river if it was free flowing instead of stuck behind the dam.
10/5/2021 14:42	Monroe		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River to a free flow by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Seeing the 4 year draw down reveals what is lost a quickly begins to recover during the draw down only to be lost again	The benefit to manatees, birds and other native wildlife would be immense.	Continued natural environment damage and loss.	There really is no halfway working solution.	While not a resident of the area (but of state), I love visiting the area, but seeing the dam an its damage is painful.
10/5/2021 14:43	Sarasota		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it as-is. It is one of Florida's greatest wildlife habitats.	Numerous wildlife sightings	Draining thousands of acres of wetlands would be devastating and would destroy wildlife. Where is the justification prohibiting draining much smaller wetland areas while justifying the draining of one of the largest wetland areas in the State of Florida?	No	
10/5/2021 14:43	Duval		No	No				Tear it down and return the River to its natural flow	Improve water flow, restore and preserve springs and wildlife/fish/aquatic life	Continued degradation of springs and habitat	No	
10/5/2021 14:43	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Open back up the river.	We need to restore our springs. We are destroying out environment with dams like this. Manatee need habitats restored.	Just more death of our beautiful Florida.	No.. Please save our state.	
10/5/2021 14:47	Alachua		No	No				it to be removed	to free the Ocklawaha river	the native species will be negatively impacted and some resulting in no longer living in the Ocklawaha River	NO!! take down the dam!!	
10/5/2021 14:52	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I want Rodman Reservoir to remain as a lake. So no change should happen to the dam.	local residents strongly favor keeping Rodman. Many people use Rodman for fishing and boating and wildlife viewing certainly a great many more than would or could use a small restored river. Rodman offers huge flexibility as a man-made reservoir compared to natural lakes in the area. The water level can be controlled as needed in periods of drought to keep a full lake. Water is available from the lake as needed, perhaps to fight forest fires when they occur. The water level can be lowered as needed to control weed growth and to drawdown the lake periodically. This method is well known to keep lakes productive as fisheries. Rodman is over 13,000 acres. This is a large area where many boaters can be on the water without crowding each other. A small restored river would be just a small fraction of this size. Very few boaters could comfortably use such a river, especially if small craft like canoes or kayaks are paddling on the river. There are several small rivers in the immediate area, including the remaining parts of the Ocklawaha, available for such pursuits.	Floridians would lose a great resource for recreation. Shoreline habitat for wildlife would disappear. Birds and wildlife would decline. Fishing opportunity in the area would be decreased.	No.	We are blessed to have Rodman in our area. The reservoir should be kept in operation.
10/5/2021 14:57	Levy		No	No				Like to see data published on the benefit of restoring the river and the timeline needed to accomplish it.	Need for manatee access to inland springs and other wildlife systems that would be restored.	That Florida will lose habitat needed to maintain water wildlife systems unique to the state and a fear that development nearby will further degrade the river.	I would need to see more specific alternatives and the benefits that go with them.	Thank you for this chance for input. As Joanie Mitchell once sang: "You don't know what you've got til it's gone". I hope we don't have to experience that.
10/5/2021 14:59	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time 2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I like having Rodman. Man-made reservoirs are non-existent in the local area. My Dad loves to go there and he has done so since the early 1970s.	Large numbers of people use Rodman and the surrounding area. The greatest benefit to residents results from the current situation with a reservoir and several small rivers in the area.	A world famous lake would be gone. Tourism in the area would be cut. A premier bass fishing destination would be lost.	No. I don't see any choice in this matter. Rodman needs to remain.	Keep Rodman Reservoir!!!!!!!!
10/5/2021 15:01	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and fresh water from the springs going into the St. Johns River.	It is from personal observation of the changes to river plant life and the effects on manatee population in my area of the river. We have lived here for 37 years and have a 350 foot dock on the river in Fleming Island. In the past 10 years we have seen all our river grass disappear, the emergence of Green Algae every summer and a sharp decline in Manatee sightings. I have counted as many as 25 manatees at 1 time in the vicinity of my dock and my 2 adjoining neighbors. This year I have seen 1. I believe the evidence shows that increasing the flow of freshwater, which manatees and river grass love will be accomplished by destroying the Kirkpatrick Dam and restoring the balance of fresh and Salt water in the St. Johns.	The return of the manatee to the endangered list and a further degrading of the river water quality. The dredging and deeping of the St. Johns in the north end of the river needs to be offset with more fresh water sources. More salt water intrusion is already happening and something needs to be done to save our river grass and the wildlife it supports like the manatees.	no	
10/5/2021 15:05	St Johns		No	No					Tear down the dam! Remove it completely.	Ecological damage to the river and surrounding areas.	Continued harm to the river.	No
10/5/2021 15:11	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times 2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	We would like to see the continued operations supporting the Buckman Lock, Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Lake and all of the recreational areas surrounding it. This area is a thriving wildlife habitat, with world-class fishing that helps support a largely rural economy	This area is one of Putnam County's top tourism assets drawing thousands of visitors each year. This asset delivers much needed profitable tourism dollars for our county. Much of the success of soliciting large-scale nationally televised tournaments is due to the presence of Rodman. Rodman Lake is featured annually as one of the top ten bass fisheries in the State and in the top 100 in the United States.	Tremendous loss of critical income to an already fiscally constrained County. Putnam County is a designated RACI (Rural Areas of Opportunity) - Defined as a rural community that has been adversely affected by extraordinary economic events or natural disasters.	We are unaware of any compromise that could help both sides achieve their desired outcomes. We respectively ask that the fate of Rodman Reservoir be guided by facts and reason, not overwhelming campaigns of misinformation.	
10/5/2021 15:11	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: family gatherings & picknicking	Remain where it is and continue support of the locks and dam. There is already an established ecosystem since this Dam has been in place for more than 50 years. This is a huge economic impact to Putnam County through fishing tournaments. My brother comes from Ohio annually and looks forward to fishing in the Reservoir. The thriving wildlife, ecosystem and best fishing spot around helps support our rural community and economy.	Personal experience and seeing one of Putnam County's top tourism spots that brings thousands of visitors to Putnam County each year. The dam/reservoir brings in tourism income to our fiscally constrained county. Many of these fishing tournaments are on national television which brings attention and attraction to our small county. An economic impact study by the US Fish & Wildlife Service in 1988 supports the fact that this asset brings in millions of dollars to our area. Where Fish & Wildlife actually has a list of the top bass fisheries in the State and Rodman has been on the list for at least 10 years.	1) Negative economic impact 2) disturbing the established eco system that is thriving 3) cost to purchase land that would become flooded 4) if it were breached 4) lost tourism 5) bird kills and other wildlife negatively impacted or possible death (look at what happened at Lake Apopka when SJRWMD purchased property and flooded it---worse bird kill and fish kill ever recorded in my lifetime in Florida!!)	Not sure until I saw the different scenarios. I do think whatever happens should be based on facts and previous experience like the Lake Apopka bird and fish kill. An updated economic impact study should be done and any other factual data that can be gathered should be provided to the community.	The Rodman Reservoir is considered a premier largemouth bass fishery, along with other species like the channel catfish, redbreast sunfish and trophy bass. Some of the largest bass have been caught in the area (see TrophyCatch by FWC)
10/5/2021 15:14	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I am a university professor researching and teaching the history of Palatka and the St. Johns River.	A leadership effort by the St. Johns Water Management District and Governor Ron DeSantis to prioritize this historic opportunity to save the Great Florida Riverway by breaching and removing the Kirkpatrick Dam at Rodman Reservoir and restore the free-flow of the impounded Ocklawaha River.	The research results and factual information reported in newspapers, articles, media resources primarily by Dr. Quinton White, executive director Jacksonville University Marine Science Research Institute. and the excellent investigative effort into the "voices" of support for restoration of the waterways in The Great Florida Riverway: Voices for the Rivers (2021) by Dr. Margaret Hankinson Spontak.	Continued decline of the water quality, spring flow and wetland forests; weakening of the Florida Wildlife Corridor which is home to 34 federally threatened and endangered species and native fish and wildlife; interference in the winter habitat and historic migration for Florida's aquatic life	When the fine balance of restoring fresh water from the St. Johns River and saltwater from the Atlantic Ocean is accomplished by the removal of the Rodman Dam, the healthy freshwater fishing habitat and estuarine fishing environment will be nourished and there is no need for a less-than-complete reconnection of the Ocklawaha River and the St. Johns River Estuary.	A restored Ocklawaha River to its natural level will be a refreshed and renewed economic recreation generator for an estimated 30 thousand visitors and $3 million in economic impact to the benefit of Floridians and visitors from around the world. Anglers, and in particular bass fishing enthusiasts, acknowledge that this investment will result in the restoration of a healthy freshwater fishing habitat.
10/5/2021 15:15	Duval		No	Yes		1 time 2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam well maintained, modernized if necessary, and left entirely intact.	What a bizarrely worded question. The "important piece of information" That supports my position is the livelihoods of those who depend on Rodman Reservoir. An entire industry has evolved based on fishing, water sports, family camping and general outdoors enjoyment. Rodman is a mecca for fishermen from all over, a virtual jewel in the tourism industry in the state of Florida. The existing ecosystem supports native wildlife and birds, various fishes and other aquatic species, as well as native plants. To dismiss this ecosystem, this economic system, and what each means to the state of Florida would be a travesty. The wasteland that would result from a breached dam and a drained lake would hardly be anyone's vision of a pristine wilderness.	My biggest concern would be that the Kirkpatrick Dam will be destroyed; lands will be be flooded as a result; fish, alligators, and all other aquatic animals will be displaced and will move into locally inhabited areas; vegetation will be destroyed for a foreseeable future; businesses and livelihoods will be lost, resulting in an economic disaster for that region of the state.	I could support my desired outcome plus the addition of improved facilities for launching kayaks and canoes and other non-motorized personal watercraft.	
10/5/2021 15:24	Flagler		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	That it is a remnant of a failed effort. It's time to admit it's a failure and move forward, for the sake of our children. Removing the dam keeps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	I'm from Flagler County, so Putnam is a neighbor and I have friends trying to survive in that county. If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	I don't think so. This should have been accomplished long ago, and now it would be shameful to use tax payer dollars to reinforce what has already been deemed a mistake. Take it down now. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We have maybe the most beautiful and diverse of the 50 states, and removing this dam will continue that legacy. The wildlife, springs and rivers are what brings tax money to the State
10/5/2021 15:39	Volusia		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed and the natural waterways restored to the extent practical	need to have waterways free-flowing and as natural as possible/practical & provide additional habitat for manatees	continued waste of taxpayer funds on this envir. disaster/boondoggle	NO!	I understand why the people who recalled all the allied shipping lost going around FL during WWII thought this was a good idea, but times and envir awareness have changed
10/5/2021 15:44	St Johns		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed and the natural water flow restored!	We lose on the Saint Johns River and we have seen the water quality get worse and the amount of wild life in our area of the river go down.	We are going to destroy the quality of one of north Florida's greatest resources for recreation and wildlife conservation.	No!!	
10/5/2021 15:55	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Both should be breached and removed	The river should be returned to it's natural state and the entire area restored to it's natural flow and habitat.	The area springs are being ruined and the river is suffering greatly, as well as the St.John's is suffering too.	No	The dam and reservoir are obscene to nature, the environment, and the eye!!
10/5/2021 15:55	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is and continued the great job by the Parks & Recs & FWC	The population of birds, fish, reptiles, mammals, wildlife & etc. that has flourished over the past 50+ years would be devastating to all of the above if modified in any way in the future.	The loss of habitat to all living things listed above.	NO	Appreciate the effort & hard work to those who keep one of the best places to enjoy Florida outdoors
10/5/2021 15:58	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing	Pull it down to allow the Ocklawaha to flow freely.	Times-Union and the St. Johns River Mgmt	Continued dying of the water, sealife and flora and fauna.	No	I know that the old bass fisherman will be angry, but they will have new areas in which they can continue their hobby.
10/5/2021 16:07	Brevard		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed and the natural flow of the river restored	Life on this planet	Continued damage to the environment and the flora and fauna that depend on the restored ecosystem.	no.	
10/5/2021 16:25	Duval		No	No				Remove the dam and drain the reservoir	Environmental studies	Damage to the Ocklawaha river and wild life	No	
10/5/2021 16:26	Duval		No	No				Demolish the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Restoration of t		Restoration of the river to the original condition designed by nature will bring multiple benefits, including restoring healthy flow of fresh, algae-free water, providing a healthy environment for fish and manatees, freeing up submerged springs and more.	

10/5/2021 16:45	Lake		No	No					I'd like it removed and see the Ocklawaha River restored. The dam prevents the migration of Florida's native fish and prevents manatees from using the area as a refuge in the winter because of its warmer water. It would also benefit other wildlife, such as bears and panthers. After the restoration the state would save money currently spent on dam repairs.	See discussion above.	The Ocklawaha and St. Johns river flows would continue to be deprived of fresh water which could lead to more blue-green algae events and an opportunity for more invasive species to invade the area.	No. The dam never should have been built. It provides no economic benefit to property owners or businesses whereas restoration would increase outdoor recreation opportunities with attendant activities such as boat rental and accomodation for visitors.	Removing the dam is a win/win scenario for people, wildlife and economic activities.
10/5/2021 16:46	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam	More fresh water for the St John's River to help offset salt water intrusion.	Permanent damage due to algae blooms in the St. John's.	Limit the amount of water the water bottling companies take from the springs that feed the St John's.	They've finally restored the Kissimmee River in the South Florida, it's time to restore the Okahusa
10/5/2021 16:53	Duval		No	Yes					Take down the dam and restore full flow of water to the St. Johns River	Help counter other environmental impacts, for example dredging for Jax Port.	Increased water salinity and detrimental effects to flora and fauna.	I don't know, there's been no proposed compromise that I'm aware of.	
10/5/2021 16:56	Duval		No	No		1 time	Other: sightseeing		Remove it	The dam contributes to damage of springs.	Loss of habitats, destruction of natural areas.	N/a	
10/5/2021 16:59	Seminole		No	No					I would like to see the reservoir drained and the resulting resurfacing of the springs be a tourist attraction and ecological reconstruction effort.	Manatees need wintering spots and the Rodman damn is blocking a huge area of potential manatee wintering area as well as a potentially popular state park which would generate revenue for the FWC	That the manatees will die and my children will grow up without faith that anyone is looking toward the future and to right historical wrongs.	The dam seems misplaced and it would truly generate more revenue as a state park, boat launch site, etc than it currently does. It would also cost money to maintain which is a waste of valuable resources.	
10/5/2021 17:04	Dade		No	No					Restore, free flow	Environmental groups info and that of fellow Floridians who care about the environment.	More restricted movement of local species when natural flow is stopped and broken up.	Need more info.	
10/5/2021 17:06	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I don't use it.		Remove it and restore the Oklawaha to its once pristine beauty.	My own memory.	Water. e.g. springs, quality, salt water intrusion, sea cows,etc.	I would support removing the dam as a step in the right direction.	The Oklawaha was one of nature's true masterpieces. The dam served no useful purpose- only caused damage. The area was already the black bass capital of the world. I have traversed its entire length several times from Welaka to Leesburg.Mt Dora/Eustis, sometimes with stops in Silver Springs but alas, not in the last 50 years
10/5/2021 17:11	Duval		No	No					Remove dam and let the Oklawaha flow as God created it to flow.	Over 50 years of reading nature and environmental materials. Also the Bible. I honestly think God knew what he was doing when he created this glorious planet.	Frustration.		
10/5/2021 17:14	Alachua		No	No					It needs to be removed or at least opened up.	The quality of our waterways is not only important to our health, but also to the protection of our native species and to our economy that relies on said waterways.	Water quality would plummet and species, including our lovely manatees would become extinct.	None. Unless the dam is opened, the damage will continue when you're disrupting the waterways natural flow.	The quality of our waters are so important, please open the dam up and restore its natural flow.
10/5/2021 17:15	Pinellas		No	No					disassembled	Manatees will be able to go further upstream and access more seagrass to keep from repeating a mass die-off like last year	manatee extinction	I haven't entertained thoughts of any other outcome	
10/5/2021 17:20	Outside of state / other	Shreveport, Louisiana	No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I believe it was in the late 1960's that I first heard of the cross Florida barge canal and I thought what a horrible ecological disaster. Thankfully it was stopped before it was completed. Soon after I began reading of the phenomenal bass fishing on Rodman Reservoir in the early issues of Bassmaster magazine and I have been traveling there from out of state to fish every since. Granted, a section of a beautiful river was lost forever but the wildlife mecca that was created in the process far surpasses what was lost. I feel that Rodman reservoir should be managed for what it is, a wildlife mecca as it is and a tremendous economic boom to the local economies that support the sportsmen who visit every year.	I have been traveling from out of state to fish Rodman Reservoir on occasion since I was a young man. I retired a few years ago and I now book two week long trips every year to fish and enjoy the wildlife and the other local attractions in the area. The fishing guide I use stays booked and I have to book my trips a year in advance to get the dates I want. I already have two trips booked for 2022 I spend many thousands of dollars each trip in the local economies for lodging, food, bait, guides, fuel, supplies, and other local attractions as I find them. I am one of many thousands of fishermen and sportsmen who come to Rodman every year and spend their money. And as for the wildlife mecca I have one word, manatees, especially this last year since much of the eel grass in the St. Johns was lost and they come into Rodman to feed. I have had days where I have seen a dozen or more and the curious ones will swim right up and look at you when you are anchored and fishing. Eagles, ospreys, and more shore and wading birds than I have seen anywhere plus all the critters that live in and around the aquatic vegetation make for a very interesting trip every time. Don't lose the economic benefit and the wildlife mecca that has been created.	The project that was started that originally created Rodman Reservoir was wrong! The ecological disaster and tremendous loss of wildlife habitat that will be created and the tremendous loss to local economies by removing Kirkpatrick Dam is wrong! Two wrongs don't make a right!!	I see no greater good than to manage Rodman Reservoir in its current state for the benefit of the wildlife habitat it has created and the tremendous economic benefit to the local communities that support those who come to enjoy it.	
10/5/2021 17:25	Duval		No	No					Get rid of them. There are plenty of other fishing spots in Florida (one of the reasons for keeping it-really?)	Need to restore the Ocklawaha and have it flow into the St. Johns, Florida's most important river. Dam should never have been built in the first place.	Nothing would be changed.	Maybe partially breaking up the dam.	
10/5/2021 17:29	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Strongly support restoration of the historic river by removing the dam after a controlled draw down of the reservoir.	Logic--the cost of maintaining and eventually reconstructing the dam, as well as the obvious danger to downstream properties and lives if the dam fails are completely understandable without documentation.	Loss of life and setting a state policy or precedent for other situations of environmental destruction and neglect.	No. I don't know how flooding a river, springs, and woodlands can be rectified without complete reversal of the flooding.	
10/5/2021 17:30	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Keep it just like it is and reduce the draw downs to once every 5 years	The environment as well as the local economy	We would lose a great fishing lake as well as the great wildlife I can't wait to show my grandson	NO	Spend a day on Rodman and you will not want to change a thing!!!
10/5/2021 17:43	Duval		No	No		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam on the Rodman Reservoir	Helping wildlife, aquatic life, and improving water quality	Poor environmental health and concerns for wildlife		Honor President Richard Nixon's order to end the environmentally destructive project from decades ago. This also honors Florida governors who have advocated for the dam's removal.
10/5/2021 17:45	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam be breached and the river returned to its natural state.	Doing so will help restore the ecology of the region around the river and will be beneficial to the economy, as well.	The cost to maintain or repair existing structures built to create the reservoir--better spent to restore the river--and the further decline of wildlife.	Not really. It seems to me that funds are needed either to repair what is there now or to dismantle it. Since the cross-Florida canal never was created, it makes sense to have the river do what nature intended.	I have lived in Florida for less than a year, and the pandemic has sidelined my exploring for a time. I look forward to visiting beautiful, natural areas of the state. The Ocklawaha River sounds as though it can be just such a site if it is restored.
10/5/2021 17:49	Outside of state / other	St. Croix, USVI	No	No					Something that supplied habitats with a healthy trajectory	I am very ignorant on the specific subject	That more wildlife will suffer and individuals will no longer have access to natural resource. Additionally that taxes are routed to maintain something detrimental to ecosystem	I am too distant from this to have a desired outcome	
10/5/2021 17:58	Duval		No	No					I would like to see it removed entirely so that the Ocklawaha can return to it's original flow	Info from the Florida Times Union	Continuing degradation of the springs and food source for fish and manatee	Not that I'm aware of. There might be and I'd be happy to consider it.	
10/5/2021 17:59	Lake		No	No					Remove it and let the rivers & springs flow naturally for plant & wildlife to survive.	Would love to see the springs that are currently buried under the pool and be able to kayak further and see more clear water, fish, otters, birds & manatees abound.	destruction of habitat, saltwater is invading the St. Johns, climate change with more severe weather affecting surges	no remove the dam! Let authentic Florida return to be wild & scenic & free from meddling from man	I will camp & kayak all over these rivers spending money eating, drinking, lodging, gas which benefits Florida income and employment
10/5/2021 18:11	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other: Picnics	Remove the dam, fill in the canal and restore the historic channel	The need to constantly drawdown the reservoir and the expense to maintain the lock	Continued eutrophication of reservoir	No	
10/5/2021 18:13	Nassau		No	No									
10/5/2021 18:13	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Fishing	Leave it as it currently is	It is a thriving resourse	Loss of tourism and money coming to the surrounding areas. Loss of habitat for wildlife to name a few.	Nope	
10/5/2021 18:16	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the river to its natural course.	The natural river flow is better for wildlife and the people of Florida.	Diminished wildlife, diminished outdoor experience, and an artificial environment.	No	
10/5/2021 18:18	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Let the river (and its inhabitants) run free!!	The extreme ecological importance of removing the dam and letting the water run free and clear for all affected parties - water and terrestrial creatures, and humans. This is extremely important to the future of all in this area, and can serve as an example of what can be done in other areas around the world	The myriad ecological effects.	I would support any helpful action, but I sincerely hope a strong, concentrated effort can be developed.	
10/5/2021 18:27	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave alone. A true treasure. Wonderful fishery and wildlife scenery.	Favorite spot for bass fishing and viewing Florida wildlife. Been visiting the natural forest my entire life.	Displacing wildlife and destroying this natural beauty. One of Florida's best kept secrets.	No. Please leave it alone. My best vacation spot because it is old Florida and natural.	Needs to be left alone. One of my favorite places in the US. All natural. Lake Rodman and Ocala National Park is a treasure.
10/5/2021 18:29	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed	I believe the cost of repair and maintenance is a negative and the restoration of the water flow is a major positive.	The hardships that will be placed on animals and aquatic life if this is not removed.	No	
10/5/2021 18:29	Alachua		No	No		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed forever for all the right reasons.	The rising salinity caused by a dam imposed for financial reasons of the few instead of natural science for all.	A natural resource again is destroyed for a few.	Monthly draw downs to keep the St John's alive.	This idiotic idea was about barges and transport, not a few fishermen. Natural resources need to be managed on scientific grounds.
10/5/2021 18:33	Duval		No	No					Removed to return the natural flow of the water	The cost of maintenance and repair is too high and the dam is too restrictive for wildlife and aquatic life	The lack of a natural life for both wildlife, mammals such as manatees, and aquatic life.	No	
10/5/2021 18:34	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Take it down.	Taking down the dam would reveal the beauty of our natural springs and increase tourism exits & revenue. Also maintaining the dam is expensive and pointless.	Wasting taxpayer dollars maintaining a dam which brings in no revenue and serves no purpose.		
10/5/2021 18:34	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is	This area supports all kinds of wildlife, from land-based to Birds and all of the aquatic species. The lake helps purify the water coming down the river and provides outdoorsmen with hours of opportunities to appreciate the area and its diverse wildlife.	The negative impact on the natural resources that depend on it will be immeasurable.	No. It needs to be left alone.	
10/5/2021 18:39	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave. It is the life of Rodman and home for alot of wildlife species.	It's an amazing eco system! By removing it you would destroy one the best fishing estuaries in the US!	Who in the hell is running yall environmental studies!!!! I can't remove a weed out in front of my home on the lake. But the state wants to destroy a whole ecosystem! Let's use some common sense.		
10/5/2021 18:39	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!	It is a wildlife refuge and water resource for all Floridians. It is now in a natural state and should be left undisturbed!	It would take decades for the negative impact of draining Rodman to be apparent. It is great now...why make it something else?	No	If you want to turn Rodman into a mudpit in the name of conservation and wildlife mgt you must not have ever been there.
10/5/2021 18:40	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Picnic, hiking, camping nearby	Remove dams and go back the way it was	Fish and aquatic life health	Continued degradation of natural habitat and lands	No	
10/5/2021 18:41	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Hunting	Leave it alone the damage was done to the native ecosystem over 50 years ago. It would take 1000 years for "restore" the damage that was done in the name of progress. There only way to truly restore it would be to remove all of the dams including Moss Bluff and at lake Griffin and remove all the houses along the river from it's start there all the way to the St Johns.	Growing up and living in Hog Valley and seeing the river before the Barge Canal project.	More lost jobs and more destruction to old Florida	No leave it alone.	Leave it alone
10/5/2021 18:48	Putnam		No	No						Breach it !!	Saved money , declined willife	No	I live in Putnum County and go to as many springs as possible. We need to preserve Florida's precious wildlife and ecosystem.
10/5/2021 19:04	Outside of state / other	Kentucky	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Wildlife	Tourists will not visit. Manatee that it supports. Fishing.	Not that I know	It's an awesome reservoir please leave it like it is.
10/5/2021 19:09	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Tear it down so FWC doesn't have to constantly spray poisons on the excess vegetation.	The dam does nothing, part of a defunct project. It doesn't hold back flood waters, protect homes or produce anything. The Ocklawaha River should be restored like the Kissimmee River. Just look at all the benefits there!! Personally, I do not understand why this has taken so long.	The river is dying	No	
10/5/2021 19:13	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Would like the reservoir and dam kept as is.	Excellent place for fishing and camping			
10/5/2021 19:18	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxing by taking a break from this crazy world by joining with nature on this beautiful pristine water.	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!!	Rodman has become a piece of our family history. Mothers, fathers, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have grown up enjoying it's beauty and wildlife, and have become fisherman, have learned how to survive, and have learned the lessons you learn from seeing wildlife up close while seeing nature at its best.	The loss of those links to family that were built around Rodman. It would be a huge loss for our future generations. They say you can never "go back home" and the destruction of Rodman would destroy those pieces of our lives that are cherished. I am also concerned about the businesses that rely on Rodman for their livelihood. I was a small business owner, and I know what that would do - destroy family business.	Unfortunately not.	
10/5/2021 19:20	St Johns		No	No						Why keep something that was a failure. I believe a natural flow will replace today's current recreation opportunities with new ones.	Water quality could suffer.	No, why go part way. The economy of the area changed when the dam was built, it will just change back.	Please do the right thing. It's like a scar that can be removed, so why live with it.
10/5/2021 19:38	Outside of state / other	CO	No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The damage that could be done to the manatees who are at risk of becoming extinct.	The welfare of the manatees.	No.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Appopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/5/2021 19:38	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Leave the reservoir alone My family goes there several times a year to enjoy wildlife and escape the concrete jungle	I Love Florida and it's Wildlife	Highly disgusted in those who were the opposition	None We love it, take care of it, and depend on it	Keep the lake It's our lake
10/5/2021 19:42	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Please do not do anything to change Rodman!	The current body of water supports so many natural species of wildlife that will not survive in a reduced volume of water.	The disruption of the current very complex eco system that is supported by the reservoir!	NO!	Please leave this wetland eco system alone!
10/5/2021 19:53	Outside of state / other	Indianapolis. IN	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I do not want Rodman to be changed. It is a great fishing destination and the wildlife it supports is absolutely amazing!	The natural eco system it supports	I don't think there is middle ground here. If it is changed the eco system will irreparably damaged.	Not that I'm aware of.	Please keep Rodman in its current condition. Thank you.
10/5/2021 19:56	Nassau		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	remove the dam and restore the river	benefit to fish and wildlife -- wetlands restoration	additional environmental damage to river, manitees, and fishes	breach of the dam	
10/5/2021 20:13	Alachua		No	No					From video, the dam is in total disrepair and needs to be removed and the river needs to be restored to allow the springs and land return to its natural state.	The Across Florida Barge Canal is no longer viable or necessary. However, the need for water and habitat is necessary to the future of Florida.	With our population, we need more potable water sources. We also need more water water re-shed areas to provide this critical resource. Very concerned for the future of our State.	I don't feel there is another feasible scenario. Also, this isn't for a select few who stand to profit to make the decisions.	
10/5/2021 20:16	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: snorkeling	Remove the dam and open the waterway back up to its natural flow	restore access to the springs, improve water quality to the st johns river	a continued threat to the area's water quality	no	
10/5/2021 20:52	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting	Leave it alone and let thrive and support the local wild life	Common sense	That again as humans we mess up something good for political reasons or not thinking it all the way through. The effects it will have on other things.		
10/5/2021 20:52	Duval		No	Yes				Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove dam	Restoring natural flow of Ocklawaha will benefit the environment, from the Ocklawaha to the St.Johns to the Atlantic Ocean	Continuing degradation of the immediate environment and the river valley to the north.	No	
10/5/2021 20:57	Duval		No	No					Remove the damn and restore the flow of the oklawaha	Proven damage being done to the St. John's	Continued damage to the St. John's and ultimately problem like south Florida is currently facing	No. The dam needs to go. It serves no purpose and causes harm.	
10/5/2021 20:59	Duval		No	No					Return the Oklawaha River to its natural flowing route. Breach the dam.	Environmental impact on St John's River	Further degradation of St. Johns	No	
10/5/2021 21:01	St Johns		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/5/2021 21:05	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river	The dam was a part of a failed effort to build a canal. The project was wetoed and the dam needs to be removed.	A continued loss of habitat for the manatee population	No	
10/5/2021 21:31	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	My family would like YOU to LEAVE IT ALONE!!	The ecosystem there supports so much wildlife including manatees!!! It's an amazing place and YOU need to leave it alone!!!!!!	DO NOT KILL ALL THAT PRECIOUS WILDLIFE!!!!!!	NO WAY!!! WE ARE NOT COMPROMISING WHATSOEVER!!!	THIS IS BULL---T, YOU KNOW IT, I KNOW IT, and so does the MAJORITY!!!
10/5/2021 21:51	Palm Beach		No	No						It's record of negative environmental impact	That things get worse. That dam maintenance falls short and has a catastrophic failure.	Nope	
10/5/2021 21:52	Marion		No	No		2-5 times			Remove the dam. Restore the ocklawaha	Manatees and fish don't have free access to the river or silver springs. The dam affects the salinity of st John's river. The lack of free flowing water causes massive silt build ups and aquatic vegetation which in turn gets doused with herbicide so it doesn't create blockages in our boat ramps. None of these expenses would accumulate if there was simply no need for it. We would get lots of business from people wanting to see manatees and swim, kayak etc. A few people using the reservoir for bass fishing doesn't outweigh the harm that it is causing. The land has had to adapt over the last 50 years as we gave it no choice. In 50 more years, if the dam is removed, the land could be back to it's perfectly balanced natural steady.	The dam needs repairs anyway so it will require millions to repair. Also manatees are dying of hunger and we are here spraying all their food with herbicide because they have no access to it. Not near as many as could. They are already heading towards endangered again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	No. Remove the dam	
10/5/2021 21:56	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the free flowing river by breaching the dam. This is the most economical solution and most environmentally sound solution.	This is the best cost effective method to achieve restoration of the 7500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's floodplain, including it's 20 freshwater springs. Our natural resources are Florida's greatest asset. It is our duty to preserve them. It also makes no sense to spend millions of tax payer dollars on restoring a dam that will never fulfill its original purpose.	The natural pre-existing ecosystem would be lost, resulting in continued decline of the Rodman Reservior and the lower Ocklawaha/St. Johns River system..	No. This is the optimal opportunity to do the right thing. Breach the dam, restoring the natural ecosystem. Save tax payer dollars.	I spent my early childhood in the Gainesville area and early adulthood in Jacksonville. I have witnessed the gradual and steady decline of natural Florida, oftentimes resulting from ill conceived projects and practicals driven by economic forces, including the Cross Florida Barge Canal project and water overdraws from our natural springs for private water bottling companies. The degradation our natural Florida environment is heartbreaking. You have the opportunity to help restore the wrongs of previous administrations. Please do the right thing and restore the free flowing lower Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman-Kirkpatrick dam.
10/5/2021 22:00	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No.	
10/5/2021 22:09	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Continue as it has	That it is a wonderful ecosystem for fishing	The loss of a wonderful ecosystem	No	Once actions are taken there is no going back
10/5/2021 22:13	Volusia		No	No					Removal or breach of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam; it does not need to be there.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. Also, the dam was only build as part of a now defunct cross-Florida canal, so it serves no purpose, only harm.	Water quality would decline further, hurting fish, plants, and manatees. Also, keeping the dam is a total waste of tax-payer funds, with no benefit.	No, it has got to go. If not today, then tomorrow.	Please consider the added economic benefit of opening up the river by removing the dam (like tourism), as well as environmental benefit, like Springs aquatic/water recharge.
10/5/2021 22:22	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Only during drawdowns. Other: Snorkeling Cannon Springs	Remove the dam.	Personal observation of Cannon Springs and its Run during he last two drawdowns.	That Cannon, Blue, Tobacco Patch and other springs will be submerged.	No.	Natural, a free flowing Okawaha is better then artificial. A dam and reservoir
10/5/2021 22:32	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed and let the waters return back to natural flow	Studies showing the positive effect, the current flow of the river, and the belief that we should have natural unconstructed natural areas for recreational use.	Continue negative effects on the water quality and wild life in the area.	Better flow releases from the Dam and repair of the local natural habitats.	
10/5/2021 23:11	Duval		No	No					Please tear down this dam and restore the natural flow of water to the St Johns River.	This dam is blocking a major tributary of the St Johns River, which ends up leading to jacksonville, the largest city in our state. The interests that want to maintain this dam are essentially a small minority, while its removal will benefit countless cities further down this river in terms of ecological diversity. It will also restore natural flows of water that will benefit the environment.	That the environment will be continued to be harmed, and Florida's largest city will be robbed of a healthy river.	None. It is time to remove this dam.	The dam is harming the river and the natural flow of springs that are beneath the reservoir.
10/5/2021 23:37	Duval		No	No						harm down	Continued environmentar damages	Unkown	
10/5/2021 23:39	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Other: Picnics	Leave it as it is - don't change it	One reason my husband and I moved to Florida was because of the Ocklawaha River and Rodman. My husband was a fishing guide (catch & release). We lived in Eureka, and owned a business years ago. My husband and I loved the river and Rodman. It is a part of our life and history. Our children and grandchildren grew up loving it also.	The loss of a wildlife habitat; loss of business in that area; elimination of the opportunity for young people to learn about and grow to love and respect the natural beauty of Rodman and the wildlife it supports.	Absolutely not. It would be such a shame to lose this valuable resource and asset.	

10/5/2021 23:50	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Other: Observing	Let it free flow allow back to natural state for wildlife and springs	Changed the natural flow of nature and wildlife browned out natural springs	The way it has and will continue to change the natural ecosystem	Free the Ocklawaha	Please free the Ocklawaha the snimals and the springs please please free the Ocklawaha!!!
10/6/2021 0:50	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave as is	Wildlife	Wildlife and the fishing	No, should leave well enough alone	The lake has been here since I was a kid, it has proved to be on of the best fishing lakes in the US, you get to see more different types of birds and reptiles then anywhere around. Manatees are thriving in the lake, probably because boaters have to go at low speeds because of the stump field.
10/6/2021 3:04	Outside of state / other	Hong Kong	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$17 Million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to $17 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife cannot wait.	The business of Florida is the environment. Any chance to restore wildlife is an opportunity to protect the state's main source of income (tourism drawn to the environment).
10/6/2021 4:15	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking	Restore the Ocklawaha river by breaching the Rodam /Kirkpatrick dam	$15 million in dam repairs saved on a dam that exceeds its life expectancy.(this money could be used for reforestation).	A storm causing a dam breach and the catastrophic loss of life and property.	No, Breaching the fifty year old umalle dam--OR--Draw down the reservoir to mean sea level, or to its natural level.	None
10/6/2021 4:50	Alachua		No	Yes					Restore the river, remove the dam.				
10/6/2021 5:02	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Went to see what all the fuss was about	Dismantle the dam and restore the river	It reminds me of how we damaged the Everglades	Aging of the dam infrastructure and costs to repair	Not sure	
10/6/2021 5:11	St Johns		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Restore the Oklawaha River!!!	Important to our ecosystem			
10/6/2021 5:56	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Remain intact	Recreational value	Loss of recreational resource, especially fishing.	No	There remains plenty of intact river for recreational use
10/6/2021 5:56	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam	Past experiences on the oklawaha river	Further damage to our eco system	No	
10/6/2021 6:06	Alachua		No	No					let the river flow naturally	environmental protection	environmental consequence and cost	this seems like the perfect solution. fisherman can go elsewhere.	
10/6/2021 6:13	Alachua		No	No					Take it back to it's natural state.	Years of hearing of the dam ruining nature.	Continued degradation of the ecology of the area.	No.	
10/6/2021 6:16	Laon		No	Yes				Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	I would like to see the dam completely removed and the river restored to the condition it existed in before the CP&L project.	Restoring the river would restore fish and wildlife access to riverine habitat and the springs submerged by the reservoir, and it would restore a uniquely Floridian recreational experience.	That the dam would continue to be maintained at significant cost to please a relatively small but local group of influential individuals rather than the broader public interest.	Yes, just removing the dam and allowing the river to naturally find its new course would be sufficient.	Thanks for taking public comment.
10/6/2021 6:25	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Hunting Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed so the next generation could experience the beauty of the natural flowing river and springs that I remember experiencing as a child.	Personal experience	Loss of species of wildlife	No	
10/6/2021 6:29	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	removal of the dam and the restoration of the Ocklawaha. I worked in alachua county for 25 years prior to retirement and spoke to long-time residents of the Ocklawaha system. destruction of the dam will allow this ecological wonder to return to semi-rural FL?	https://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/take-action/advocacy-campaign/free-ocklawaha/	the final demise of Silver Springs	no	
10/6/2021 6:39	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	put back to original (pre-dam) state	should never have been built in the first place- why throw more money at it?	failure of damn could effect property and wildlife	I'm for whatever the wildlife and environmental engineers deem best	none
10/6/2021 6:40	Alachua		No	No					I would like to NOT spend millions on a failing dam and all the river to freely flow and save the multitudes of flora and flora to replenish and survive. I want the manatees to have a safe and clean place to thrive.	Don't spend millions on a failing dam.	The loss of Florida's beauty, native species of flora and fauna, and the native wildlife's loss of more habitat.	No	
10/6/2021 6:50	Alachua		No	No					Remove the damn, restore the Oklawaha flow	Stated positions of groups and organizations with which I align	Special interests prevailing over public will and environmental responsibility	Don't know	
10/6/2021 7:23	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Release the River Destroy the dam	Return of natural Florida habitat	A sign that wild natural land preservation takes a back seat	No	The Barge Canal was a poorly conceived project and the reservoir is the final required for restoration Get it done and even the hard core bass fishermen will be grateful in time.
10/6/2021 7:30	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave the dam in place. Provides a nice body of water for people to enjoy fishing or viewing wildlife and birds.	It helps the surrounding area businesses survive and keeps the communities people employed.	I want the dam to remain! I would lose a recreational hobby.	Worse case scenario is many people would loose a lake that is nationally know as a superior fishing resource.	
10/6/2021 7:30	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	remove Dam	Environmental benefits	Continued cost and degradation.	No	
10/6/2021 7:33	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam and restore a free flow of the river	The area once had a free flowing natural habitat. The dam was built for the Cross Florida Bage canal, which was stopped more than 50 years ago.			
10/6/2021 7:34	Alachua		No	No					Remove it	The ongoing costs to maintain it.	Continuing to waste taxpayers money.	No	
10/6/2021 7:39	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing					
10/6/2021 7:46	Alachua		No	No					have it dismantled and plan for solar installations to offset power generation losses	the ecology of the area could be restored and solar power could be utilized at lower cost all around	bad economic and environmental outcomes	no	the solar projects should include shading parking lots and utilizing roofs as much as possible vs using otherwise useful land to install panels.
10/6/2021 7:45	Alachua		No	No					Remove the reservoir and dam, restoring free flow to the river.	"Restore it to the way God made it." While that's not exactly a piece of information, I believe that in terms of the environment, most of the time it's best to just leave it alone, if possible. The idea behind the canal and the dam may have made sense back in the time it was created. But now, I believe it makes more sense to Florida's environment, animals and plants, tourism, and commerce to take it back to the way it was, or very close to it	Continued degradation and ugliness to the area.	It could be a step-by-step process over serveral years.	I'm glad to have the opportunity to comment and look forward to hearing what the experts have to say.
10/6/2021 8:04	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Get rid of Dam please	I can't use the springs Manatees need the warm water Need more predatory fish to eat Tilapia Let the forest grow back	Expense of new dam	Nope open the river up	Get er done
10/6/2021 8:12	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	dam removed	eco	water flow restored		
10/6/2021 8:14	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam so paddlers and wildlife are able to access the entire Oklawahwa river.	We regularly paddle from Rays Landing until we hit the dam wall and can go no further	Lack of open waterway for paddlers and manatte will stifle eco tourism.		I have seen only one manatee in Silver Springs run and can't imagine how hard it is for them to get in or out of there due to dam.
10/6/2021 8:16	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I think that the dam should be breached. The benefits of fresh flowing water far outweigh the desires of bass fishermen -- and I say this as someone who fishes regularly.	Defenders of Wildlife group says that allowing the water to flow freely will help fish and wildlife, particularly manatees. American Rivers says breaching the dam will increase biodiversity. Eel grass is dying off at an alarming rate. It also lists the Ocklawaha as one of our country's most threatened rivers. We must do something!	The extinction of manatees	Not that I can think of.	Water is Florida's biggest asset, and we're doing a terrible job of managing it for the future. Breach the dam and help the manatees .
10/6/2021 8:16	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I just went to see the dam	I want to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River, which I enjoyed fishing on as a boy in the 1950's. I would like to see the dam removed.	Restoring warm water habitat for manatees in the winter, a healthy ecosystem and the natural beauty of the river, all of which were compromised by the ill-advised construction of this dam that was part of a Federal project which was subsequently abandoned.	The continued destruction of one of Florida's most beautiful natural resources	Yes. Partial destruction of the dam necessary to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha	There was plenty of good bass fishing before the dam was built, and there will still be plenty of bass fishing available after the Ocklawaha restoration is complete.
10/6/2021 8:17	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the river	Free The Ocklawaha Coalition's recommendation. In 2020 the Ocklawaha was named as one of most endangered rivers due to poor water quality. The restoration would improve the health of whole environmental system and provide greater recreation.	Declining health of environment for quality of water that affects wildlife.	At least breach the dam	
10/6/2021 8:17	Volusia		No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha to its original flow	The beauty of the original Ocklawaha before it was dammed and the possible help to manatees.	The continual decline of Florida waterways and its wildlife. Someone has to start somewhere to repair the damage done. This would be a good start	A partial restoration would be better than nothing but full restoration is what is needed	As a child in the 50's I spent a weekend on a houseboat on the Ocklawaha . Magic and beauty around every turn. I will never forget that trip. Please give it a chance to flow like it once did so some other child can come close to my experience.
10/6/2021 8:18	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. 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10/6/2021 8:24	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time		Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Numerous articles on the health of the river and eco-systems.	Manatee decline and lack of river flow into the St. Johns.		
10/6/2021 8:25	Volusia		No	No					remove it	the improvement to water quality	where will our next glass of drinking water come from	no	
10/6/2021 8:28	Alachua		No	No					Remove the Dam	outdated	environment and wasted tax money	no	
10/6/2021 8:32	Volusia		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha River.	Manatee deaths are up and we need to restore a natural river flow for them to use for migration and feeding. This can only help their battle for survival.	The state of Florida is a natural treasure but with the population continuing to increase we are losing opportunities to preserve natural resources. Restoring the natural river flow and preserving it will help to stop more destruction of most important resource-"Natural Florida". Let's not take as long as it did to restore the natural water flow to The Everglades!	I would be interested to see other options to make an informed decision.	
10/6/2021 8:38	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove dam and restore water flow	The drawdown was impressive showing the drowned forest and how fast birds returned	Cost of removal later being enormous like the everglades	Maybe?	
10/6/2021 8:39	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking the Florida Trail at locks	I like the reservoir but it has to go. I feel bad for those who's income depend on it but perhaps a fund can be setup to ease their transition to something else.	I'm an outdoorsman. I've hiked the Ocala National forest and across the lock a few times and appreciate the opportunities it's provided	Continued water quality degradation. Why is the Army Corps of Engineers removing the channelized Kissimmee River?	Nope. Let the river run free	This shouldn't be a big deal in 20 years which is a blink of an eye people will wonder why there was ever a reservoir and they will have adjusted just fine
10/6/2021 8:44	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Open the Rodman Dam to restore the natural flow of the two rivers to the St. Johns River, and, to recover our lost springs.	The scientific reports on the bad effects of creating the dam in the first place.	We would be stuck with this boondoggle for another fifty years.	No	River systems evolve in a natural way. We should let this one flow as it has for thousands of years.
10/6/2021 8:44	Alachua		No	No					let the river flow free	knowing how much was natural habitat was destroyed and how the natural habitats of the river's fish was eliminated by the construction of the dam	loss of the natural river life and habitats		
10/6/2021 8:44	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	Cost and environmental damage	Remove it	Health of the St. John's River	No	It should have been done long ago when to canal was decommissioned
10/6/2021 8:51	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and allow natural water flow	The loss of so many natural springs and the destruction of habitat.	Continuing to spend state funds on a failing dam that has caused extensive environmental concerns	Not aware of any other practical solutions	My son is a fisherman. There are so many naturally great fishing sites. We don't need the reservoir for water recreation.
10/6/2021 8:55	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river.	Restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha river will create access to the many springs that have been covered by the effects of the dam.	Continued degradation of the natural ecology of the area and blocking access to springs to the public.	none	
10/6/2021 8:55	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	would allow 20 drowned springs to flow once again. Removing the dam is essential to improving the health of Silver Springs. It is necessary to restore suffering migratory fish populations. And needed for the hundreds of manatees that could better access Silver Springs and other restored springs along the river, at a time with Florida's manatee population is experiencing unprecedented mortality. Florida already has enough money set aside next year to restore the Ocklawaha fifty times over. It's the most impactful springs restoration project available.	The continued death of Florida's freshwater springs and the ecosystem they support	No	Do something positive for Florida's environment and local businesses by breaching the dam
10/6/2021 8:58	Alachua		No	No					Demolish and remove the dam, restore the river to it's natural route.	A failed project doesn't deserve to continue to receive money. Nor should the environment continue to be negatively affected by the dams continued existence.	Money spent on a boondoggle and private interest that will negatively affect Florida's human and animal population.	You could blow up the dam or let nature take it's course and let it fail on it's own.	Damn dam
10/6/2021 9:01	Levy		No	No					The river restored to its natural course. Remove the dam.	Not one piece - the tomes of credible reports by environmental groups.	Continued ecological degradation of Florida's fragile waterways.	I defer to the environmental scientists' suggestions.	
10/6/2021 9:03	Nassau		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing	Leave it alone				
10/6/2021 9:04	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	breach the dam		continued deregation of the habitat		stop spending money to create a false habitat for the benefit of a few
10/6/2021 9:08	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river	Dam has no use	Health of the river	Remove the dam	
10/6/2021 9:10	Palm Beach		No	No					I would love to see the dam opened up and the river returned to its natural state. Don't spend more money to prop up this 50 year old dam.	The environmental groups, which include scientists, researchers and lots of people smarter than me, all say this is the right thing to do.	That the false landscape that the dam has created for 5 decades will continue, and that you will spend many millions in taxpayer dollars to maintain the dam.	Not really. A dam either is or isn't.	I have read history books and heard about the wild and scenic Ocklawaha River. I'd like to see it return to its natural state in my lifetime. We need to be better stewards of Florida, and taking down this dam would be a step in the right direction.
10/6/2021 9:24	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, remove it and free the Oklawaha	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. As an avid kayaker that spends a lot of time on the inland waterways in North and Central Florida, I think removing the dam would bring both ecological and economic value to the area. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	The continued decline in water quality on some of most ecologically unique and economically important spring-fed rivers.	No, breach the dam. It is long overdue.	
10/6/2021 9:28	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman Dam removed and the free flow of the Oklawaha restored.	Historic photos of the absolute beauty of the former Oklawaha River	The rights of a few boat ramps and fishermen trampling the rights of the environment, of all Floridians.		
10/6/2021 9:29	Clay		No	Yes					Remove the dam.	The fact that springs, wildlife habitat and a beautiful clear river was covered up.	Continued interference with Florida natural water flow. Though I am not hydrologist, I suspect the aquifer has been negatively affected by the dam.	No.	Though I live in Clay County I currently own a business in Putnam and have owned at least one other business in Putnam County. My family is based in Putnam County. (Middletons) To allow the continued degradation of Florida's natural resources in in Putnam to satisfy a very small minority of people who fish the reservoir. Imagine the number of Putnam County residents and visitors that will utilize the river.
10/6/2021 9:29	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	breached		continued degradation of river	parial breah	
10/6/2021 9:32	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: natural beauty viewing	I believe that the dam should be partially removed to restore the natural flow and water levels	environmental impact statements and other related research	permanent damage to the environment and associated wildlife	NO	Should be done very soon
10/6/2021 9:37	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Putnam County and Silver Springs economics lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/6/2021 9:41	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	leave it.	land development.	If it was reopened then your going to open it up for just a small river and a lot more land to build homes on right next to it in that river. More Yankee's to move and buy up the land to develop.		
10/6/2021 9:47	Collier		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing Other: My family vacationed close by in the 70's and early 80's	When you look at the dam and the surrounding rivers from Google Earth, you can see the bottoms of the surrounding lakes and rivers. The waters held by the dam are dark from stagnation. Natural water flow needs to be reinstated. It is an ecosystem that has worked for a thousands of years. I have lived in Southwest Florida for forty-five years and have watched water management destroy Lake Okeechobee, the Caloosahatchee River and Estero Bay estuary by restricting the natural flow of the lake. In fact, if you look at the Caloosahatchee River on Google Earth the water also appears nearly black as it flows into the coastal estuaries. These are precisely the areas where mass algae bloom fish killings have been so prevalent.	Man-made, controlled flow of water from Lake Okeechobee has made the bottom of the lake toxic. This polluted water is then flushed downstream when the locks are opened. The result is dead fish and other aquatic animals that line the shores of the Caloosahatchee and Southwest Florida beaches due to algae blooms and agricultural waste. Residents and tourists are sick and are sickened by it. The Florida Department of Health agencies have warnings against eating fish caught from these waters. Why would anyone want to support and maintain a water management system where this scenario is possible?	South Florida Water Management is a nightmare due to decades of mismanagement. The sooner the RR & KD is removed, the easier it will be for nature to heal the damage already done.	A statewide restriction of high concentrations of nitrates and phosphorus in commercial and residential fertilizer would also be a huge step. Of course, any scenario that allows water to flow naturally from River to River for manatees and wildlife without creating cesspools of reeking sickness would be great.	Please consider that ninety percent of Florida residents were not here to see the abundance of wildlife that was here before the 80's. They do not understand or even know what they have missed. Dams stagnate the flow of water and raises the level of rivers too deep for river grass-beds to grow. These grass-beds support fish, the endangered manatees and the quality of our water for Florida residents. Any responsible stewardship of Florida should be the protection of these grass-beds. It is there where residents can enjoy the wildlife like the manatees that thrive in clean waters that only Florida can provide. Also, a statewide fertilizer law that restricts the amount of nitrates and phosphorus flowing into our waters would be fantastic!
10/6/2021 10:04	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam, at least, preferably take it down.	The project for which it was built was terminated about 50 years ago because the project was environmentally unfriendly.	My concern is for improved environment for manatees and necessary control of invasive blue tilapia in order to bring back native fish species.		
10/6/2021 10:06	Duval		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking	Remove Kirkpatrick Dam and drain Rodman Reservoir.	St. Johns river Water Management	More destruction of Florida's natural wildlife.	Breach the Rodman Dam.	Make every effort to save the Manatee.
10/6/2021 10:09	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The Dam should be removed entirely.	The fact that the vegetation has to be sprayed to kill it and keep it from taking over the reservoir shows that the environment is out of balance. Also, during the drawdowns we can see the springs which always brings a lot of excitement among people which shows how much it could be enjoyed if returned to it's natural state.	The continued harm caused by the dam and the reservoir and worsening of water quality.	A substantially restored flow of the Ocklawaha.	I know that removing the dam would be a very difficult thing to do especially for those who've purchased property or otherwise planned their life around the reservoir. Any change is always hard for some and it's important that as we restore the river to it's natural state, we don't leave our neighbors high and dry, so to speak.
10/6/2021 10:10	Broward		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/6/2021 10:10	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be removed or at the very least substantially breached.	Continuing and future costs of maintenance paid by all taxpayers. Not just the very few that actually use the impoundment it created.	The continued degradation of the Ocklawaha River system.	No	As a sportsman and naturalist I have seen this River before and after the dam and after it's creation and vastly preferred the former.
10/6/2021 10:19	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Removal of the dam and restoration of the natural flow of the river system.	Restoration of the the springs and habitats that support fish populations, manatees, and restores the natural flow of the river systems into the St. Johns River Basin.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No	

10/6/2021 10:19	Alachua		No	No				Restore the habitat. Take the dam down	We need flood planes and wetlands and to restore the St. Johns River. The most important piece of information that I know is that we need to restore the ecology central Florida	Continued degradation of our environment and negative impact on our water supply.	I do not see an alternative		
10/6/2021 10:23	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: We have occasionally driven here and there in the Nationalm					
10/6/2021 10:23	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would love to see the Oklawaha run free. It will be a huge asset to our state.	How much economic benefit would come to our state and how much ecological benefit would be achieved by taking away the dam	That our environment continues to deteriorate	I don't think there is a scenario that could include the dam.	
10/6/2021 10:30	St Johns		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	taking down	bring back springs and native wildlife	Ignorant on the board will be exposed	NO, NOTHING	
10/6/2021 10:31	Volusia		No	No					The dam torn down and returned to a natural river flow.	Information I have read over years concerning the Dam and the fact it was built for a purpose that was never completed. It should have been torn down years ago.	Continued problems to aquatic wild life and bacteria issues common to non flowing water.	I would recommend a steady gradual return to the rivers flow.	
10/6/2021 10:37	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Don't use it at all. Depressing area.	Remove the dam and reservoir and restore the Ocklawaha river.	As a native Floridian, born and raised in Ocala, I spent many days and hours boating, camping and exploring the Ocklawaha and Silver rivers as well as the chain of lakes to the south in the 1950's and 60s. After returning to the area from being away for a number of years I have been saddened to see the decline of many environmental conditions that existed at that time.	Further decline and damage to this priceless Florida resource. Think Everglades and the Kissimmee river valley and watershed.	No. No sincere, meaningful plan or strategy for the area has ever been proposed. So far, all a lot of special interest rhetoric and noise.	I will stay posted on the SJRWMD activities and progress. Thanks.
10/6/2021 10:41	Clay		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam & restore the watershed.	The altercation of the environment, the destruction of habitat &the loss of species.	Further loss of species and habitat.	No	
10/6/2021 10:43	Leon		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riveraay, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riveraay is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riveraay. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/6/2021 10:47	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other: passing through the area, stopped at restaurants near there.	I have lived in Florida since 1978, and all of that time the dam and reservoir has been a blight on the area's ecology. Flooding by the dam has changed and degraded the hydrology of the area and distorted the environment is much less diverse now than ever before. There was a very good documentary also on the area made a year or so ago that showed dramatically how the dam and reservoir have impacted the area in negative ways.	I have spent over forty years reading about the damage the dam and reservoir has done to what was a beautiful, natural area, full of springs and all sorts of wildlife. My observation of the area when I've visited it indicates that the	Florida is at a critical turning point. We must take steps to preserve the natural environment and ecology or we will lose it forever. Species are going extinct at a rapidly increasing rate, due to unnatural encroachment, such as dams and developments. Short-term economic interests are being systematically favored over long-term sustainability. We must consider our stewardship of the environment and preserve it for future generations. There is more to life than bass fishing, and that's all the reservoir is good for now.	No, the dam and reservoir should be decommissions, and the river should be allowed to resume its natural flow.	Thanks for considering my remarks. We don't have many chances left before it will be too late, and this one would make a big difference for all of Florida going forward. Please do the right thing for future generations. I'm too old now to benefit from restoring the Ocklawaha, but it's important to make sure future generations will have a livable environment for their children and all of nature to thrive in.
10/6/2021 10:49	Citrus		No	No					Dam removed. A natural, healthy, free flowing river and surrounding ecosystems. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored, Twenty lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored, historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river, 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife, $50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, $4.14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs and $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Natural levels and natural flow of the great riverway should be a goal desired by all who care about the environment.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riveraay, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riveraay is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riveraay. Thank you for your time and consideration.
10/6/2021 10:49	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: Concern over the restoration project.	Raise the dam and restore the Oklawaha	Existing information documenting that restoration would be in the best interest of all of the Florida fauna and flora, not just the local residents petty interests.	Same old concerns as always. The lack of consideration for science and the majority; pandering to the special interests as usual.	No!	I've been through this before and we all know you won't change anything. Politics is the real issue here.
10/6/2021 10:57	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Restore the River to its original course by removing the dams and locks.	Florida's aquifer evolved over thousands of years without human intervention. Our best course is to let nature sort out the water flows/levels after we remove the dams and locks.	As seas rise and rain events become more pronounced, the continued flow of water will be more likely to harm us.	No, nature has already figured out the best way for water to either accumulate or flow away. Human intervention only seems to make disasters more inevitable.	
10/6/2021 11:08	Levy		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Flow restored. I have a residence of the Withlacoochee River and have noticed the negative impact south of the barge canal before my eyes over the last 5-10 years.	As is, we have submerged 20 springs, drowned out 15,000 acres of floodplain, destroyed habitats of many species of flora and fauna.	Destruction of the above beyond repair. As a native Floridian we are not allocating the resources to preserve the natural beauty and environment our state has naturally.	The end all be all of this is to ensure the proper protection for the waterway and environment. Much of this part of our state is sparsely populated; doing the work to protect it now would create broader use for tourist, businesses, and residence for years to come.	Restoring the 20 springs the current set-up would allow improved water quality and improve critical habitat for fish, shellfish, manatees, and other species. The existing infrastructure is beyond repair and poses a true threat to many residences, businesses, and the wildlife.
10/6/2021 11:13	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just to see what it looked like	Remove the dam. Restore the swamp and marsh habitat. Replant trees that were destroyed when the land was flooded. Allow the Oklawhaha to reconnect with the St. Johns River.	Our climate is in bad shape. Global warming increasing. Dangerous algae blooms. Dangerous floods in Jacksonville. Starving manatees dying. Rising salinity in the St. Johns River.	That the situation will continue to escalate to the point of total collapse.	NO	I am 81 years old. My father, Stuart Dent, and my grandfather, John Walker were both avid fisherman on the St. Johns and Oklawaha in the 1930's and 40's. In 1954, my father and his fishing pal, Ray Ware, ran the entire length of the St. Johns, putting in just North of the St. Johns Marsh. My Dad wrote a journal describing the trip. On day 5 he wrote: "We passed the mouth of the Ocklawaha at Welaka and it brought memories of former fishing trips. This exotic stream carries the water from Silver Springs and empties it into the St. Johns. Recently a sixteen pound striped bass was taken." Please make it 'exotic' again.
10/6/2021 11:14	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other	Remove the dam	History, science	Feeling that greed wins out again	No	
10/6/2021 11:15	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam breached to allow the local wildlife to thrive	The manatees could use access to these natural springs that they have been blocked off from	The manatee population would continue it's decline if we don't act now	Perhaps some sort of pedestrian waterway for the aquatic animals of sorts	Breaching the dam would promote biodiversity in these trying times and give the manatee population the fighting chance it deserves. Please consider it.
10/6/2021 11:16	Alachua		No	No					restore the natural flow of our nearby Ocklawaha River	general public information	negative environmental impact	probably not	
10/6/2021 11:18	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	I would like to see the dam removed and the natural flow of nature restored.	There are many but primarily our need for fresh water flow in Florida and especially for the St. Johns River	We would continue to ignore the obvious need to respect natural systems and it will continue to hurt the health of the St. Johns River. The economic benefits of restoration could surpass the greedy needs of the present system so fighting restoration is shortsighted and hardly valid .	No. It is PAST time to do this.	
10/6/2021 11:19	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	KNOCK IT DOWN	if you paddle the area during draw down and see what was a majestic marsh cypress forest system with many springs covered up , it becomes apparent . The reason they do draw , is try to get rid of sediment (muck) deposited in the reservoir and river.	Continued degradation of a natural echo , and the harder and harder it will be to get rid of it	NO , NO , AND NO	How many times does it have to be decommissioned before they get rid of it
10/6/2021 11:25	Volusia		No	Yes				Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the river.	Restore the flooded springs and restore manatee access.	Continued lose of function for the ecosystem.	Not sure. Would have to here options.	
10/6/2021 11:27	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	It's a no-brainer. Breaching the dam to help restoration of the oklawaha river. It needs to be free flowing. I think it would be great if the 3 rivers United , seems a lot of good would come from that	Just think of the fish, manatees, birds that would benefit	We lost so many manatees this year . I believe this would benefit them greatly. Can you imagine Florida with no manatees. Some body has to step up and get this done because our governor sure doesn't care	No, this needs to happen soon	There are plenty of Pros to retoring the rivers together. Water quality improves, habitats for manatees , fresh water would help to prevent algal blooms. it would benefit other species of wildlife. How great to uncover hidden springs. Please just get this done
10/6/2021 11:30	Bradford		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Allow river to return to original state	Current damage to springs (submerged), acres of floodplain lost, damaged and lost habitat	Continuing damage to all listed above	I would consider a compromise but am currently unaware of any	
10/6/2021 11:30	Outside of state / other	Utah	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4.14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/6/2021 11:30	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove them so the water can flow naturally and the damage can be repaired.	The bad effect that the dam has already had on the many waterways like the Silver River.	The natural ecology will not be restored and the many springs and tributaries involved will eventually be destroyed.	No	
10/6/2021 11:32	Alachua		No	No						It was built as a part of the cross-Florida canal which was deemed an ecological disaster.	More manatee deaths, contributing to algae growth, smothering existing springs.	None	
10/6/2021 11:40	St Johns		No	Yes				Fishing	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha.	Frequent algae blooms in the St Johns; uncovering numerous springs that have been suppressed by flooding the Oklawaha; improving the quality of Silver Springs, a one-of-a-kind awesome resource for Florida; reforesting 1000's of acres of land that is currently submerged.	Florida's precious resource, water, is further degraded. Fisheries are further eroded. Florida's tourism industry and residents of Florida will continue to see problems with enjoying the state's natural, beautiful resources.	No. We must restore the natural flow. The only argument against this is the loss of the manmade reservoir that must be drained every 3 or 4 years to keep it from failing. This is not sustainable. There are many other fishing opportunities that will come from removing the dam and restoring the flow.	Water is such a precious resource. With more and more people moving to Florida we have to change the ways of the past, which benefited some and hurt others. Our solutions need to be a win-win. Our fishing club used t go the Stuart every year to fish for Snook under the dock lights. It's one of my favorites. The water was always crystal clear and the dock light allowed you see a fantastic array of marine life. The last time we went, a few years ago, the water looked like chocolate milk. The Corps had released fertilizer and other problems from Lake Okeechobee into the beautiful north and south forks of the St Lucie Rivers. It was awful. We tried to go south to the Loxahatchee, another crystal clear river, but no there are canals emptying polluted water here too. I was shocked to find out how many canals there are that allow this polluted water to be directed both east and west rivers. This is another system that needs to be reworked to restore the natural flow from Lake O to the south. Gov DeSantis campaigned on reducing the pollution impacts and he has signed legislation to help the Indian River Lagoon and Lake O discharges. It's time look at the rest of Florida too.
10/6/2021 11:41	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and allow the Ocklawaha River to run its natural course	Manatee habitat needs to be restored and increased	Continued poor water quality in St Johns River and increased nonnative fish populations	At least breach the dam to allow increased water flow	
10/6/2021 11:43	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River. The dam causes badly diminished water quality and seriously affects the well-being of wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored, and manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	So long as a future complete breach is provided for, temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	It's imperative to restore the free water flow so that nature itself can recover the former quality of life provided by the free water flow.
10/6/2021 11:45	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Removed	Cost of continual, never-ending maintenance of dam and locks as well as labor and equipment for maintaining greenways	Cost of labor and maintenance in to perpetuity	No	I'm 64 years old. I know what the Ocklawaha River was like before the dam, and I know what it's like now. There's no comparison. I've no idea of the cost to maintain the structures of the dam and the lot, nor the cost and maintenance of the equipment for all of the Greenways but I know that those costs will never end. The maintenance and labor will be there forever.
10/6/2021 11:51	Lake		No	No					It, like so many other dams, should be removed to restore a free-flowing river.		Continued loss of biodiversity and continued loss of natural hydrological cycles. As wet, air organic matter flooded beneath the dam impound lake likely continues to generate methane, which is 80-times more detrimental as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. Allowing the drying out of the dam impound will reduce this methane pollution.		
10/6/2021 11:54	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like the Compass ha river go back to its natural course, remove the dam.	The dam is about to fail anyway so why keep something in place that we recognized was a mistake a long time ago.	Spending more money on a mistake does not make any sense.	No.	
10/6/2021 11:54	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. It's been like that for 50 years and maintenance of the dam probably will cost less than restoration.	The beauty of the reservoir and the "park" by the dam.	Loss of the reservoir and "park".	Find a way to let more fish, etc. through the dam to alleviate some of the concerns down stream.	
10/6/2021 11:55	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Artist	Removal	Research	Beautiful cypress forest and wetlands restoration. The crystal clear water from the springs again visible, and manatees access to the ocean and warm springs	Removal	It's a waste of money to rebuild it it's useless.
10/6/2021 12:02	Duval		No	No					Removal of the reservoir and dam	I was informed by an article in the Ft. Times Union 10/5/21 stating wildlife, especially manatees will suffer with the continued presence of the dam.	Features (plants, animals) of our natural habitat will continue to suffer - we must be kinder to our planet to mitigate past actions.	Small actions are not enough global warming presses us to do more	
10/6/2021 12:08	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Either let the dam erode over time. Greater good can be gained by returning the waterway to it's natural state	Reports that describe the state of the natural waterway and the effects of the dam on downstream recreation, businesses and habitat.	Human intervention when it is not needed.	Maybe I could support a program to keep a smaller reservoir with dramatically increased water throughput.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this situation.
10/6/2021 12:09	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Free the oklawaha	Good for Manatees	Continue extra pesticides and bad for endangered manatees		
10/6/2021 12:09	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove this relic of the Cross Florida Barge Canal, restore the Oklawaha.	Covering springs, impacting natural water flow	Dam maintenance costs	Yes. Maybe a phased approach over no more than 3-5 years to accommodate wildlife transition.	
10/6/2021 12:11	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam, empty the reservoir and restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha River. Completely remove the dam if warranted/recommended.	Scientists and ecologists recommending for many years that the river should be restored to reverse the continuing environmental harm being done with the dam in place.	Continuing damage to the environment in that area of Florida, as well as the continuing expense of maintaining the dam.	No.	
10/6/2021 12:11	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of dam.	Saving money by eliminating dam maintenance.	Waste of money on dam maintenance.	No	Restoration of river flow would allow return of bottomland forest and floodplain swamp and wildlife.
10/6/2021 12:19	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	I live in Jacksonville. I can see the St. Johns River from my back yard. I believe Dr. Quinton White from JU and Lisa Rinaman, the St. Johns Riverkeeper, when they say the St. Johns River will benefit from the removal of the dam and restoration of the Oklawaha River.	That the water quality of the St. Johns will continue to suffer and that tax payer money will be spent to repair and shore up a dam that has never been environmentally best for the region. Better to spend money to restore the Ocklawaha.	No. From what I read in Dr. White's column in the October 5th edition of the Florida Times-Union, removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha is the only true long term solution.	
10/6/2021 12:20	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time			Restore the Ocklawaha - get rid of the dam	Disrupting the natural environment has created negative consequences	Natural habitats would disappear		
10/6/2021 12:22	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored, allowed to flow unobstructed.	Several studies have been completed which indicate that a restored free-flowing river would create more and better wildlife habitat, would increase the diversity and number of fish and birds, and would allow manatees to navigate safely up to Silver Springs. A free-flowing river would also provide more opportunities to derive economic benefit than currently exist.	That this important riverine ecosystem would continue to be degraded, and the opportunity to experience one of the (formerly) most beautiful and historic rivers in Florida would be lost.	No	
10/6/2021 12:23	Washington		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	keep the animals safe		the wildlife will die off		
10/6/2021 12:26	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see it removed and the area restored as is practical to it's natural state.	I'm not sure I understand the question. I have followed the fiasco of the Cross Florida Barge Canal since the early '70's and have been aware of the ecological damage it's partial construction has caused. I would like to see this damage reversed.	That a lot of public money is waited maintaining the status quo by repairing the dam.	Simply removing the ability of the dam to block river flow.	
10/6/2021 12:34	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removal!	Drowning of land, loss of wildlife nesting and habitat areas, stopping of the free flow of the river so that SOME fishermen can catch a few fish. Let them fish in the river.		Get it done, We've been talking about it for decades. Enough already,!	
10/6/2021 12:35	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Demolish it. Return River to original natural state	Kooks explaining that it was never needed. My own experience kayaking the river	Further destruction of the river	No.	
10/6/2021 12:35	Volusia		No	No					I support the proposed partial restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	Partial restoration will to a significant degree restore water flow and biodiversity to the river, compared to what it has now.	That, at a time when plant and animal habitat is giving way to human growth and development, this opportunity to add back habitat will be lost.	I'm not aware of another way to accomplish significant habitat restoration short of the one proposed.	
10/6/2021 12:52	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Have the Kirkpatrick Dam removed so the natural flow at the riverwould be restored.	The loss of Manatees which have died.	Continued Manatees loss.	Partial restoration of the flow.	
10/6/2021 12:52	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating		A natural flow of the river, this would allow a landscape of the whole area to recover. As of the dam, being built, this has created a false environment, and costly situation to maintain, All river wildlife is trapped and unable to exist naturally.	Flooding of property	Remove Dam	
10/6/2021 12:58	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam and restore the reservoir to its original riverine system.	Lower long term costs of restoring to its original state.	Adverse impacts both upstream and downstream from the dam.	not really	
10/6/2021 13:00	Alachua		No	No					Destroy those obstacles and restore the natural flow of the river.	Data on the decline of fish and manatees unable to access the river beyond the reservoir/dam area	Continued deterioration of the wetlands, water quality, and the survival of animal species in surrounding areas dependent on that habitat	NO	
10/6/2021 13:07	Alachua		No	No					Remove the damn and restore the river	I'd like to see a reversal of the continued degradation of our rivers and springs	Long term environmental impact, loss of habitat	No	
10/6/2021 13:09	Manatee		No	No					Breach the dam				If the dam serves no purpose why haven't they breached it?
10/6/2021 13:23	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Keep it as it is.	It is a good fishing spot and creates an environment for water-type wildlife.	It becomes an unusable swamp.		
10/6/2021 13:27	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Let the river flow	Freedom	Loosing our rivers	No	
10/6/2021 13:27	Alachua		No	No					RESTORE the Oklawaha River to its natural course.	The dam is destroying the natural habitat of many varieties of animal and plant life. It is destroying our natural springs and floodplains that feed and provide shelter for many species.	The loss of our natural springs, and species of wildlife.	I don't know of a "half-way" solution. The dam should be removed and the river returned to its natural course.	I lived near and fished on the Oklawaha River in my younger years. It is one-of-a-kind and too beautiful to allow the Rodman Dam to continue to cause ruin and destruction of our natural Florida habitat.
10/6/2021 13:29	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I want to see the real Ocklawaha again.	I would like the Reservoir and the Dam to be eliminated. The Ocklawaha must be restored asap.	Restoration of the Oklawaha will increase waterflow, enhance grass growth, discourage those nasty tilapia and afford manatees a healthier and increased habitat.	Florida would sink deeper into the black hole of environmental disaster.	No. Fifty years ago, I marched against the damn dam. It needs to go.	The whole structure of the 50 year old dam is faulty. It should be removed quickly.
10/6/2021 13:33	Citrus		No	No					Take it down if not being used....allowing more space for wildlife to use	saving wildlife	lose more wildlife	no	

10/6/2021 13:34	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/6/2021 13:39	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river	The Ocklawaha dam prevents people and wildlife from using the natural ecosystem that existed before the dam was built. Florida's tourism industry is built on Florida's natural ecosystem, not bass fishing.	Continued damage to Florida's environment and continued waste of money maintaining the dam and reservoir	Removing part of the dam wold at least help.	
10/6/2021 13:40	Alachua		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam to allow water to flow freely	That so many species are denied their natural habitat as well as springs lost	Water problems below the dam from land lost as well as loss of springs		Perhaps it's time for water experts, not political appointees, to manage Florida's waterways
10/6/2021 13:42	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Whatever needs to be done to restore the Ocklawaha River to its original corse & permit boats to again travel from the St. johns river to Silver Springs.	Recreational family use of the now "hidden springs" and the beautiful Ocklawaha River which was destroyed by the senseless & ignorant idea of a barge canal.	That the bass fishermen had MORE INFLUENCE on the governor than the FAMILIES who don't fish!!	Not sure what this means.....please be more specific but probably no.	As a native Floridian I was HORRIFIED to see the damage that the damming of the river caused for absolutely no reason. Let's put people back to work. Folks need jobs now. This effort would help everyone except the bass fishermen.
10/6/2021 13:47	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam.	Economics and environment restoration.	Continued waste of public funds and continued environmental degradation.	Just breach the dam and leave it non functional as a monument.	
10/6/2021 13:49	Polk		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the damn removed and the Oklawaha River restored, along with it the many submerged springs.	Experiencing the River and springs during the draw down. It was unlike anything I've ever seen and done in Florida. Plus the fishing was still great!	Missed economic and ecological opportunities for the region. I believe this could be a game changer for eco tourism and fishing, and recreation.	It's time for the damn to be removed.	
10/6/2021 13:50	Gulf		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed and the river restored to its proper flow.	The fact that it would increase the tourism ta and economic strength of the area.	A beautiful place will remain submerged, and its benefits wasted.	I'm not sure.	
10/6/2021 13:54	Alachua		No	No					Removal of dam, restoring natural flow of Ocklawaha River.	Research that shows what the river was like before the dam and the damage done to the river and surrounding land after the dam. Also information showing that quality of fishing has declined in the reservoir so that it is no longer providing that benefit.	Further damage to river ecosystem and surrounding land.	Not really. I don't know if there is research on the possible effect of opening the dam up for longer periods of time but overall, no, there is no really desirable outcome other than removal of the dam.	This has been a long time coming. We are learning that man's attempts to control nature often cause harm in the long run even if in the short run it seemed like a good idea. Please listen to the science and remove the dam.
10/6/2021 14:10	Lee		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Cost: •An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. •The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. • $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure. • Economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida demonstrate the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, and annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been on a downward trend since records began in 2004 as water quality and fish production have continued to decline year after year. • When accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit analysis determined restoration would produce a cumulative net benefit of $47.2 million over the first 10 years, versus a cumulative loss of $5.3 million with repair and maintenance of the dam. • The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir.	Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water flowing into the St. Johns River and Estuary will help to prevent harmful algal blooms and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. Thank you for your consideration.
10/6/2021 14:29	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam. It encourages pollution and accumulation of garbage.	I was very sad to see how the area was full of garbage. Also the dam, on the pond side, was full of dead trees	It will get worse and if the dam is breached damage the water stream	I would need to understand other option, but I believe nature and its paths are always the best way to go.	
10/6/2021 14:32	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: boar trip	See the dam taken down; the reservoir to be allowed to empty into the tributary; help to restore wildlife and sea grasses, permit the 20 plus springs to "spring" again - let the area go back to nature, health and beauty.	The need to repair an unneeded dam that was put in place for an idea that was abandoned years ago and the resultant damage to the natural habitat.	Big money politics wins again. Florida is not for the people and protection of our natural resources.	No	Come on, you know taking down the dam and draining the reservoir is the right thing to do, Let's get it done.
10/6/2021 14:35	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone.	I live within a mile and 1/2 if Rodman and the reservoir has an abundance of wildlife that live and rely of it.	Environmental disaster	No	
10/6/2021 14:45	Pasco		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay beautiful like it is now!	Just looking at the beautiful, peaceful area.	What would happen to the habitat? The animals; the plants the birds.....what would the area look like?	No	
10/6/2021 14:53	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	That the Dam be taken down and the Ocklawaha returned to its natural flow.	The migratory route of fish and mammals would be restored. Invasive vegetation and wildlife would be mitigated. Salinity in the Lower St Johns would be (Hopefully) reduced and sea grasses restored. The vegetation will return to provide a safe habitat for native wildlife.	That this boondoggle (Cross Florida Barge Canal) of a project will continue to ruin one of the great rivers in all of the USA. It is an environmental disgrace and an embarrassment to Florida and its leadership.	No	
10/6/2021 14:56	Alachua		No	No					The Ocklawaha River needs to be restored. The costs are obvious and the benefits are numerous. The dam is a result of bad policy many years ago, it is time to move on.	At a time when communities are reeling from climate change and local governments are facing exorbitant resilience and repair costs, we can avoid $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream property owners and $4-14 Million in repairs for an outdated dam well past its life expectancy. Plus the environmental piece; 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem will be restored and fish and manatees return once the river is free - flowing river	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years	The scenario I support is the river running freely again.	Think of our struggling manatees as well. This river could be a lifesaver for the species.
10/6/2021 14:57	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and water flow restored.	I believe the free flow of water is best for the river on both sides of the dam. With development expected all around its more important now than ever to restore this waterway. The dredging of the port in Jacksonville will surely impact the salinity of the tributary making this issue even more vital to the health of the river.		No other options are available as I see this issue.	
10/6/2021 15:03	St Johns		No	No					The most reasonable approach would be breaching the dam and creating the original river channel flow until an evaluation can be studied to prioritize a phased restoration and economic plan. The original river offered an opportunity to take a boat cruise up the river to enjoy the flora and fauna.	This solution prefered by the majority of scientific experts.	A lost opportunity for generations to come.	Simply breach the dam, restoration starts immediately.	Politics.....
10/6/2021 15:05	Outside of state / other	OR	No	No					Respect Wildlife and their Habitats	Earth is dying	Earth is warming rapidly	no	
10/6/2021 15:07	Alachua		No	No					Take down the dam.	Removing the dam will restore the natural flow of our nearby Ocklawaha River	Natural flow will not be restored.	Not really	
10/6/2021 15:14	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Dam	Restoring springs and habitat for fish and manatees	Best opportunity that will have a large impact on the protection of Springs and manatees.	No, Breaching the Dam is long overdue.	
10/6/2021 15:16	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	If you took it out, it would take 100 plus years to restore it to original like it use to be. It's what it is now and is a great fishing spot. No need tk change it	Left like it is.	Lose of habitat for wildlife and a eye soar for the next 40 years	Yeah leave it like it is a do the draw down every 4 years	
10/6/2021 15:18	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam in place and repair as needed	Top 5 bass fishing lake in the USA year after year.	Loss of best bass fishing in Florida.	Repair the dam. Improve the parks and ramps	This is a world-class lake that year after year produces the largest bass world wide.
10/6/2021 15:18	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	Natural water flow	cost of dam upkeep	no	more jobs would be created than lost
10/6/2021 15:24	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise.	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do the right thing!!
10/6/2021 15:26	St Johns		No	No					abolish the dam and allow a return to natural flow	The natural order has been upset by this it advised and poorly thought out project	Forever losing the natural flow and ecosystem of this ancient river	no	
10/6/2021 15:36	Pasco		No	No					Pat the Rodman reservoir and Kirkman dam to be breached	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. The dam needs to be removed in order to keep our springs as well as all wildlife that maintains the life in these springs. The dam no longer is needed and is only doing damage more than any good.	If we don't act now, future generations will only hear stories and not get to the see the beauty that our state has to offer.
10/6/2021 15:41	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating	Leave it the way it is for fishing	Tournament fishing,local,b.a.s.s	Becoming waste land	None	
10/6/2021 15:43	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing	Remove and restore natural flow.	History of cross Florida barge canal and it's decommissioning	Increased herbicide usage degradation of natural ecosystems	Keeping dam gates open more	
10/6/2021 15:48	Flagler		No	No					Restore the river flow and levels to pre-dam conditions.	Editorial in the Daytona-Beach News Journal (10/8/21) reprinted from the Gainesville Sun citing reports from Defenders of Wildlife, American Rivers, Free the Ocklawaha Coalition and other groups advocating that the dam be breached.	Loss of warm-water habitat for manatees, reduced bio-diversity, and degrading water quality for Florida's natural springs.	Partial restoration of the river is the preferred alternative to keeping the dam intact.	Environmental tourism to Silver Springs would increase following the free flow of the river. The cost of maintaining the aging damn would cease. After 50 years of environmental advocacy the time has come to restore the Ocklawaha River.
10/6/2021 16:06	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed and the river should be allowed to flow naturally. This is what is best for the environment, especially water quality and wildlife.	Millions of dollars in potential flood damages would be avoided to downstream property owners.	This is our best chance since federal and state funds are now available.	No. Not taking care of this problem now means more expensive maintenance on the dam in future years.	The addition of fresh water into the river system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and help to prevent saltwater intrusion. This will benefit wildlife, aquatic vegetation, as well as fish.
10/6/2021 16:14	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Save the reservoir	wonderful lake	none	no	
10/6/2021 16:17	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	breach the Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam's original purpose is no longer valid and repair and maintenance to keep it safe is financially irresponsible. There are also the many environmental benefits which would result from allowing the return of the affected river systems to their natural conditions.	The dam will require costly repairs to reduce the risks of failure and downstream damages. Return of the natural systems will be enjoyed by the dam will not happen.	Not really. The dam is a product of the failed concept of the Cross Florida Barge Canal. Breaching it will have many benefits to the environment and will save the public the cost of repairing and maintaining an environmental mistake.	
10/6/2021 16:23	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating	Restore the river to its natural flow	Studies presented by the St. Johns Riverkeeper and my personal experience	The permanent destruction of the natural flow of the river	No	
10/6/2021 16:26	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain it!	The number of happy recreational folks that enjoy the area.	The loss of a fabulous recreational area that is enjoyed by many many people including campers, hunters, bird watchers, recreational fishermen, tournament fishermen and other watersport activists.	Not really unless to save expenses they could possibly eliminate the opening and closing of the locks multiple times a day and just maintain the levels and open it only for conservation issues and or routine maintenance. Let the river folks enjoy the St Johns and Rodman would basically become a long controlled Lake. Just a thought. Don't know if that is even possible.	
10/6/2021 16:27	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Wanted to see it.	I would like to see it breached and the Oklawaha returned to its original flow. Also, I would to see the springs and all the wildlife and birds they will attract.	The environmental impact of damn..	The river not flowing swiftly into the St John's.	I think just breaching it and not tearing it all down is a compromise.	
10/6/2021 16:31	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by at a minimum breaching the dam and restore the river flow and limiting use of land near the river	Free the Ocklawaha Coalition, editorial of The Gainesville Sun and Daytona Beach News Journal	The dam has caused increase in poor water quality and decrease in biodiversity of the Ocklawaha River. It will continue to worsen and lead to more deaths of Manatees and other wildlife	Destruction of the dam would fully achieve my desired outcome but any means to increase the restoration of the Ocklawaha River would help.	
10/6/2021 16:47	Hillsborough		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other	Leave everything absolutely alone and how it is because it is now a viable sustainable ecosystem that provides shelter and food to many species of wildlife that are getting more endangered in Florida.	Messing around with it would disrupt the fragile ecosystem that has become established there and home to numerous flora and fauna that are rapidly being threatened elsewhere.	The disruption of a beautiful ecosystem for absolutely no reason other than the fact that some week need people don't like it but that's their own opinion to have because everything will still be there long after they are dead and gone.	No. Leave it alone leave everything alone.	Leave it alone leave it alone leave it alone, many folks as well as plant and animal species depend on the biodiversity of this ecosystem for survival don't mess with it if it's not broken don't fix it.
10/6/2021 16:59	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Let the river flow as before the dam.	Environmental studies.	The river and springs deteriorate.	More flow.	
10/6/2021 17:06	Sarasota		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	It's an incredible fishery, ecosystem that supports multiple species of animals, fishes and manatees. Leave it alone and allow the the Hvlxing ecosystem and businesses dependent on it to thrive!!!	Friends and family whose lives and welfare depend on it	One of my favorite honey holes would no longer support the hawgs I love to catch and release >=> Tis a beautiful place that would be forever changed for the worse 😢😢😢	Leave it alone	For the love of God and His amazin creation .. let it be as ALL will continue to live, thrive and multiply
10/6/2021 17:12	Outside of state / other	Kentucky	No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Leave it as it is! It's a treasure. I see many manatees, eagles, etc that utilize it. Please leave it alone	I think the wildlife refuge that it has become is a big part of it. It's absolutely beautiful and an amazing g fishery also.	Loss of wildlife, fishery and habitat in general	Close the locks keep the lake.
10/6/2021 17:18	Outside of state / other	Beaufort, South Carolina	No	Yes			1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it remain the wold and beautiful ecosystem that is has become today. It would be a terrible tragedy to kill the wonderful wild spot this has become. It is home to the many wild creatures that abound on its boundary.	The sustainability of the current wildlife such as the manatee and the more than abundant wildlife but also the significant revenue from people like me who go to Florida because of this beautiful spot.	That the lives of so many wildlife and people would be once again torn asunder by a reckless ideology. What's done is done and is now the adjusted home of more lives than destroying it would sustain. Please keep it the way it is. It is a wild and beautiful place.	No, I don't see that.	- I'm from out of state but we all love wild and beautiful places and this is one of the best.
10/6/2021 17:21	Gilchrist		No	Yes			2-5 times		Returned to its natural state.	The dead trees sticking out of the water are disturbing reminding us of what is no more.	More build up of killing muck on everything behind the dam.	NO, fishing could go back to the way it should be - folks actually finding favorite spots w/o it being made so darn convenient. Pansy fishing is not cool.	Please let nature rule, it always does eventually.
10/6/2021 17:28	Outside of state / other	Tennessee now	No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	It should be left alone. The area is beautiful and any plans to redo it or make changes is unnecessary.	Simply the wildlife! I have seen so many areas undergo remodeling or revamping of systems which in return has lead to wildlife disruption even causing death. It has a chain reaction from wildlife leaving the area and the food chain is disrupted. Water contamination is also a huge factor. Building materials enter the water and kills fish and other animals who utilize the area as breeding grounds. Again another Chain reaction event.	Disruption of wildlife and thriving ecosystem. Too many animals lives depend on the natural area without man made running it.	Not really. Some things are better left alone.	I've been visiting the area for years especially when I lived in Florida. The areas like this need to be protected and left undisturbed. Any time man gets themselves involved it disrupts the natural process of the ecosystem. We are already losing so much from other reasons let's preserve what we have as long as we can.
10/6/2021 17:36	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: Hiking, observe the area.	Like to see it restored.	For the river to be opened up free again. The river is so packed with logs it's hard to boat. To open up the springs that are under the reservoir.	It is whit is.		
10/6/2021 17:41	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Return the Oclawaha to its free and natural state. ASAP	Science.	decline of the water system and wildlife	A definite timetable to remove the dam	
10/6/2021 17:41	Duval		No	No					Restore it	Maintain the wildlife.	I do not want wildlife to become extinct.	Depending on the subject	Eliminate politics from the outcome.
10/6/2021 17:42	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha	I have read a bit about this issue and listened to friends who care deeply about bringing back the full flow of the river.	The dam will cost a lot of money to maintain as it ages and begins to fail.	No.	
10/6/2021 18:00	Bradford		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing	Managed as a fishery would be my main choice.	Over the last 50 years it has been one of the premier fishing places in the US.	That a few communities would suffer financial loss. That a lot of fishermen(boaters and bank fishermen) would be out of place to fish.	Not really	- I read in the Gainesville Sun an editorial this morning supporting removing the dam. One of their points was that the lake covered up several small springs, stopped them from flowing. I would think that is a good thing, that water is better off in our aquifer than flowing out into polluted St John's River. - I know if I had an artesian well on my property,SJRWMD would make me cap it. I don't see much difference in a spring and an artesian well.
10/6/2021 18:07	Outside of state / other	Alabama	No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Saving the ecosystem , the wildlife , manatees , bald eagles and the fishery	The disappearance of all that I mentioned above	Nope NO compromise
10/6/2021 18:08	Putnam		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Make the River be a River	Spraying herbicide on the lake cannot be good for our waterways free the springs a lot of people come to Florida to see the beauty of the they spend lots of money locally put docks on some parts of the river people will fish and spend money the big bass boats can still fish the St. John's River smaller boats will still fish the Oklawaha	Harming the environment	Eco tourism	Keep the Oklawaha wild such a beautiful river for our children and their children can enjoy forever wild Florida has disappeared south of us let's not make the same mistake
10/6/2021 18:09	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep them alive! I have been visiting Rodman all my life and I hope they never go away. I once saw 3 pairs of bald eagles flying over head at the same time. And another time my boat was surrounded by a bunch of huge manatees. What an amazing place	Many people and an amazing variety of wildlife enjoy this unique place. A crime to let it fall away to nothing	If the damn is ever closed the loss would way outweigh the cost of keeping it alive. Dam haters just got to hate. Leave the dam alone	No. No compromise when it come to the dam. It can only be all or nothing	
10/6/2021 18:11	Outside of state / other	Stephens county, Ok	No	No					Keep it in place. I can never fully get the reasons behind removal, anything reasonable at least.	Its a lake. Water storage n fishing.	Environmentalists will pet worse	Yes. Is there anyway of having more water flow to the river while keeping the reservoir sounds like best scenario.	
10/6/2021 18:17	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Touring the Ocklawaha river	Removed	Numerous environmental studies	Lack of wildlife migration	Breaching the dam	The space occupied by the dam, and the surrounding environment, have been significantly degraded by the existing structure.
10/6/2021 18:21	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman / Kirkpatrick dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 yrs overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatee

10/6/2021 18:30	Volusia		No	No					In a perfect world, I'd like to see the natural flow restored! Given the impacts to humans in that path, I won't hold my breath... But that's the hope: to restore the watershed that existed before the misbegotten idea for the dam came up.	Every single instance of dam construction in the US has caused catastrophic ecological impacts upstream and down. From disruptions in breeding and spawning that threatens entire food webs, to the destruction and suffocation of huge swaths of habitat for hundreds of species--dams have been responsible for a lot of ecological carnage. And most of it happened in an era when we didn't collectively understand or prioritize that damage. But that is changing, and now there is a trend toward removal of dams, as may be happening here. "As we know better, we must do better". -- Nowadays, we do know better; now we're challenged to DO better.	That we confuse process with progress, and yap about this until we finally all move on to other pressing concerns, leaving the watershed to stagnate because no one has the balls to pull the trigger. It's a lot easier (especially for anyone elected!) to talk about something forever, than it is to actually make the dang decision.	Sure. Compromise has to be important. But half-hearted measures are not going to fix this.	
10/6/2021 18:36	Volusia		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the free flow of water	Dams are ecologically terrible, there are too many variables and negative effects to surrounding areas.	Continued negative effects to the environment and the people who depend on it.	No.	
10/6/2021 18:43	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Ecological gains, economic savings, ecological economic gains	Failure of Florida public interest	Minimum: drain Rodman Reservoir and restore the River. Some of the dam might remain without impoundment	Long past time for this action
10/6/2021 18:45	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing Other	Keep everything as is, don't tear dam down. All animals, from land to water will be destroyed. Enviormental dieaster	Lived here saw how when dam built, land has to heal. Now you want to reverse,it and repeat destroying wild life Why can't you just leave it alone. Such a waste	All habitate destroyed as we have it stapled now.	Save the rodman and dam, will gladley volunteer to acheive this goal.	No one thinks about how much tearing these dam and kicks down. Waste of time and money
10/6/2021 18:46	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the oklawaha	Enviornmental	Hurts wildlife		Thanks
10/6/2021 18:53	Duval		No	No					Would have it restored to original river flow.	Florida has a delicate ecosystem and damming up rivers doesn't seem to be a good idea	That the St.John's river and the wildlife will suffer	No. It was probably initiated for someone to make some money off of and serves no useful purpose.	
10/6/2021 19:02	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would love to see the dam stay because of the beautiful wildlife and unique ecosystem it has created.	The fishery that the dam has created. In addition to the unique fishery, it is home to so many manatees and supports the manatee population immensely.	That the ecosystem the dam has created is destroyed and the animals and families that rely on it are put in jeopardy.	Leaving the dam and restoring other parts of the river and managing the vegetation growth on the reservoir.	
10/6/2021 19:35	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River. The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/6/2021 19:43	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Restored to full potential and maintained as needed.	I think the Kirkpatrick damn offers an amazing eco system to the north central Florida area. I love fishing it but on top of that, I take my wife and kids on nature rides. We see eagles, tons of manatees, snail kites and other wildlife. I've been coming here since a kid with my grandpa and it brings back so many memories everytime I visit. I think it would devastate many jobs on top of millions of wildlife if the damn was torn down. It would be horrible!	A loss of one of the best eco systems in the world! Much like a rainforest.	I'd support anything that preserves the damn and the eco system it's created!	Leave it alone and restore it! Please!
10/6/2021 19:54	Marion		No	No					Remove it	The multiple studies showing its negative effects on Florida wildlife	The harmful ecological and economic impacts it will have on our rivers springs and wildlife	Breaching the dams to allow for some restored flow	
10/6/2021 20:06	Outside of state / other	Columbus, Ohio	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Please breach the dam and restore the Ocklewaha River. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems and historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/6/2021 20:08	Santa Rosa		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No, the dam must be breached as soon as possible. This is long overdue, and this is an opportunity to help remedy issues including poor water quality, low manatee populations, low fish populations, and wasted taxpayer money.	
10/6/2021 20:09	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	Restore the natural habitat	It's the most beautiful river in florida and it's a crime to have a dam keeping nature at bay.	Nature	Keep advocating	
10/6/2021 20:18	Volusia		No	No					Please remove the dam.	I want more help for manatees survival.	More pollution.	N/A	N/A
10/6/2021 20:22	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Hunting	Save Rodman damn	It provides sanctuary and forage for wild life. It is a manatee nursery and also known as one of the bass capitals of the world.	Loss of habitat for wildlife. Decline in the manatee population which is in severe Danger. Also a drastic decline in the Fishery	No	I have been fishing and hunting all of my life in Central Florida. I am an avid tournament Fisher. And in my large Network of Outdoorsman friends I know not one single person that wants to see it restored back to its original state. What was created when the river was dammed and the pool was formed draws people from all around the United States or even the world.
10/6/2021 20:27	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam it's a great ecosystem and provides for livelihood and entertainment for many families.	Great ecosystem	Ruining great fishing and livelihood to many	No	
10/6/2021 20:30	Clay		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: We own property on Rodman	Need to keep the damn . Is a major ecosystem for wild life and brings revenue to the county	Healthy ecosystem and wild life	They should leave the damn alone	They must leave the damn . It would destroy many ecosystems	This reservoir brings a lot of money to the county from fishermen, to hunters and also sight Seers
10/6/2021 20:36	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	destroyed and Ocklawaha river restored	it will improve waterway for migrating fish, manatees, other wildlife and for recreational boating.	poor management continues	no, remove the dam. A bad idea to begin with	
10/6/2021 20:36	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Removal and reooring the original channel. Possibly somehow keeping a bridge to content the roadway	I like the entire area better during the drawdown. The funds are not thier to maintain the dam . I would love to see springs come back to life. It would repare much of the wrongs done to the past to the aquifer in the past. More people fish the river than will ever fish in that big stagnant lake .	Dam failing causing major flooding	Remove the dam dam !	
10/6/2021 20:44	St Johns		No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River! Breach the dam or remove it altogether please!	Evidence of environmental destruction, and need to bring back native species, need to restore river flow to pre-dam levels, provide migratory routes for manatees from the Atlantic	Further death and destruction to the Florida wildlife I enjoyed since childhood.	Breaching the dam. But boating and migration need the dam to be removed for more full access	
10/6/2021 20:44	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep it	Wildlife and fishing. Been there a really long time	Loss of such a great body of water	No	Keep it
10/6/2021 20:48	Duval		No	No					To restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/6/2021 20:49	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Diving in the inundated springs for scientific purposes. Worked there as a young biologist in the early 1970's.	Get rid of the dam. Restore the river and springs. Allow greater access of upstream habitats to manatees. Possibly develop an American shad fishery, which is dependent on an undammed river system.	Wow. Where to start. How about the decline in fish abundance and diversity in the Silver River. How about the restrictions on manatee movement. The St. Johns/Ocklawaha/Silver ecological system may be more important than ever for manatees in light of the ecological collapse of the Indian River lagoon.	More decades of ugly ol Rodman Reservoir and all of its functional downsides.	Not really. Doesn't appear to be much of a middle ground with this issue.	The fishermen do not need Rodman. There are so many angling opportunities all around this part of the state. For starters, they can fish the St Johns and Lake George. Then add in the hundreds of lakes in the region. It is not like Rodman is the only game in town.
10/6/2021 20:53	Washington		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Other comments:	Thank you for your consideration in this matter.
10/6/2021 21:03	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other: Camping and hiking Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please restore the river and remove the dam.	Water quality improvements and the restoration of the lost springs.	Waste of taxpayers money to fix the dam and impacts to water quality and wildlife.		
10/6/2021 21:09	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times			Restore the natural flow and stop the use of pesticides to control evasive water plants.	The constant use of pesticides to control vegetation, Wthe a free flowing Okalawha River would clear itself.	The inevitable failure of the dam causing uncontrolled release of water.	Drawdown more oftem, if the dam would withstand the action?	
10/6/2021 21:13	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Other		Cost to keep the dam and environment issues.	Same as above.	Not sure.	
10/6/2021 21:19	Palm Beach		No	Yes					Restore the river. Remove the Dam.	The Dam does not provide water supply benefits. The Dam does not provide flood control benefits. A restored river is much less maintenance.	It would be sad. It will waste tax dollars on maintenance continuing to maintain this aging dam that has no purpose.	No	
10/6/2021 21:22	Volusia		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Adventure tours	Leave alone.	There is an Established Thriving Ecosystem.			
10/6/2021 21:23	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the land with all it's magic restored to its former self as much as possible so that other living creatures and all the wondrous plant life have THEIR space in a pristine environment that is not ,as always, touched, tainted and terminated by us greedy, shortsighted, irresponsible and ignorant un-humans....	what I have witnessed throughout my life: that MANKINKIND is a very destructive force on the astounding fabric of our EARTH and it seems to be getting worse with each breath we take until there is nothing more to breathe. ----	that my above statement will not be proven wrong.....	N O !!!!!	unfortunately I have learned this : I AM SHAMED TO BE HUMAN --- PROVE ME WRONG!!!!!
10/6/2021 21:31	Dade		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking					
10/6/2021 21:35	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Camping, hiking	Past due to remove & restore!	Maintenance costs and lost-opportunities until restoration is completed.	What a waste.	Not r really.	
10/6/2021 21:39	Lake		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Dam	I. If I wildlife corridor restored 2. Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns River & 50 springs restored II. 100's of manatee gain essential warm water spring habitat	millions of taxpayer money spent to repair a dam that does not provide power water or other public benefit. 2. Water quality declines by fueling invasive weed , blue green algae and submerged aquatic vegetation loss 3. 100 mi St Johns River Esturay continues to bee deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish & wildlife habitat & reduce saltwater intrusion.	No breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/6/2021 21:51	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing. Leave it alone.	Wild life preservation.	Destruction of a beautiful ecosystem and thriving wildlife.	None	Leave it alone and continue allowing us out of state people to support your community economically.
10/6/2021 22:04	Duval		No	No					I think that removing the dam to free the river\'s flow is a good idea.				
10/6/2021 22:18	Duval		No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the River	Removing the dam helps restore numerous springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns River. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150 million plus gallons of day restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	That the current dam will continue to deteriorate and natural resources will be impacted	No	
10/6/2021 22:29	Volusia		No	No					Partial or complete restoration of the Ocklawaha River	Use of taxpayer money to maintain Kirkpatrick Dam which has never fulfilled the purpose for which it was built and obstructs the natural flow of the river while benefitting only a limited group of people.	Development would continue to encroach on the area limiting the ability of the river ever to be restored, allow an invasive fish to keep multiplying free of natural predators and deprive the dwindling manatee population of inland waterways which should rightfully be theirs to sustain them during colder weather.	Have not seen any presented other partial restoration. Would prefer the removal of the dam.	
10/6/2021 22:37	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River. This will improve River flow to the St. John's River. It will offset some of the damages done by development, dredging and paving.	Research by Marine biologists has demonstrated that food webs will be enhanced by reestablishing tributary flow. The ecology of the waterways and wetlands will be improved as well.	The flow of water has impeded the health of the wetlands and the St. John's River.	No	
10/6/2021 22:42	Manatee		No	No					I would like to see it removed and the natural ecosystem restored	The amount of fresh water it would bring to the estuaries in need	More manatees will perish	No	
10/6/2021 22:50	Outside of state / other	Perth Australia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/6/2021 23:00	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Landscape Photography	Return the river to it's natural flow. Remove the Dam.	The restoration of several rivers and springs helps support the overall health of Florida's ecosystems. Before you think, "oh, another environmental wacko", remember WE LIVE AND WORK IN THIS ECOSYSTEM, which is slowly failing around us.	Continued choking of the waterways by invasive plants that then require the use of pesticides to try to mitigate their growth. Those pesticides then end up in our drinking water. How does this make any sense?	No. Get rid of the aging dam that costs millions to maintain while simultaneously causing us to poison our own waters and destroy our local ecosystems.	The Rodman dam is a relic of a misguided management theory for our lands and waters. Much like the folly of the Cross Florida Canal, or the efforts to drain the Everglades, this error in planning has led to a myriad of negative consequences that have been allowed to continue for years. It's time to correct the mistakes of the past and help build a better future for Florida and our future generations.
10/6/2021 23:39	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow if the oklawaha river	The loss of natural springs, wildlife habitat and natural water flow caused by the failed cross Florida barge canal.	I do not support the use of tax dollars to invest in a dam that is both unnecessary and environmentally damaging.	I can not support any further monetary investment if taxpayers money in maintaining the Rodman dam and reservoir.	It makes no sense to me why the Rodman dam has been maintained at great public expense with the abandonment of the cross Florida barge canal that originally necessitated its construction.
10/6/2021 23:59	Alachua		No	No					remove the dam, drain the reservoir	historic natural life of the Ocklawaha and all that it had previously sustained of Floridas native flora and fauna before its destruction for the failed cross state barge canal	it's too late maybe to return the run to its previous proclivity? hope not	no	
10/7/2021 2:30	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave everything the way it is. incredible ecosystem, wildlife, fishing, etc... Unbelievably, beautiful area that needs to be preserved and protected. What a gem; very special place. Nothing else like it. Why would you destroy an incredible natural resource that everyone enjoys and is beneficial to Florida's economy. I have a zoology degree and strong biology background. You have something special here; don't mess it up. Leave the Rodman Reservoir area alone. You will do more harm than good.	The extreme diversity and health of this special ecosystem. It supports so much wildlife. The incredible fishery, especially supports the health of this ecosystem. More big bass are caught in this area, than any other part of Florida. That is a bold statement and vois supported by statistics. That is huge for Florida's tourism and economy.	Your going to disperse a lot of wildlife and alter the ecosystem that was created. It will definitely affect the fishing and tourism, which will hurt the state of Florida's bottom line. You will gain very little and lose everything, if things are altered.	No! If you change anything, you will have ramifications. You will lose an incredible amount of tourism dollars related to fishing, if changes are made.	How many times have you heard it?? Don't mess up a good thing!!!
10/7/2021 4:45	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					We must restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/7/2021 5:27	Pasco		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: hiking the area	remove the dams. This will restore the natural flow of the water	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river Hundreds of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier	The rivers will die Too much money is and will be spent to repair the dams	no	
10/7/2021 5:43	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Help the manatees get a feeding areas	Manatee populations are declining. Manatee die-off is biggest concern.	No. Must restore river flow for manatee access.	
10/7/2021 6:30	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Maintain the dam and reservoir for wildlife viewing, fishing and hunting.	The people that are always there using the facility.			

10/7/2021 6:56	Pasco		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Removed	Mother nature didn't intend a dam.	The wildlife ecology won't be restored.	No.	
10/7/2021 7:28	St Johns		No	No					Allow the water to run free to the Ocklawaha river	Return River to its natural state. Avoid use of herbicides to control invasive plants	None		
10/7/2021 7:38	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: 4 wheel back roads	Completely tear down the dam. Restore the river & build upland camp site. Plant oaks in the uplands & cypress near the river.	weeds, backed up water. Only a few people fish on a regular business. Fishing will be better once restored.	man made structure blocking flow & springs.	breach the dam	Minimal maintenance after restored.
10/7/2021 7:47	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Whaling, picnicking	The dam removed. Nature restored.	Science.	Continued destruction.	I doubt it	Make it right. Enough has been seen to know this waterway was the wrong call. Florida is environmentally sensitive and anything we can do to restore it, we should be doing. Natural wildlife habitats will rebound and everything benefits. Except the sleadfast bass industry- and they can fish anywhere.
10/7/2021 7:53	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Not at all	It's removal so the Ocklawaha could be restored	Experience of what it was like before the dam was built. In 1966.			
10/7/2021 8:02	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Total removal	Water flow restoration, natural striped bass fishery	Continued degradation of the river water quality.		Enough is enough. Get this done now.
10/7/2021 8:04	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, return the free flow of the Oklawaha River	Numerous reports by wildlife ecologists and environmental scientists supporting removal of the dam.	Continued degradation of Florida's water quality, wild spaces and wildlife communities.	no	
10/7/2021 8:30	St Johns		No	No					I think the dam should be removed completely and allow the water to flow freely	Removing the dam will allow the Ocklawaha and springs to restore the environment and improve water quality which will encourage plants and fish and cleaner water for the manatees.	Water quality would degrade further and put manatees in even greater danger. So many have died already due to loss of quality water and food. Florida waters should, must be made free from pesticides and other harmful chemicals. These are destroying the environment.	River Keepers are doing a wonderful job of monitoring the rivers and water quality. Donations are always welcome and I would be glad to donate to such a worthy cause	Restoring our rivers, streams and springs will encourage more fish and in turn more fishermen, plus tourists who enjoy the natural beauty of fresh, clean water.
10/7/2021 8:34	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	I'd like to see the dam removed and the river restored to its natural flow.	This is an unneeded remnant of an uncompleted project, planned then cancelled decades ago, that harms the local and regional environment.	The continued negative environmental effects leaving the dam in place would cause.	None that I'm aware of but I'd be willing to learn about more options.	
10/7/2021 8:39	Hamilton		No	No					Return everything to its natural state.	I am 68 years old. I farm in Hamilton county. It didn't make a lot of sense to me when the plan was first put in to place. Why would you dig up a natural river.? It was all political to me. Money. The cost of all evil.	Nothing really,except it's not in it's not in its natural state.	I don't have a dog in this fight. Just looking in from the outside.	I've seen ground water affected right here at home. I have a natural 5 acre pond on my farm. It's creek fed from surface water. It's level has been affected over the years by other people digging. The natural flow has changed for it.
10/7/2021 8:39	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: I don't. I visit in hopes it has rotted away and the river system flow has been restored.	Take it down!	Access to all the springs and historic waterways for our dwindling manatee population.	More dead manatees.	No. This dam should never have been authorized, much less built.	Florida native here, I know the area BEFORE the dam. Our waterway, water quality, wildlife etc continue to be trashed by mismanagement and greed and this dam is a stellar example of just that.
10/7/2021 8:49	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the river to its natural state	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breach the dam	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/7/2021 8:57	Marion		No	No		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal	The benefits to wildlife and the health of the entire water system will be improved	Jacksonville will be in danger of flooding and salt water incursions due to sea level rise. This will happen. We have cut off the flow of shore and coastal building materials for 80 years. As for the sportsman economy, the waterway is turning into a mono culture of bass. Great for sportsman, horrible for the food chain and viability of the waterway. A proper diverse spectra of biology is needed to keep the length of the waterway healthy.	Perhaps a way to allow the river to run free but have gates that could be closed in time of extreme flooding situations. However, a healthy waterway can absorbe such flooding scenerios on its own.	
10/7/2021 9:00	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoyment of nature	I would like to see it restored to it's natural state.	Various articles by scientists and water management experts.	Continued degradation of water quality	No	We need to reverse a a terrible decision made years ago. We also need to learn to work with nature, not against it. The water quality in Florida is a serious concern.
10/7/2021 9:01	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	As a wildlife ecologist at a university who has worked closely with state and federal agencies on Florida wildlife-related issues for 30+ years, the evidence is overwhelming: The Kirkpatrick Dam must be removed and the river must be restored to its natural flow for the health of the entire ecosystem.	Evidence/data/an overwhelming body of scientific research!!!!! Hundreds of scientists and doctoral students have conducted research on the negative environmental impacts of this dam for years and it is abundantly clear that this dam must be removed if we have any hope of restoring the health of the river, spring system, the surrounding wetland ecosystem, and the hundreds of vertebrate and invertebrate species of wildlife (from aquatic snails to manatees) that depend on this ecosystem for survival. This ecosystem is one of the few remaining iconic and significant undeveloped natural areas in Florida. It needs our protection and restoration!	Silver River and its incredible network of springs is literally dying right before our eyes. If a minority of short-sighted, selfish interest groups prevent the scientific agencies of our state from doing what all of us who have conducted research on this ecosystem know what needs to be done, not only will it jeopardize the survival of iconic endangered species such as manatees, but it could also irreparably damage our state's fresh water supply! 90% of Floridians get their drinking water from the Floridan aquifer and the Ocklawaha/Silver River ecosystem is a major component of that underground water supply network.	No! This battle to remove the dam has been going on for decades. Enough is enough! We have reached a tipping point of opportunity to save this ecosystem. The dam must be removed, period.	
10/7/2021 9:11	Hillsborough		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Tear it down.	Returning it to its natural state.		No	
10/7/2021 9:13	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the free flow of the river.	Rivers need to flow freely; dams disrupt their natural functioning and all of the ecosystems that are supported by them.	The continued negative effects on the St. John's River increasing salinity.	No. This enormous mistake has been allowed to continue for far too long already.	
10/7/2021 9:16	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/7/2021 9:19	Brevard		No	No					The removal of the dam seems to be the most fiscally and environmentaly responsible action! First, the repairs needed and continued cost to maintain a 53 year old structure is excessive. Additionally, and most importantly, removing the dam will allow the Ocklawaha River to flow freely, restoring one of Florida's natural waterways.	Before construction of the dam, the manatees navigated the river to reach Silver Springs for the winter. A free flowing river, should have a positive impact on the manatees!	The death of a species, the manatee.	Absolutely NOT!	
10/7/2019 9:19	Volusia		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha aklawaha river by breaching the Rodmanr/ Kirkpatrick dam. every day that the dam is in place harm to the economy, water quality and wildlife is infected through the great Florida waraway.	2200 lost Springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone.	No	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.
10/7/2021 9:21	Lee		No	No									
10/7/2021 9:27	Outside of state / other	Tennessee	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it left alone. It is a very diverse ecosystem.	I have been coming to Rodman since 1991 to fish for large mouth bass. On many of our visits there were any many as 24 members in our party. Just on my personal information, I think that draining Rodman would have a economic impact on the local economy.	Being able to fish the reservoir and enjoying the diverse wildlife.	None.	
10/7/2021 9:40	Duval		No	No		2-5 times		Other: To see how the Dam is used	I would like to see it dismantled	The Oklawaha River is not being able to function the way it is supposed to, to aid fish and other wildlife. The Reservoir needs to be drained every 3-4 years to clean up the build up of invasives, costing unnecessary tax payer dollars	It will just continue to "drain" resources for its continued maintenance.	No.	The original purpose for the Dam was never realized. Dams that are no longer functional have been taken down all over the country and have greatly benefitted species. It is time to take it down.
10/7/2021 9:45	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting	Just remove it it was a mistake from the beginning	It shouldn't have been built in the first place	Don't know	No	Just get rid of the damn thing
10/7/2021 9:51	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	It should be removed to enable the restoration of the Ocklawaha watershed.	I camped on the Ocklawaha in the 1950's and the 1970's. I owned riverfront property on Little Lake George for 28 years beginning in the early 90's. I have observed the deterioration of water quality and marine life in and around the area resulting from the dams and locks. The wd grass has all but disappeared in the area and the fishing has gotten worse. People are resistant to change but this would be a change for the better.	Continued degradation of water quality and marine life.	I'm sure some sort of compromise could be worked out, but it wouldn't be as beneficial as the complete restoration of the Ocklawaha to its original state.	Restoration of the Rodman lake area will take decades. Most people would be in shock to observe the "moonscape" that exists during drawdowns. This will be an issue to resolve in the planning for the restoration. Maintenance of the locks/dams will continue to rise in expense and the quality of the habitat will continue to decrease.
10/7/2021 9:52	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		1 time		Remove it	return this destroyed ecosystem to nature	continued abuse of our natural habitat		no
10/7/2021 9:54	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam and then develop the area for greater recreation use.	Manatees and free flowing rivers to help the environment flourish	Greater destruction for all creatures that live in this type of envionm.	Not at this point but I'm open to suggestion.	
10/7/2021 10:03	Lake		No	No					Let the river go back to natural flow, just like they are doing to the Kissimmee	The success of returning the Kissimmee to its natural state.	The current problems as stated in this form.	No	Others are more eloquent than me.
10/7/2021 10:27	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove and restore oklawaha.	Return to natural river system, renew flooded springs, safety of ageing dam	Continued environmental damage , collapse of dam	Not that I can see	
10/7/2021 10:32	St Johns		No	No					The dam removed and the water flowed allowed to resume its natural course	The renewal of the Ocklawaha River and natural springs	Environmental damage to the landscape around Oklawaha	Other than tearing down the dam? No	We have a cabin on Lake Weir so we drive over the Cross Florida Barge Canal Overpass on 19. So I see the stagnant water caused by a dam that never should have been built.
10/7/2021 10:33	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs, and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers, and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we will miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and dangerous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for the manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect for die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/7/2021 10:36	Duval		No	No					Restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River by removing the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The overall health of the State's rivers and tributaries.	I have not seen any studies of a partial closing of the dam / partial opening of the Ocklawaha River flow, but if that resulted in a positive outcome, I could support this action.		As someone who has a life-time of sports and recreation on the St Johns River I have witnessed the decline in health of the river. Clean healthy water is a precious commodity that commands our respect and proper stewardship. The future health of Florida's natural environment and population requires it.
10/7/2021 10:42	Dade		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. There is nothing wrong with them.	It's a thriving ecosystem that supports tons of animals and tons of manatees. It also purifies the polluted water coming down the Ocklewaha River.	I'm concerned that any changes will displace all that wild life.	No compromise. Leave it alone. There is nothing wrong with the current situation.	
10/7/2021 10:55	Volusia		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Remove all dams.	Restore the River to nature.	Loss of natural habitate.	Partial reoval. Only beavers should build dams.	
10/7/2021 11:04	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the area returned to its natural state.	The rivers and springs will be restored to their natural state.	There are many - dam breaking, water quality declines, lost opportunity to provide access for manatees who are being stressed at unprecedented levels and historic fish populations.	Absolutely not. This should have been done 50 years ago. I'm a native Floridian and have lived through many governors who have vowed to remove Rodman Dam and it never gets done. It costs the taxpayers money and does harm to the natural environment. There is nothing natural about the ghastly sticks emerging from the water.	Please find the political will to do the right thing.
10/7/2021 11:04	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Only went to take a look given the ongoing controversy over the dam.	This project, part of the cross Fla. barge canal, was a terrible decision from the start. I believe the dam needs to be removed. While I understand and appreciate to some extent the preferences of the people who fish the reservoir, I think keeping the dam, especially now that there are structural issues that will require more taxpayer money to repair, is far outweighed by the many positives of returning the Oklawaha river to its natural state. Though doing so might eliminate the big boat bass fishing, it would allow numerous other places along the river to fish. Additionally, people have rediscovered the natural beauty and function of free flowing rivers. I believe more wildlife would return and the opportunities for recreation along the natural winding river would eventually exceed that of the reservoir. Finally, given the environmental harm done to the river and the surrounding wetlands, this would present a wonderful opportunity to restore some nature in place of this man-made alteration. It isn't good to mess with mother nature.	For years I have read of the pros and cons of the dam. Over time the arguments for demolishing the dam and returning the river to its natural state have more cumulative heft, intellectually to me. All around us we see the unintended impacts when man alters nature. Typically they are negative. Recently a friend told me of visiting family who owned a cabin in the Ocala National Forest. He described sitting on their porch, surrounded by nature. A few feet below the porch a small spring bubbled. When the dam was built this area including the cabin and the spring were submerged. We hear fishermen would lose a cherished spot, but losses such as this one never seem to get mentioned in the ongoing discussion about what to do with the dam.	That mother nature will punish us all for not taking steps to undo the dam. That by continuing to support the dam we will be robbing Floridians of the lush natural beauty that is being taken away from us all by the minute.	Not being an engineer it is difficult for me to imagine some compromise here. Either the dam goes, or it stays. Being a person who spends a good part of my life outdoors, I am sensitive to taking away anyone's ability to be in and enjoy the outdoors but in this case, there really are alternatives to a contained, artificial body of water and with time I think even the adamant pro-dam people would appreciate the more natural option.	
10/7/2021 11:11	Duval		No	No						I would like to see the dam removed	Based on my understanding, concern for desperately needed clean water will be impacted	It would be difficult and would require compelling evidence that keeping the dam is best for the health and wellbeing of the environment and what it provides for us humans to thrive, long term.	
10/7/2021 11:11	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Other: Camping, commercial fishing(catlines), sharing the nature and history of Ridman via boat with my grandchildren. Guiding.	Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam should be left intact and required maintenance budgeted to keep the overall quality of the areas for future generations. I am a life long resident and stakeholder,our families have the brunt of this from the beginning and have built our lives around it. It needs to stay and be maintained, it along with the lock have a great economic impact to all residents of Putnam County. We also need more unimpeded access to the canal banks. When I was young we had total access. Stop allowing FWC to lock everyone out.	Ecosystems and economic impact to residents and all Floridians if a restoration was attempted. Why do all the "environmentalists " want to destroy the Reservoir, lock, and dam? This would till the existing ecosystems, hurting, and fishing, and destroy the local economy. We do not want a "kayak industry", it is not viable. The Reservoir is also a great fresh water reserve. We don't need the pollution from upstream either.	The economic impact and recreational impact to Putnam County residents. The massive mess that would be the Reservoir without water, a skeeter and snake hole for generations. Loss of annual food production by low income residents who supplement fish caught at Rodman into their diets.	No.	This land was condemned for the canal and should have been given back to the original owners if the area was destroyed, all canal authority land too. We who live here have made our lives and families lives work with the Reservoir, dam,and lock. They should be left alone, not destroyed or tampered with.
10/7/2021 11:36	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the damn and restore the Oklawaha River		The damn is over 50 years old - past its life expectancy, it is a public risk and will be costly to maintain. It has also impacted the river negatively.	Risk of breach, waste of money and waste of opportunity.	no	
10/7/2021 11:37	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Open up the Ocklawaha River to fish and wildlife, allowing access to more habitat, especially natural springs which provide important habitat for Florida manatees, as well as other species.	Manatees are losing valuable habitat (warm water and vegetation) and are dying at numbers never before seen. Restoring the river and allowing access to springs will remediate other habitats that are being lost. In addition, due to the age of the Rodman dam, it will cost millions and millions to repair it. Rather than spend money on outdated infrastructure, let's spend less and gain more by removing or breaching the dam.	Waste millions of dollars repairing an obsolete structure that is chocking Florida's valuable natural environment. We have the change to right the wrong from decades past. Let's not miss this opportunity.	Breach the dam, Allow the river to flow. A complete dam removal might not be necessary but the reservoir needs to be drawn down and river needs to be allowed to return to its natural channel	
10/7/2021 11:47	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach	Springs and wildlife	Ecological disaster	No	
10/7/2021 11:54	Outside of state / other	Monroe County, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	That the world will continue on without the existence of manatees, a creature so gentle and endearing, not causing any trouble at all. It would bring humanity such shame to continue on a path that eventually causes the extinction of these magnificent animals. PLEASE CARE ABOUT THE ANIMALS THAT MAKE OUR PLANET SUCH A WONDERFULLY RICH PLACE TO LIVE. This includes ALL wildlife but ESPECIALLY the large mammals that are suffering so much from human impacts. PROTECT THE WILD PREDATORS TOO! Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Appopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/7/2021 11:58	St Lucie		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removal, free the water and save the manatees	The manatee deaths this year	Corruption of our elected officials.	Not really, it's like being a little bit pregnant	Undo the damage to the waterways
10/7/2021 11:59	Marion		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Wildlife viewing	To be left alone	It's a thriving ecosystem that supports tons of animals	Displacing wild life	None. No compromise	
10/7/2021 12:01	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Take down the Dam.		Continued decline of the River and Wildlife no	No	
10/7/2021 12:02	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Camping one time	Remove it and restore the river and natural flow. Remove Ingils Dam too. They both need to go.	Water quality diminishing. There won't be any bass left before long. Save the Silver and Rainbow Springs.	Having two bike Okeechobees nearby. Rodman and Rousseau will become cesspools	Absolutely not. It's not about politics like it has been in the past concerning these dams. Both need to go.	Why is no one talking about lake Rousseau in this discussion. It's the same issue. The Rainbow river is green all the way up to hiaad springs. Remove both dams or you will have unusable water ways and deterioration of plant and animal species
10/7/2021 12:04	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the dam and let it flow naturally	not worth the environmental or economic cost to maintain.	Cost of maintenance.	no	
10/7/2021 12:10	Laion		No	No					Remove the aging dam and reservoir; restore the Ocklawaha River so that it is free-flowing.	A free-flowing river would ultimately restore natural grasses and other elements of habitat that support Florida's endangered manatees and other wildlife, as well as restore natural springs that were inundated by the reservoir.	I worry that the sport fishing industry will prevail, the old dam will be shored-up instead of razed, and environmental degradation there will continue. The cross-state barge canal was stopped, thank the Lord, Marjorie Harris Carr and her supporters. However this early mistake - a dam where none is needed - should be corrected.	No, the dam should go. The river should be restored. There are other places to fish. Heck, you can fish from the river, which would be much more interesting and challenging for skilled anglers?	
10/7/2021 12:30	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Show other people	Stay the same	I am 50 years old. Born and raised here in Marion County, FL. I want to share same memories with my grandson.	It would take the wildlife a long time to adjust. Access to the river would be limited.	Nope	If it is not broke, then don't fix it.
10/7/2021 12:47	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	remove the dam and restore the flow of water	nature, and the natural flow of water. Look what we did to the Everglades and how it is costing to engineer a new solution to get the water flow correct. also, Restoring warm water habitat for manatees in the winter, a healthy ecosystem and the natural beauty of the river, all of which were compromised by the ill advised construction of this dam.	The continued destruction of one of Florida's most beautiful natural resources	Yes. Partial destruction of the dam necessary to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha	There was plenty of good bass fishing before the dam was built, and there will still be plenty of bass fishing available after the Ocklawaha restoration is complete. The restoration and preservation of the Ocklawaha River far outweighs the benefits of Rodman Reservoir's bass fishery.
10/7/2021 13:31	Alachua		No	No					I want to see the damn breached to restore the Oklawaha river	The economic impact of destroying the river will be far larger than the impact of bass Fisherman. That's why most important reason for voting for this. I secondary reason is that it will increase recreational opportunities and I am an outdoors person and would like to do something in that area.	My biggest concern actually is that manatees population is declining and the lack of food for them breaks my heart	I am not aware of alternatives that would allow a damn to remain and also restore the river so my answer is no	
10/7/2021 13:40	Duval		No	Yes					We need to support the locals who use and love the reservoir with new boat ramps, docks, and access to expansive views and private retreats. But the river needs to be restored and the damn removed.	The loss of fresh water flow to the St. Johns caused by the damn (evaporation from the reservoir) and the pollution from necessary herbicide use at boats ramps and in the reservoir are my biggest concerns.	The loss of fresh water flow to the St. Johns caused by the damn (evaporation from the reservoir) and the pollution from necessary herbicide use at boats ramps and in the reservoir are my biggest concerns.	I think that's why this issue hasn't been fixed already. You can't have a partial damn. I guess you could build a smaller damn further upstream with a smaller reservoir. But I'm not sure that compromise would make economic sense or satisfy many.	Thanks for your courage to do the right thing on this issue.
10/7/2021 13:40	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times		Remove dam, restore Ocklawaha	Free flowing is better for springs, wildlife, water quality, and probably good for tourism too.	The very high cost of maintaining the dam		
10/7/2021 13:41	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: To see for myself the irresponsible behavior that caused this disaster into existence. Return it to its natural state.	Tear down the dam. It is too old too fix and is an abominable attack on nature's wisdom. It should never have been there in the first place. In and off itself, it is habitat destruction/pollution. Stupidity incarnate.	The project itself was supposed to create an expedient pathway for commerce. This never happened and was never completed. THE PROJECT IS A FAILURE AND IS CONSTRUCTURALLY UNSAFE! Hundreds of Manatees died there this year due to lack of food. Let the area return to its natural setting.	The continued destruction of our natural habitat. This whole idea was stupid/unnecessary from the onset. Do the intelligent thing, WORK WITH NATURE, NOT AGAINST IT. Show some integrity for a chang and leave partisan politics out of this. Do you think you can do that?e	Yes. Take partisan politics and leave Earth forever.	Florida was once beautiful, before hubris, and greed thought they could make it better.
10/7/2021 13:42	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Complete removal	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River, supporting wildlife that depend on it for habitat	A river choked with invasive aquatic vegetation, blocking out sunlight needed for native veg to grow, depleting water quality and harming wildlife that depends on the river for habitat and food.	Not in the long run. We've already wasted ~ 50 years since the Cross Florida Barge Canal's decommissioning. However, I do understand that river restoration needs to happen in smaller steps over time. Let's get going on these steps!	
10/7/2021 13:47	Flagler		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	The River returned to its natural state. As a child we do enjoyed boating the River.	The dam serves no useful purpose and blocks natural migration routes.	Less protection for our special dwindling Florida wildlife.	Have not heard of any & nature knows best.	
10/7/2021 13:53	St Lucie		No	No					I dont kno	manatees will go extinct if we dont do something	that we will continue to lose more marine life	no	
10/7/2021 13:56	Pinellas		No	No					I'd like to see the damn removed & natural water flow restored.	What a ridiculous question! I'm a 5th gen FL native immensely concerned about our environment.	Another ridiculous question	None!	Manatees are an emblematic animal drawing many tourists. They're dying at higher rates because pollution is destroying their feeding grounds, adding to that are deaths in locks.
10/7/2021 14:02	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed.	The need for a free flowing river	That the aging dam will fail.	Perhaps a partial reduction of the dam and some release to the river flow.	
10/7/2021 14:13	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I only want to observe. I do not wish to use the reservoir to perpetuate the problem of choking off the river and the springs.	To revert back to the original landscape. Barring that maybe a smaller reservoir could be managed that would not drown the springs.	The recent economic study that shows economic value from more than just bass fishing. Also the manatees are being hurt and the migratory fish as well.	That the damn would one day fall. Also the manatees and the migratory fish are being hurt.	I suppose a partial change in the size of the reservoir but I need to see there river flowing all the way to the St. Johns	It is outrageous that this has gone on as long as this! President Nixon announced an end to this fiasco many years ago.
10/7/2021 14:29	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Be removed, water needs to go back to its natural flow in the state	Fish - all types are disappearing, water looks bad now	We loose alot of fish and wildlife	no	we miss OLD FLORIDA clear waters and alot of activity from fish, wild life, etc. before the dam.

10/7/2021 14:46	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Pave road going to kenwood ramp.	I'm a lifelong Floridian and sad to see what's happened to my state. I could understand different options than mine if those persons would only visit Rodman. There's too much misinformation being pushed by money.	I'm 59 years old and have learned how to deal with change but the economic impact on the area would hurt a lot of people.	Sure, what are my options?	While I'm not sure creating Rodman years ago was the correct thing to do destroying it now is even more wrong!
10/7/2021 14:46	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam; eliminate reservoir and restore river to natural state	Continuing negative effect on the ecosystem	Extinction of wildlife habitat and deleterious effect on ecology.	Get rid of the dam without taking any other restorative actions.	I was in college when the dam was created and thought a cross-Florida canal had positive connotations. I no longer believe that and since the original purpose is no longer possible this remnant is nothing more than a reminder of why the plan for the canal was abandoned. That it has certain short-term benefits to a small subset of society does not translate into a benefit for society as a whole.
10/7/2021 15:07	Lee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other	Destroy it, post haste.	Loss of ancient Florida for a minority group that is steadily falling in numbers.	Loss of dwindling ancient Florida. Need I remind that this was the ancestral home of Seminoles, who are reluctant to share their opinions, but Osceola himself loved this river until his death.	Nothing comes to mind!	Get it done already, and honor decent people who fought their adult lives seeking a restoration.
10/7/2021 15:07	Suwannee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	I would like to see the dam come down and the original flow restored	all the flooded springs	that flora and auna would suffer as a result.	No.	
10/7/2021 15:16	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please remove or breach the dam.	I believe there is a need to restore the environment and the river flow.	The continued degradation of the environment.	Opening the dam at intervals too eventually achieve the environmental goal. Also keeping a take for continued fishing.	
10/7/2021 15:18	Duval		No	No					Have the dam removed and restored to free flowing!	Recommendations of the St. John's riverkeeper	The constant costs for cleaning out the waters behind the dam	no	
10/7/2021 15:29	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Blow it up!	Videos depicting restoration of habitats in a short time.	Florida will continue to die	No	
10/7/2021 15:38	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	REMOVE THE DAM	ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS	MORE ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS	NO	
10/7/2021 15:45	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Tear the damage down and let the river flow like it is supposed to.	The dam should have never been built	Mor stagnation in the St. John's river.		
10/7/2021 15:48	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	done away with	the seagrass for the manatees - environmental positions - river flow	the manatees would starve to death for lack of seagrass	get rid of that dam	it's crucial to Florida wildlife to get rid of that dam
10/7/2021 15:59	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide $50+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. 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10/7/2021 16:16	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Bird life	Expansion of the reservoir to include additional recreation amenities.Science Camps,Boy and Girl Scout camps Youth Lodging	The idea that it would take another 50 years to return the reservoir to maybe half of what it was before its establishment.Also creating a public health hazard in creating a "Pest Area for Mosquitoes"People who frequent the area certainly know the pluvies e.g. Migratory species that now call Rodman home. Giant Otters ,Bald Eagles etc Its a paradise.It doesn't get any better than thisJA pest hole	A Pest Hole of a Mosquito species that could eradicate a lot of people in the area	There could be more water added to the present allotment	It's really hard to turn around fifty years of adaptable landscape that has been denuded with out tremendous economic support and the question would be from what entity.
10/7/2021 16:19	Okeechobee		No	Yes			1 time		Breach it	Loss of 20 springs More habitat for manatees and no further spending to maintain the dam.	More general eco decline	No	Gettyng rid of the dam is 50 years overdue. Fishing in Rodman reservoir can be replaced by natural areas that will be gained by breaching the dam. Fishing in the reservoir is like shooting fish in a barrel. They have no where to go. We as a society are better than that. Lose the dam.
10/7/2021 16:22	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I want to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River and would like to see the dam removed.	Restoring warm water habitat for manatees in the winter, a healthy ecosystem and the natural beauty of the river, all of which were compromised by the ill-advised construction of this dam.	The continued destruction of one of Florida's most beautiful natural resources.	Yes. Partial destruction of the dam necessary to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha.	There was plenty of good bass fishing before the dam was built, and there will still be plenty of bass fishing available after the Ocklawaha restoration is complete. The restoration and preservation of the Ocklawaha River far outweighs the benefits of Rodman Reservoir's bass fishery.
10/7/2021 16:26	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other:	Please, restore the river & forest back to the way nature intended it to be!	So much of "old Florida" has been lost forever!	Not surprising, since it has been "shot down" several times in the past		Several generations of my family own/owned acreage in Moss Bluff. Many of them have passed away but we still have property there. I would like to see the natural habitat restored.
10/7/2021 16:28	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing					
10/7/2021 16:28	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Demolish the dam and let the river flow normally!	Covering up the springs.	The harm to nature and the manatees.	No	
10/7/2021 16:35	Orange		No	Yes			1 time		Undo the dam	Rivers should run free to support wildlife and ecosystems	Wildlife and ecosystems die		We must start focusing on our environment in FL. There us no planet B.
10/7/2021 16:37	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it, I wanted to see it	I think it should be breached to return to a naturally evolved Ocklawaha river	The dam impacts three rivers preventing natural migration of native fish and refuge for manatees.It also prevents the flow of 150 million gallons of freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St Johns rivers increasing intrusion of saltwater. The dam is costly to maintain because of its age and could lead to costly flood damage should a uncontrolled breach occur.	All of the above are equally concerning to me.	No! Action is needed now to help our wildlife and rivers and prevent future avoidable costs to the Florida taxpayers.	
10/7/2021 16:53	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	1. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 2. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored 3. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 4. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 5. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 6. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 7. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 8. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy 9. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. 10. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	1. We miss the best opportunity to do this: State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. 2. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. 3. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. 4. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. 5. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. 6. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. 7. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. 8. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. 9. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. 10. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please open your eyes and think about the future of our natural resources -- not about money.
10/7/2021 16:55	Outside of state / other	MN	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/7/2021 17:01	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: To see the dam in person while keeping an open mind.	I would like for the dam to be removed, the reservoir drained, and the river restored to its free-flowing state.	The dam and reservoir themselves. They are unnaturally in place, decaying with age, and require an unjustifiable tax-based expense to maintain.	The Floridians, and AmeriCans, would lose out on the incredibly rare opportunity to actually restore (and see restored) an ecosystem of cultural, economic and environmental significance. Rarely has a chance to do something right for the environment been so obvious and so achievable.	While some proposals offer that it could be done in stages, I think anything short of full restoration leaves us prolonging what a free-flowing, healthy river system would offer. If the purported economic impact of losing the reservoir is to be mitigated, only a fully- functioning river can offset those economic consequences.	Thank you for allowing comments and for addressing this decades-old issue with the renewed sense of urgency it so richly deserves. I'm a Florida singer-songwriter known around the state since the early 90s. The song I wrote and posted after my visit to the dam in January (A River Enslaved) describes in its title exactly what we're seeing when we look at the reservoir. It has received over 1500 views on Facebook. Please free the Ocklawaha.
10/7/2021 17:12	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating					
10/7/2021 17:14	Leon		No	No					Removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam and the restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	It would greatly help the chances for the Florida manatee to survive. It would increase tourism for local businesses - kayaking, nature photography, diving, etc. It would complete the Florida Wildlife Corridor for people and wildlife.	Florida will lose its manatees. Also, the dam is in need of urgent repair. It is currently a danger to surrounding communities.	No	Around 50 fresh water springs would be available for manatees and for diving. It would create many more jobs than are currently sustained by bass fishing in a dying lake.
10/7/2021 17:22	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it alone. It's working.	The process of history can tell you that the Barge Canal was a mistake, however, the Rodman reservoir produces monetary income and does no harm to the eco-system.	Broad flood lands	No. Leave it as it is.	
10/7/2021 17:29	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing should stay the same	The amount of money we spend for lodging at food etc would be gone.	I won't be back	No	
10/7/2021 17:43	Duval		No	No					The dam to be removed, thereby allowing the springs to and adjacent wetlands to recover.	Numerous news stories for the last 10-15 years of how the North Florida springs are diminishing in flow rate, quality, and becoming overcome with underwater grasses. I realize that some of the damage is being caused by over-siphoning of the Floridan Aquifer due to sow grassland watering and residential expansion.	That my grand-children will never know the bliss and sheer peaceful joy of seasonally tubing down the Ichetucknee River, and picknicking in the park after the trip. You have to experience it to understand exactly what I mean.	Nothing aside from a full restoration and future funding of the preservation of the North Florida spring systems. However, I realize that many people enjoy boating and fishing on the Reservoir. Incomes and livelihoods are affected as well. We must consider this impact, and address this in any legislation.	PLEASE SAVE OUR SPRINGS!
10/7/2021 17:49	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove dam and restore River.	I used to visit there most often before the dam was built; almost every weekend during hunting season plus several other times during the year.	The original reason to build the dam was never realized. The dam degrades the Ocklawaha River.	I would support anything that would make progress to restoring the Ocklawaha River to its original state.	I had a friend who owned a cabin there which was torn down because of the construction of the dam.
10/7/2021 18:08	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	I would like to see the dam removed and let nature return. Once the dam is removed Manatees will once again be able to use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as habitat and access springs for their winter refuge relieving the crowding that happens every winter at Blue Springs near my home in Volusia County. The Striped Bass will return and once again be able to used the Ocklawaha for spawning as it's the only suitable River in Florida for this purpose. Once again snook and Tarpon will be in the waters up to Silver Springs a long with other lesser known species. This boondoggle that never should have happened was killed by President Nixon! This dam should have been removed decades ago!	Wildlife will continue to suffer, the flooded forests will continue to drown and the springs which are now underwater aren't available for recreation. Manatee crowding is becoming a great concern because of detrimental actions the state is employing such as spraying of herbicides in all of Floridas waterways and now lining the banks of the run at Blue Spring with rocks eliminating any browsing of roots and foliage by manatees during the cold spells. These 2 actions will both cause hardships from a lack of food for the manatees and soon we will start seeing these animals becoming starved and dying in the winters. 1 Bad winter is all it will take. Freeing the Ocklawaha will alleviate some of this problem allowing more manatees to migrate to Silver Springs during the winters.	I could support breaching the dam alone and leaving out any "restoration", the rivers and forests will return to nature if left alone. Breaching the dam during the fall/winter seasons would allow manatees to access the rivers dammed.	It's the right thing to do!! It should have never been left in place 50 years after the project boondoggle was scrapped. There is no reason to keep it in place, the best and largest Bass are now caught in the St. Johns River. We could eliminate the need for a hatchery to stock hybrid bass for recreational purposes an as little as a decade saving us $5millions in unnecessary expenses and save 5 Millions by eliminating maintenance and upkeep on an already used beyond it's serviceable lifespan dam. Removing the dam will pay dividends versus leaving it in place and replacing it will cost untold $$ Millions. There is no good argument for keeping it.
10/7/2021 18:09	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: hiking	Removal	Restore Ocklawaha to a free flowing river to facilitate habitat restoration	eventual breach of dam	I understand there is a proposal for a partial removal and drawdown. I will rely on the science to make the best choice.	The economic value of passive recreation is greater than the value for fishing. There is also significant cost to maintaining the dam that is unnecessary.
10/7/2021 18:50	Bay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Maintain the reservoir and dam	Reservoir has created a diverse eco- system			
10/7/2021 18:53	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removed completely and the entire area allowed to be returned to nature the way it was meant to be.	The environmental damage it has caused.	Further decline of the Beautiful Oklawaha River and surrounding land.	NO! The debate has gone on for way too long. Restore the river. The Cross Florida Barge Canal project was halted years ago and all structures associated with it should be removed.	
10/7/2021 18:56	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times		Take it out	Numerous environmental surveys, it's old and costs to much to continue to maintain, historical evidence showing how many animal and plant species are negatively impactedby it	That it would cost millions of dollars to maintain	No	
10/7/2021 19:05	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Tear it out, return to natural state.	Restoring the floodplain function and natural stream flow, reduction of silting, more natural flow into the St John's, improved manatee habitat, improved water quality.	Catastrophic failure of the old dam.	Partial removal restoring streamflow.	Resident on Julington Creek, I highly value our natural waterways and have observed the negative impacts of dam projects in Florida since 1967.
10/7/2021 19:43	Marion		No	No					Demolish the dam, restore the river.	Concern for the environment.	Same- environmental concern.	No.	There are other places for people to fish. Recreation shouldn't take precedence over the natural environment.
10/7/2021 20:23	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just want to look at it.	I would like to see it removed and the Oklawaha allowed to go back to its natural course.	I took a trip on the river during the last draw down. What I saw and learned on that trip reinforced my belief that the entire St. Johns River ecology would benefit by taking the dam down.	Continued the water quality in this area of the state.	Just knock a hole in the earthen berm and leave the dam standing as a further testimony to human folly.	
10/7/2021 20:29	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing	I believe that we should return nature back to the way it is suppose to be, with OUT the Reservoir/Dam.	Studies and reports on the benefits of restoring the Ocklawaha. Let nature return to all of the springs year round every year.	We continue to kill nature in these springs and all of the habitat and animals	There seems to be only the two options. Free the Ocklawaha bring back the springs	I know Steve Miller. I respect him for his stance but I truly believe that him and his side is only looking at not being able to have a premier bass fishing spot... Hy/they are using the Manatees as the reason for keeping the dam/reservoir Restoring nature/Ocklawaha the way it should be is the right thing to do.
10/7/2021 20:34	Duval		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking the Florida National Scenic Trail	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha restored to its natural flow.	The dam and reservoir has resulted in the significant reduction of marsh and floodplain lands necessary for flood attenuation, aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitat, and water purification. The dam also prevents the natural migration of a variety of aquatic wildlife species (such as shad, mullet, catfish, North American eel and the manatee) and natural nutrient and detritus dispersal through the river system.	The continued degradation of the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns Rivers with the reservoir essentially functioning as a large unmaintained stormwater management pond, resulting in high organic accumulations and intrusion by aquatic weeds.	Nope. Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha.	
10/7/2021 21:45	Pasco		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/7/2021 21:57	Volusia		No	No					It should be removed so that the river can run free again. It would improve fishing along the river, provide additional habitat for manatees, and remove a failing dam with no functional purpose.	Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Ocklawaha River Restoration https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/03/26/01-6810/kirkpatrick-damoklawaha-river-restoration-project-ocala-national-forest-putnam-and-marion-county	We spend more tax payer money on a pointless dam.	No	
10/7/2021 22:38	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	The Kirkland Dam should be destroyed and the Rodman Reservoir be allowed to return to its natural state.	Science and the environment	The loss of boating, fishing, sightseeing and Manatee habitat as well as the loss of the freshwater springs.	No. This is way overdue. Even President Nixon could see that continuing the project was wrong and he halted construction. Now we need to RESTORE the habitat and reverse the ecological damage finally.	Leaving this area as it is cannot be. It is way past time to restore the area to what it was before this horrible ugly ditch was dug. Opening up this area will bring tourism back to a blighted area.
10/7/2021 22:49	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like for this entire area to eventually be restored to its natural state, allowing the river to flow as it did before the dam was built in the 1960's. What we have now, must be maintained. While in a natural state it would cost taxpayers nothing. I realize there will be a cost in removing the dam and infrastructure, but that would be a one time cost. Operational and maintenance costs will continue for as long as these structures exist.	The Cross-Florida Barge Canal was a bad idea. This dam, the reservoir it created and two ugly bridges on SR 19 and SR 40, are all that remains of this bad idea. It is past time to restore this public land to a more natural state. Continuing to spend taxpayer money to operate and maintain it is equivalent to doubling down on what was a bad idea to begin with.	My concern is the cost of operating and maintaining a dam so that a few hundred fishermen can catch big bass more easily. Admittedly, I am not an avid fisherman. But if I were, I'd be fishing in the Ocklawaha River, a healthier environment for the fish.	Yes. Simply open the gates of the dam, breach the spillways in the reservoir and let mother nature slowly wear away the damn and the infrastructure around it. Then spend the money saved on cleaning up the St Johns River.	If the river were to be restored, the fish in the reservoir would not be lost, they would end up in the river, not as easily caught. A restored river would benefit both sides.
10/8/2021 1:02	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam!	Manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam could restore access to critical habitat that manatees desperately need for the continued survival of the species.	My biggest concern is that hundreds of manatees would continue to be deprived of access to warm water habitat that is essential for their winter refuge.	No. Breaching the dam is 5 decades overdue.	While this year's manatee crisis was mainly caused by starvation from the loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is the loss of natural warm water wintering habitat. Restoration of access to winter refuge in the warmer waters of Silver Springs and the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs could prove vital to the manatee's survival. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 1:49	Outside of state / other	Louisiana	No	No					The natural passage to the Ocklewaha River must be restored.	The dam is resulting in negative effects on the entire ecosystem, including threatened species in the area.	The detriment to the environment, the dam continues to block the natural passage of fish and manatees. The manatees are unable to access the warm water refuge of the Ocklawha River and will continue to perish at an accelerated rate.	No, the passage must be restored. This will improve the ecosystems and also have a positive economic impact on the area.	
10/8/2021 4:24	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Free the river	Free the river	Water and wildlife devastation	Free the river!	
10/8/2021 5:31	Orange		No	Yes					Breach the Rodman/Kilpatrick Damn	Fish population in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the damn, hundreds of Manatees would gain access to much needed habitat at a time when Manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record, and the damn is past its life expectancy.	We miss the best opportunity to do this: State and Federal funds are available, public interest is high, and environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the damn is unsafe.	No. Breaching the damn is 50 years overdue.	Manatees: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more to die off in the future.
10/8/2021 5:42	Outside of state / other	New York	No	Yes							We Must preserve and protect wildlife of all species and plants!		
10/8/2021 6:52	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: camping	restore to free flowing springs	clean water flow and multi use natural Florida springs will be restored	the privileged few would hoard resources the public would lose again	nature knows best	

10/8/2021 6:59	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other:	The dam should remain in place and remain as it is .. Florida is growing we just might need the water resource . It is also a good sanctuary for manatees! Maybe we can use rodman to release rehabilitated manatees.	Just take a boat ride it will give you all the information that supports my position!	Wild life will die!!!!! My well will go dry along with many others!!! Manatees will die!!!	Absolutely not!	Rodman reservoir is the most beautiful body of water I have ever been on! The ecosystem is incredible ! It's like no other! Getting rid of the dam would devastate the economy and the area! Thousands of people's wells will go dry! Businesses will go out of business!
10/8/2021 7:00	Martin		No	No					Restore the river to it's natural state	The current condition of the springs and the loss of manate habitats	The springs		None
10/8/2021 7:15	Outside of state / other	Litchfield County, CT	No	No					I would like to see the dam removed so manatees have a natural warm water habitat for the winter	Restoring the river to it's natural state is beneficial to other native species that would thrive in that habitat, in addition to the manatees.	The manatee population would decrease and possibly become extinct if humans don't help	No. This is long overdue.	As an occasional visitor/tourist of Florida, one of the most thrilling, iconic and important aspects my visit there is seeing the manatees.
10/8/2021 7:23	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Other: Animal watching/photography	Leave it as it is.	The ecosystems are already established. What about all of the animals (fish, manatees, gators, birds, etc)	All of the animals will be displaced	No	
10/8/2021 7:52	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!	It is a wildlife refuge and water resource for all Floridians. It is now in a natural state and should be left undisturbed!	It would take decades for the negative impact of draining Rodman to be apparent. It is great now.. why make it something else?	No	If you want to turn Rodman into a mudpit in the name of conservation and wildlife mgt you must not have ever been there.
10/8/2021 7:57	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	To stay like it is. Repair the dam and locks. This is the best fishing in Florida hands down	Habitat and wildlife. The fishing is excellent	It would cost more money to fill in the pool. It would take years for the muck to dry. Plus it would ruin the best fishery in Florida	SAVE RODMAN RESERVOIR	
10/8/2021 8:04	St Lucie		No	No					Restore the river natural flow beginning with a gradual increased flow to monitor the progress	Doesn't this fall into the same categories of road bridges abanded from the failed barge canal	Change control of board members making the decisions to keep this structure in place.	Increase flow !	Get her done !!
10/8/2021 8:07	Pinellas		No	No					reunite original river system	environment	our eco system is suffering and if we don't reverse ill advised decisions we won't recover	no	
10/8/2021 8:07	Sarasota		No	No					Have the dam stop holding water and damaging the wildlife	Sierra club	The damage to natural resources would continue	No	
10/8/2021 8:08	St Lucie		No	No									No comments
10/8/2021 8:08	Osceola		No	No					Breach the dam	Basic biology and hydrology knowledge	Continued separation of waterways	No	
10/8/2021 8:09	Orange		No	No					As it was originally built for a canal that never came to be, I'd like to see it destroyed to restore all the wetlands and springs that went away due to its construction. Florida's wetlands and springs are one of the State's greatest natural assets - and they attract tourist revenue.	Report from the Sierra Club.	More development and less natural wetlands and springs		
10/8/2021 8:09	Palm Beach		No	No					I would like to see the dam destroyed and the land to be restored to the way it was before.	The fact that it was put in place for a non-existent barge-way. Theres no reason to have the dam.	Wildlife and the area surrounding it has suffered and will continue to suffer because of the dam.		
10/8/2021 8:09	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 8:10	Seminole		No	No					restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Sierra Club	The destruction of the Ocklawaha River	no	
10/8/2021 8:10	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		remove it	Environmental harm.	More harm.		
10/8/2021 8:11	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 8:12	Brevard		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Dam opened to allow free flow as previous use.	Deterioration of water quality, as well as manatee and other Mari elude u able y you o reach warm water as needed for survival	Further deterioration and eventual costly damage to properties and economy of Florida.	No	Just clean up the mess that was produced with the dam. Return the flow of natural wa as yers so we can be safer and healthier
10/8/2021 8:13	Martin		No	No					Restore it to its natural state and let it flow!	The Ocklawaha River was severed in 1968 during the construction of a dam for the ill-fated Cross Florida Barge Canal, which was never completed. The dam destroyed 7,500 acres of forested wetlands, 20 springs and 16 miles of the river. Half a century later, the dam still blocks the river route for fish, manatees and boaters, from Silver Springs to the Atlantic Ocean.	Continued Blockage to the Atlantic Ocean.		
10/8/2021 8:15	Collier		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove it!	Manatees are not able to go up to the springs in the winter and the natural flow of the river has been destroyed.	See above	No	
10/8/2021 8:17	Martin		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Removal and restoration of the river and floodplain	Estuarine impacts, loss of springs habitat, loss of connectivity, loss of manatee habitat	Continued impacts downstream, continued threats to manatee population	This is a terrible question. There is either a dam or no dam. What possible scenario is in between?	
10/8/2021 8:17	Osceola		No	No					Restored	Environmental	Wildlife, Water.		
10/8/2021 8:17	Seminole		No	Yes	2-5 times	1 time	Boating		Restore the river connectivity	Wetlands were lost and can be reclaimed for wildlife	Loss of natural diversity over time		
10/8/2021 8:18	Volusia		No	No					Re-engineer using modern evidence-based eco-development models	Balance the needs of nature and people for a healthy pragmatic ecosystem.	Contaminations, Water insecurity, Economic reversals.	It needs to move in the right direction to achieve the goal of having a sustainable engineered reliable water system.	
10/8/2021 8:19	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam.	Historic blockages/threating of our precious water resources, when allowed to return, the wildlife and healing occurs. An example, Kissimee River restoration.	Further stagnation and decline if a system that was always meant to flow free.	No.	Please just do this.
10/8/2021 8:19	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 8:19	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Off road motor sports	Leave as is.	This area is magnificent as is. I've used and enjoyed it for decades.	The ecosystem is fragile and any intrusive changes would be detrimental to the area.	No.	
10/8/2021 8:19	Palm Beach		No	No					Removed to allow the natural flow of the river and connect back to the ocean.	There isn't enough space to provide all of the information that supports this cause. Dams are environmental disasters and are extremely expensive to maintain safely.	We've lost countless amounts of natural habitat and water resources. As our community grows so does our need for fresh drinking water. Not to mention by removing the dam, the amount of visitors to the area will increase due to the recovery of flora and fauna of the area.	No.	
10/8/2021 8:20	Broward		No	No						Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No, the dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	From an ecological standpoint, human-made dams are overall detrimental to natural ecosystems. Not to mention the expense they impose to taxpayers. The dam must be breached.
10/8/2021 8:20	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: swimming in the lost springs.	I would like for the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam to be removed	the free flowing river provides a healthier river ecology with accessible springs, healthy cypress, less non native aquatics, manatee habitat, fishing from the banks	the river will die	NO	
10/8/2021 8:21	Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing		I would like to see better protection for vulnerable wildlife, especially manatees.	Hundreds of dead manatees over the past couple years alone is unacceptable and we have a responsibility to protect these gentle creatures.	Further manatee deaths and destruction of wildlife/ecosystems	Not really.	Please help us protect the manatees.
10/8/2021 8:21	Lee		No	No									
10/8/2021 8:21	Charlotte		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Rsecre the Oklawaha to original flow patterns	Disruption of historical ecological balance	continued decline of water quality and ecological integrity.	None that I have heard	
10/8/2021 8:21	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: hiking nearby trails		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored and Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 8:22	Manatee		No	No					I would like to the dam breached.	Breaching the dam is a win/win situation. Maintsing the dam is costly money wise. Our fish, manatees, and lost springs benefit as well.	I am most concerned with the environmental impacts of keeping the dam. Throwing good money after bad is equally unwise.	No	Let's be a good steward of the Earth, and our resources.
10/9/2021 8:23	Manatee		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Bird watching		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to habitat for birds, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Once the Dam is gone, acres of forest will regrow reversing the effects of climate change.	Once the Dam is gone, acres of forest will regrow reversing the effects of climate change. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms which have become increasingly common downstream, support coastal resiliency by allowing the freshwater flow to be restored, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of our groundwater drinking source, many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration and reversing climate change by storing carbon dioxide in the soil. Climate change solutions can't wait, and this Dam has been in place for the wrong reasons for far too long. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 8:23	Brevard		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 8:23	Dade		No	No					restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	the dam still blocks the river route for fish, manatees and boaters, from Silver Springs to the Atlantic Ocean.	The negative impact on the wildlife and environment	Unsure	
10/9/2021 8:23	Franklin		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		WT/hing how florida waterways are bribg & have been destroyed is sickening. Multi generational native of this stare. RESTORE the river ways (IMPRUDENTLY, UNNECESSATLY & without positive cause) severed	Avid follower of nature news in our state. The greatest thing that Florida has is it's natural essence beauty sites. Yet we continue to ruin them. This is one-sided unnecessarily altered that can be restored and must be restored ! For six decades I have visited one color Springs and watched what we have done to destroy that incredible natural site - truly of world value. Our state is a mockery - marketing the natural resources but OH SO RARELY protecting them!!!! INVEST A LUTLE for once instead of always TAKING AWAY	Already threatened waterways & wildlife Also, This is an antiquated man-made structure of it is going to continue concrete scald , deteriorate & decay - then fall away ..it needs to be managed in the right way and done now	I cannot imagine such. Please, inform me!!??!!	My grandfather Hus Coulter was State Forester & urged & taught Balance. ! I feel that Florida has lost its way all I see is EXPLOITSTION
10/9/2021 8:23	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times			Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Increasing flood risk due to climate change	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/9/2021 8:24	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. nd ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/9/2021 8:25	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Fishing is unbelievable and it is a beautiful area.	It would be harder to fish and the area would lose it's beauty. Plus developers would move in.	No	
10/8/2021 8:26	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breached / removed	Restoring the natural waterway / ecology	It continues as is dam amazing the waterway and using tax funds for pointless maintenance	No	
10/8/2021 8:27	Highlands		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.
10/9/2021 8:28	Seminole		No	No					I would like it to be breached to restore the Ocklawaha River.	The destruction caused by the dam. The dam has already destroyed 7,500 acres of forested wetlands, 20 springs and 16 miles of the river. Half a century later, the dam still blocks the river route for fish, manatees and boaters, from Silver Springs to the Atlantic Ocean.	It is past time to do all we can to help our environment. Our manatee, for instance, are dying at an alarming rate. We can no longer overlook our past mistakes such as building this dam in the first place. We only have one planet.	No.	
10/9/2021 8:32	Nassau		No	No					Remove it	The cross Florida canal was never completed	Further environmental degradation	No	
10/9/2021 8:33	Palm Beach		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Breach the dam and let it return to the river its meant to be	Documentary I saw on the health of the ecosystem	Continued degradation of the area, silting up of the dam anyway	not really	Please return to its original state
10/9/2021 8:33	Pasco		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River would revitalize the entire system of waterways in the region by improving habitats for wildlife including manatees, improving water quality by restoring currently drowned springs, and enhancing the Florida Wildlife Corridor for people and wildlife.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No, the dam is outdated and unsafe and we are in an environmental crisis that could be ameliorated in part by breaching the dam and restoring the natural waterway, thus improving water quality and restoring wildlife habitats.	As a Florida resident who values our unique ecosystem, I am asking that you restore the Ocklawaha River to improve our key natural resources. 2021 has been a rough year for manatees in particular, and while restoring this river will not solve all problems related to manatee survival, it will allow access to cleaner water, more warm-water habitats during winter months, and reestablish access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 8:33	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The natural waterway should be restored.	There should be a natural outlet that flows to the Atlantic and the dam prevents that.	The quality of the water continues to deteriorate as more algae and weeds proliferate due to decreased flow.	Open the dam fully and continuously for increased water flow.	Better to dismantle the dam and increase flow in a controlled manner than have it fail and flood Putnam County properties without warning.
10/9/2021 8:33	Nassau		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and the wetlands restored	The dam serves no purpose	Another part of Florida's beautiful naturalhabitat will be lost for no reason.	No	
10/8/2021 8:34	Marion		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat and we all know Manatees are already endangered. We must save these amazing animals	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
10/8/2021 8:34	Pinellas		No	No					To restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam in order to improve economy, water quality, and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	It is vitally important that 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	I am very concerned hundreds of manatees would be unable to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No there is not. It is time to breach the dam for safety, wildlife, and to preserve the wild beauty of Florida!	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, help the coast, and preserve the wildlife corridor; it will provide habitat for the iconic manatees and help the local economy by increasing visitor traffic by a projected 28% (myself included!) What makes Florida such a special state is our nature, both coastal and inland, our waters, our birds and fish and mammals that are special to our state. Please restore this area and preserve the beautiful, unique, life giving natural space! Thank you for your consideration
10/8/2021 8:34	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 8:34	Duval		No	No					I am concerned about salt water intrusion here in the Jacksonville area. An influx of fresh spring water flowing north might help to counteract intrusion incouraged by the dredging at the moth if the St. Johns. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored including the Silver Springs ecosystem. I went to Silver Springs as a kid and it needs help. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife It makes sense for our economy. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	With larger storm systems in our future I am concerned about flooding. Wetlands help to distribute flood waters. Water quality decline further fuels invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. We are currently dealing with a nasty algae bloom. The dam is expensive to maintain and there are just too many benefits for humans and wildlife in the waterways and on land with the dam gone. Right now is our best opportunity to get this done. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a homeowner in Duval county near Jungton Creek and the St. Johns River, who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.

10/8/2021 8:33	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	I would like to see the original flow of the Ocklawaha restored.	I live on the St. Johns River and am deeply concerned about the health of our river and springs. Restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha would improve the health of that river, the Silver River, and the St. Johns and the springs that feed them.	Water quality due to overpopulation, nutrient runoff, waste, and dredging will continue to cause decline in the St. Johns River system. Habitats for manatees and other wildlife will continue to shrink. Money will be poured into maintaining a pointless and failing piece of infrastructure that was never needed.	No, the dam impacts river ecology and serves no purpose.	There is no cogent argument that a 50-year old dam somehow enhances a 300,000 year old river system, or that maintaining this pointless, aging infrastructure improves the ecology and economy. A few vocal fishermen and deep-pocketed politicians with ulterior motives should not hold hostage a river system affecting all of North Florida.
10/8/2021 8:35	St Johns		No	No					Take the dam down or allow it to breach	The restoration of 20 springs that were damaged as a result of the dam	The 20 springs will not be restored	No	Florida needs to care about restring these springs and becoming a beacon for environmental action to save this beautiful state
10/8/2021 8:35	Citrus		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Remove dam	Dam inhibits the ability of the River to revert to a natural state		Install fish ladders and a method to allow manatees to enter the upper upper reaches of both rivers.	
10/8/2021 8:35	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat),	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This project was created for commercial purposes and later cancelled, but the damage and the dam were not properly removed when the project was terminated. It is time to restore the river and springs and to reverse the damage done.
10/8/2021 8:37	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing			Killing fish, disturbing nature		
10/8/2021 8:38	Hillsborough		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating					
10/8/2021 8:38	Sarasota		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the river	Biodiversity reaumes open rivers for continued ecological balance	Additional senseless Species extinction	No please restore this river so our children can experience the beauty and like on this planet moving forward	
10/8/2021 8:39	Hillsborough		No	No					Dismantle	damage done to the river and marshlands for a dam that serves no purpose	Continued degredation of a natural resource	no	
10/8/2021 8:40	St Johns		No	No					150+ million gallons a day of natural flow will be restored to the St. Johns River Estuary, helping to mitigate the impact of salt intrusion from the Atlantic Ocean.	State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Florida's natural environment is further degraded, and economic opportunities are lost.	No. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 8:40	Alachua		No	No					The area should be restored to its original state.	Habitat has been destroyed and far too much money has been spent to maintain this failed project.	This state and this country loses a valuable wildlife habitat. We cannot stand to keep losing these ecosystems to such folly!	None. Make this habitat right again is the only scenario!	Once it is lost - that's it. Restore and protect.
10/8/2021 8:41	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river - this not only helps the wildlife, but also brings these animals back to the area creating great tourist opportunities	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Not to mention The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 8:41	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed.		Pesticides are killing wildlife.		
10/8/2021 8:42	Broward		No	No					Breaching the damn to restore the Great Florida River system for the improvement of water quality, wildlife sustainability and human economic benefit.	Breaching the dam will restore the Great Florida River system, it's lost freshwater springs and the surrounding habitat as well as alleviate the down River stresses associated with the dam's uselessness.	The dam has past its lifespan, costing millions in maintenance, furthering water quality degradation, continued threat to wildlife and worst case, dam failure or collapse.	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue.	Breaching the dam will allow the reunification of the Great Florida Riverway, improve the ecosystem for wildlife, spur economic and recreational activity and most importantly prevent catastrophic collapse and down River deterioration.
10/8/2021 8:44	Leon		No	No					Remove or breach dam restore river flow for fish and boaters and wetlands	Research that shows devastating effect of the dam	Continued loss of natural river flow and related ngative effects	Not sure	
10/8/2021 8:45	Hillsborough		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Thousands of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. OR Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 8:41	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Restore River to pre damn condition	Great opportunity for natural enjoyment of restore rivrs, springs, and marine life	More waste of natural resources		Seems an easy decision. Bringing back a beautiful River and accompanying springs would bring nature lovers to support local economies
10/8/2021 8:46	St Johns		No	No					Remove it as much as possible	Fresght and decreasing aquifer and salt water incursion into St. John's river		See above	
10/8/2021 8:47	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick system in order to facilitate hydrologic connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns Rivers	Restoration of floweways would allow for natural connection to over 50 springs, migration of aquatic species such as fish and manatees which are already experiencing a threat to natural habitats elsewhere, and restoration of over 15,000 acres of natural forested wetlands. By breaching this dam, the hydrologic benefits may offset current threats to the springs systems caused by increasing public supply in surrounding areas and may benefit overall water quality in the springs and surrounding floodplains. Restoration of natural floweways and floodplains would also provide downstream benefits and reduce flooding risks for nearby homeowners. In addition, the restoration of 150 MGD of flow to the springs and river systems would reduce potential for saltwater intrusion.	SJRWMD would miss a significant opportunity to benefit the springs and restore 150 MGD of flow and the hydrologic connection for over 15,000 acres of wetlands and the greater springs systems. Should this connection not be restored, a continued threat to water quality and aquatic life will increase. Given current public supply projections, restoring connection to these major floweways would potentially offset both current and future water quality issues such as blue-green algae and saltwater intrusion and protect aquatic life by providing a sanctuary from an ever-decreasing habitat in the surrounding areas. In addition, continued economic impacts will occur due to required dam repairs and maintenance as the system degrades with time. Potential flood hazards for downstream homeowners would be significantly reduced by facilitating the restoration of floodplain area. Should this dam fail, the downstream impacts would be devastating. With public interest high and federal funding available, now is the time to take action.	Hydrologic connection for this area needs to be restored one way or another. Breaching of this dam would benefit water quality and aquatic life as well as mitigate threats of flooding for downstream homeowners	As an environmental professional, I fully support restoration of floweways caused by the breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 8:47	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove dam. Allow the river to return to its natural state.	The dam stops the flow of the river and movement of fish. The return of the river to its natural state would be great for canoeing.		No	We have seen the benefits of dam removal in many places across the country. There is no reason for a delay.
10/8/2021 8:47	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 8:49	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Back to nature and low impact pollution	Health of "mother nature's and the community	Kissing another price of earth good bye	Restrictions on pollution and fees for use.	
10/8/2021 8:50	Polk		No	Yes			1 time	Other	A natural resource for our environment and recreation	Needs to be properly maintained and vital for our economy and environment for Florida for the increase in population always raises more needs			
10/8/2021 8:51	Pasco		No	No					Restored back to its natural state.		It will become another dead lake like Cheechobee.	Not really, free flowing and natural is best for all in an ever shrinking natural world.	
10/8/2021 8:51	Pasco		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Removal	It's construction was for the abandoned Cross Florida Barge Canal project. It obstructs flow of fish and covers many fresh water springs.			
10/8/2021 8:53	Broward		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/8/2021 8:53	Pasco		No	No					Remove it and restore land to natural condition.	The dam was created for a project that never came to fruition and flooded much needed wild life habitat.	That the dam will fall into disrepair because it's not necessary and fail unexpectedly and wild life will suffer.	No	Keep wild Florida wild. Save nature from unnecessary human development.
10/8/2021 8:54	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	removal of the dam				
10/8/2021 8:55	Pinellas		No	No					Reunite the river's	Restoring the natural habitat and allowing the native animals to travel they natural path		No	
10/8/2021 8:56	Volusia		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River		Environmental damage		
10/8/2021 8:56	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Join togetherb	The natural flow of springs and rivers ttthv cross Florida barge canal was never completed	Environmental damage	Let it take its original natural shape !	
10/8/2021 8:57	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach it and restore the flow	Nature conservation and revitalization	Same	No	
10/8/2021 8:58	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other	Keep it as it is for wildlife and fishing, it's an amazing place for nature lovers and the wildlife	We have few reserves in Putnam County and animals are being misplaced due to growth, Putnam has always been known for its fishing and river recreation	We are limited to clean waterways and places to enjoy in nature	It is imperative that we keep natural settings for people and the animals that depend on it to survive.	
10/8/2021 8:59	Citrus		Yes	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	GET RID OF THE DAM AND MAKE WAY FOR OUR RIVERWAYS. RUINING ALL THAT BEAUTIFUL LAND FOR A PROJECT THAT WAS NEVER FINISHED, STORY OF AMERICA. LETS RUN WILDLIFE FOR PEOPLE YUCK!!	WILDLIFE IS KEY, WITHOUT IT WE ARE DOOMED ALONG W THIS SO CALLED PRESIDENT	WILDLIFE!	NOPE! GETTER DONE ALREADY! THIS IS MY STATE BORN AND RAISED HERE FOR OVER 50 YEARS! PEOPLE ARE RUINING OUR WORLD.	
10/8/2021 8:59	Columbia		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Ride and walk the trails .	Open the dam and return the river naturally to it's previous state . Thank you .	The Rodman Reservoir is only good for fisherman and covers the springs and all of that land . Allow the fisherman and fisher ladies to fish the river and we all win .	That our children will never be able to see this natural wonder .	No .	I'm 61 years old and would like to see others enjoy this area again . I grew up in the area . No
10/8/2021 9:00	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach the dam to improve surrounding water quality no-no no-no	Wildlife would be positively effected	Expensive to maintain and improve dam that does not provided benefits	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue	Quality of water is crucial and this would help improve this need for Florida
10/8/2021 9:01	Hillsborough		No	No					make the dam go away	to restore the Great Florida Riverway	The dam was built for a canal - which was never built; so serves no purpose - just blocks the Waterway	No	from 4 very concerned Florid residents Doris H Lahr Deborah D Lahr Alexander Busch Susanna Busch
10/8/2021 9:02	Sarasota		No	No									
10/8/2021 9:02	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	I support breaching the dam and restoring the river system to its natural state.	Restoring the natural system connects Silver Springs to the Atlantic, opening a waterway for manatees to find warm water in winter, and opening a corridor for restoring wildlife and fish. Wetlands also provide clean fresh water to the state. It will attract many visitors to the area and enhance the economy. Tourism will increase as people seek to visit natural Florida. The20 plus springs would be a huge attraction.	Florida misses an opportunity to improve the local economy, and restore our state's natural beauty…the rivers and springs that exist here are unique in the world!	I understand that a temporary gradual drawdown will provide assurances to local property owners but fully restoring the system is the final outcome I support.	As a kayaker I look forward to exploring this system and the springs, and seeing the manAtees. North central Florida is paradise when we restore it.
10/8/2021 9:02	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The natrual floweway restored	We are losing so much wetlands to urban sprawl and construction that we need to restore any wetlands and springs that we can as well aa restoring the flow way to allow for drainage when needed	We are losing water in our aquafir and there are too many people and corporations allowed to remove water from the St Johns River basis. I fear that without restoring the wetlands and springs the population explosion will be beyond the capacity of our aquifer	No, the rodman damn has to be removed	
10/8/2021 9:04	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Restore wetlands			Yes	
10/8/2021 9:07	Sumter		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 9:08	Outside of state / other	Charlotte, NC	No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait!	
10/8/2021 9:09	Pinellas		No	No					Whatever it takes to restore the area back to its original state.	All the damage the dam has done.	More destruction	I don't know	Keep up the great work you do!!!
10/8/2021 9:10	Volusia		No	No									
10/8/2021 9:11	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing					
10/8/2021 9:12	Lee		No	No					Removed	Wetland preservation and restoration	Continued degradation of Florida land and water.	Not really	
10/8/2021 9:12	Levy		No	No					It's removal in entirety.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity because State and federal funds are now available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical for manatee, water quality, and wildlife habitat. And because the dam is unsafe in its present condition.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety is questionable, improved water quality is imperative, and wildlife issues can't wait any longer.	
10/8/2021 9:14	Pinellas		No	No					Remove it to allow the natural flow of water and a return to the original ecosystem.	That it will restore environmental and economic health on this important river area.	Continued damage to the ecosystem - manatees and fish unable to move freely in these waterways	Are there compromises with dams? I do not know if there is partial resolutions. In general dams are not a good thing.	
10/8/2021 9:16	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach it	Restore habitat for endangered species		no	
10/8/2021 9:17	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the restoration of the land as it was meant to be.	Everybody knows the information. Put all the data aside and do the right thing. Restore Florida. Big business is not the answer to Florida's problems. The problem is contractors who have been allowed to destroy our beautiful Florida. Man and nature must work together or man will lose and all we will have left is concrete, roads, and no water. Do the right thing for our future. Someone who reads this, act on what you know is the right thing to do. I am a native Floridian and in my 76 years have seen a beautiful land become a concrete eyesore with multilane concrete roads transporting vehicles going nowhere. Our future is at stake. Thank you.	That we today are no better than those who came before us desecrating our land. The officials who allowed this failed canal project to be constructed need to repair the damage to the land and put it back the way it was. And since they can't, we can.	Make amends. Work with our natural resources without destroying them and right the wrong that has been done. Thank you.	I am tired. I am old. And I hate to see my beautiful Florida destroyed instead of preserving the natural beauty for which it is known. Improve it vs. raping it and then leaving. Thank you for reading this far.
10/8/2021 9:18	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored along with creation of more recreation opportunities and saving money on a dam well past its time.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 9:19	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the damn benefits not only wildlife and the environment, but also saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. This money can go on to be used elsewhere where it's most needed. The dams purpose was for a barge canal project in the 60's that never came to fruition. It has no use, and the small benefit it's providing now for recreation and wildlife could be greatly extended if it was breached. Springs and wetlands would be restored, and we could see Historic fish and manatee numbers return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. In short, the benefits of removing the damn greatly outweigh repairing.
10/8/2021 9:20	Broward		No	No					I would like the recommendation of the Sierra Club followed.	Restoration of natural habitats.	Distruction of natural water flow.	No	
10/8/2021 9:20	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I want you to leave it alone	Its a wonderful and thriving eco system, it supports a bunch and animals and especially the manatees. It also purifies the water coming down from the Ocklawaha river	My biggest concern is it will kill the ecosystem and many animals will suffer. AND DISPLACING THE WILDLIFE !!!!!!!!!!!!	THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COPROMISE!!!!!!!!	
10/8/2021 9:21	Lake		No	Yes				Fishing Wildlife viewing					
10/8/2021 9:21	Hernando		No	No					I would like to see it removed. I do visit Silver Springs and the st johns river for camping and kayaking primarily. the and I have seen the nonsense that is the beginnings of a cross Florida waterway which never went anywhere and I think the restoration of the original waterway would be a great thing for Florida water sport enthusiasts, for Florida fish and wildlife and for Florida tourism.	Everything I have read about the damage the Dems do United States was hell-bent on building dams for the first 20th century and now we are in the process of rethinking the cost versus benefit of those dams and in many cases are removing them to restore the natural waterways which protect the wetlands and the animals and plants who live there in which intern protect environment in Florida against do you evitable effects of global warming which in the case of Florida is rising water. Invasion of salt water into freshwater areas.	See above	I'm not sure what third alternative there is between having a dam or not having a dam. Half a dam? Lower dam? I don't think so.	
10/8/2021 9:21	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	remove the dam	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	loss of ecosystem, plants and animals to extinction	no	The removal of the dam is overdue
10/8/2021 9:21	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the damn removed and the river restored.	We destroyed the natural habitat of so many creatures and upset the balance of a beautiful area which is unique to FL.	The manatee will be extinct very soon. We will be complicit if we don't take this opportunity to do the right thing.	No, we must restore the natural flow of the river.	Please, let us show other states that we can deal with environmental issues and not ignore them.
10/8/2021 9:22	Sarasota		No	No					Eliminate it and restore original water flow and use	improving wildlife habitat	reduction in and damage to native species	no I feel any effects of maintaining and improving the dam would be counterproductive to improving the region's and the state's water usage and flow	
10/8/2021 9:22	St Lucie		No	No					Remove damn	Damn is hindrance to wildlife	Hindrance to wildlife	No	
10/8/2021 9:22	Sarasota		No	No					Get rid of it and restore the area to what it was in the 1960's!	Previous generations have made decisions that affect all of us Floridians, so good and some bad. This was BAD!	Let's think positively and think what could be achieved! Flow of fish, manatees and other wildlife to the Atlantic.	Not really.	
10/8/2021 9:25	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I hope the oklawaha river will be restored to it natural path.	sust springs means more recreation possibilities in an increasingly populated state that depends on tourism. Providing natural areas for imperiled wildlife during the 6th greatest extinction is our responsibility and it is certainly an economic driver as we have seen in Crystal Springs. People love their sea cows.	This is the time. We know so much more than we did when this dam was built. Why spend to patch when we can prevent future floods, improve water quality for our growing population and restore springs, forests and wildlife populations for our citizens and visitors?	No. A drawdown does not create an unobstructed water way.	Our springs and rivers are natural wonders and deserve our stewardship. The benefits will be long lasting. We can grapple to hold on to the way things are which will be at great expense or we can redress our past errors and look to a brighter future with clean water, restored natural wonders with opportunities and a cleaner environment for all.
10/8/2021 9:25	Osceloa		No	No					I'd like to see it removed and water flows restored.	facts surrounding degraded water sources and habitats all throughout florida and the continued mis-management by corrupt water board members in your area.	more water waste degradation and corruption	no, the damn dam must be breached and this must be put behind us and science should only guide these decisions in the future not stupid republicons that can't even count votes	republicons are liars, cheats and thieves and cannot ever be trusted by what they say. just look at criminal desantis if you need any evidence.
10/8/2021 9:26	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Canoeing the Ocklawaha river up to the reservoir	The dam should be removed and allowing the natural flow of the river and restoration of the surrounding woods.	The reservoir covers up springs that are helpful to manatees; the cross Florida canal was not completed and the ecosystem should be returned to its natural state; the dam and reservoir inhibit canoeing and kayaking through the river system; the reservoir seems to only serve bass fishermen, not the entire recreational population; it makes no sense to me to continue to pay millions a year to maintain this dam.	A draw down is not sufficient. Not removing the dam will just continue millions of taxpayer money being spent for the sole enjoyment of bass fishermen, not the rest of us.	Not really, this has gone on far too long and the flooded federal lands need to be restored for use by all of us.	
10/8/2021 9:26	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore natural flows.	I believe having natural wetlands is a better use than another reservoir. It will clean the river, help manatees and increase recharge of the aquifer.	Further degradation of the environment	Let the science guide the decision, not just economic interests.	
10/8/2021 9:27	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 9:27	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam	Wildlife needs a safe corridor on the river	More loss of wildlife	No.	
10/8/2021 9:27	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached to improve the river system quality, expose the 20 drowned springs, improve the habitat for wildlife, most especially the manatees which are suffering major losses in many of their habitats.	2021 has been a devesting year for manatees with record deaths due to degraded habitat. Restoring the river to its natural flow would also provide an improved area for recreation.	I think it would be a waste of taxpayer money to repair the dam when breaching it would accomplish so many good things for the Silver, Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. So much of the beauty of Florida had been lost and breaching the dam would be one way to restore some of that beauty.	No.	The breaching of this dam is long overdue. I have kayaked from Silver Springs to the reservoir and from the dam to the St. Johns. I have also paddled on the reservoir, both when it is full and during drawdown so I am quite familiar with both the beauty of the rivers and springs and the blight that is the dam and reservoir. For the sake of the manatees and other wildlife and the beauty of the Florida environment, I ask that you decide that it is time for the dam to go.

10/8/2021 9:29	St Johns		No	No					It's time to take the damn down and restore the natural river system. The cost of maintaining the damn is not worth it. We can restore the rivers to their original state. This would restore natural habitats, provide cleaner water, and help with flooding/hurricane damage.	We can save $57 million I potential flooding costs as well as 4-14 million in cost to repair the damn.	Millions in taxpayer dollars wasted to keep a damn that doesn't provide flood protection, power, or water supply. There is little that this damn does to benefit the public and a lot that it does to harm the environment.	No, breaching the damn is overdue! Let's save money improve water quality, wildlife and tourism all at the same time	I care about Florida and restoring it to its natural splendor. Getting rid of the damn will reunite the 217 mile river way and provide countless benefits. The change would create a healthy water system that would benefit humans and wildlife throughout Florida. Restoration will provide crucial habitat for the manatees who saw the most deadly year in 2021 and are almost on the endangered species list. When you look at the pros and cons of this issue it is clear, the time has come to breech the Rodman reservoir.
10/8/2021 9:32	Lee		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. OR	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 478) MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521) WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 516)
10/8/2021 9:33	Jefferson		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Painting the landscape	I would like to see the dam taken down so the river system can be restored	The climate/environment matrix is the most pressing concern for the whole planet We each have to do all we can to invigorate it.A restored river system will play a tremendous role in restoring habitat, cutting down on algae bloom, invite more tourist/recreational and aesthetic use,prevent flooding downstream.In the 19 and 20th centuries Florida waterways were an important route for business and tourism; tourists from the north could travel the length of Florida by paddleboat.Winslow Homer did beautiful paintings of Florida and wrote home that the Gulf was filled with fish -you could practically just reach down and grab one. The original inhabitants of the Gulf area surprised the European explorers by their height and health.Reason:they did not have to chase their food: it (the fish and sea life) came to them in plenty; each season brought different fish to their feet.(Book:The Gulf) Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could experience that again.	The dam would continue to be a huge taxpayer cost and serves no purpose.The health of the waterways is dangerously compromised and will continue to degenerate.I am greatly saddened by the life that is now extinct, not through evolution, but through human disregard and lack of respect.	No. This is too important	Please consider the larger consequences to our world and to our very life and existence, of each choice we make as state power holders and as individual citizens.
10/8/2021 9:35	Sarasota		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other: research- manatee distribution	Removal of the dam and restoration of the network of warm water springs for manatees	Removal of the dam to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. John's rivers	Waste of tax payer dollars to repair the dam	Temporary draw-down of the reservoir	
10/8/2021 9:37	Pinellas		No	No					I think we should breach the Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day it still exists more harm is done!	There could potentially be damages worth about $57 million to property holders if flooding occurs, and breaching the dam would prevent this. It's the best environmental option as well!	We would end up wasting millions of dollars, which taxpayers would likely not appreciate, on a dam that isn't really doing anything helpful for those taxpayers.	There is not. We need to do this fully and completely.	There are SO MANY pros to beaching the dam. Better water quality, getting rid of costly flooding risk, providing a habitat for manatees (who doesn't love manatees?), striped bass, and other aquatic life, and increased fishing opportunities are just some of them. Why wouldn't we do this?
10/8/2021 9:37	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other: Hiking	Restore the Oklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Three Rivers and 50 springs would be restored, much better.	We've lost a golden opportunity.	no	
10/8/2021 9:39	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Scenery	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored and 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high and environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 9:39	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521)
10/8/2021 9:40	Palm Beach		No	No					remove it	environment	death of the environment	no	
10/8/2021 9:41	Collier		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 9:41	Pasco		No	No					Restoration of ecology, wildlife and water resources	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored and 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 9:41	Indian River		No	No					I would like to see the dam's removal.	Four Florida governors have all advocated for the dam's removal. By the removal of the dam, it would create a migratory route for manatees and fish	That the water quality and health of the river would continue to collapse.	No, not really.	With manatees dying from lack of food, let's not also cut off a place where they could also have warm water habitat such as a natural spring.
10/8/2021 9:44	Charlotte		No	Yes				Fishing Wildlife viewing	Open to the St John River	Aquatic wildlife migration route needs to be open.	The dam serves no purpose of any kind, but is a detriment to healthy wildlife habitat.		
10/8/2021 9:46	Brevard		No	No					Breaching the dam is my preference. Returning the flow and water levels to a more natural state to improve habitat, water quality, and tourism potential.	Three major rivers and some 50 springs will be restored. That's huge.	The missed opportunity to improve desperately needed habitat (for manatees in particular) while wasting tax dollars to maintain an unnecessary structure.	No. Breaching and removal is my preference.	This is an incredible opportunity. This restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. The infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration!
10/8/2021 9:47	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the River.	The dam blocks the the river route for fish, manatees and boaters.	The environment would be negatively impacted.	no	
10/8/2021 9:48	Sarasota		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 9:48	Brevard		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem are restored.	The Ocklawaha river, the springs and thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, recreation and economical benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a Floridian who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 9:49	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	If the dam were breached, there are significant improvements to water quality, restoration of the natural rivers and streams to include the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. John's Rivers. Help to restore springs as well which are some of the prime examples of "old" Florida	Probably the positive impact on wildlife and water overall. Fish, Manatees, the ecosystem become more natural and allow our precious heritage to be passed to our children and grands in Florida.	The time for action is now. When I moved to Florida 42 years ago, there were but 13million residents. Now there are 22 million. The natural environment is being squeezed by people, development and other pressures that harm wildlife. Let's get Florida a chance to retain some of its pristine locals.	The attempt to construct a cross-Florida canal did untold damage to 7500 acres of pristine habitat. We have waited for this opportunity, which, if not implemented, may never be available to us again.	As an Eagle Scout from the class of 1966 and a resident of Florida since 1979, I urge you to help us reclaim a small portion of the pristine Florida. The funding is promising and both political parties are interested in making positive steps to protect and restore the three major rivers impacted.
10/8/2021 9:50	Collier		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Flow of the river		We continue to hurt the environment and our planet		
10/8/2021 9:51	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow to save dam repair money and improve the natural workings of this beautiful complex ecosystem of wetlands, springs, and riverine systems.	Dams are costly to build, maintain and eventually replace.	We lose the natural impact of a total integrated wetland system which one dam can not provide. Nature will bring back the springs, improve the water quality, create more robust wildlife diversity and abundance, manatee population could improve. The current situation is ready for a change if the dam is removed.	Yes. You could simply stop funding the repair of the dam and eventually nature will work its own way around the dam. Of course, this is a long-term cause and effect solution but nature will restore the system by itself, eventually. Doesn't that message tell us to help nature and physically remove the dam.	Thank you for asking. For an inexpensive way to improve water quality of the entire region, to allow for safe refuge for wintering manatees, for improving the diversity and abundance of wildlife, restoring the historical springs, remove the dam. Nature is less expensive than dams and more abundant to the bottom line in dollars, aesthetics, and recreational for all Floridians.
10/8/2021 9:51	Polk		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Visiting springs and outdoor areas.	Breach the dam	Will help put the area back to its natural state by restoring the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver river. Numerous springs would be restored and they are a natural Florida wonder that need to be restored and preserved. The Cross Florida Barge Canal project was long ago abandoned and the dam should be eliminated.	The loss of an opportunity to restore those rivers and springs to their natural state and achieve a major gain in wildlife habitat.	Not really.	
10/8/2021 9:52	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam!	Global warming!	Keep trying! The squeaky wheel gets the grease.	No	
10/8/2021 9:52	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
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10/8/2021 9:53	Citrus		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River	Natural flow will restore habitat for fish, manatees and other wildlife	Money will continue to be spent maintaining a dam which provides no public benefit	No	
10/8/2021 9:54	Lee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	It should be removed to restore the natural hydrology and support the ecosystem.	The cross Florida Canal was a failure.	Continued compromised ecosystem function and exclusion of habitat for manatees and others as they cope with changing environmental conditions.	The dam should be removed.	
10/8/2021 9:54	Charlotte		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The current dam is harming the economy, water quality, and wildlife.	$57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	NO	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 9:59	Collier		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 9:59	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Keeping it in place will create unnecessary costs to taxpayers and provide no public benefit.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk.
10/8/2021 9:59	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Leave as is. Wonderful wildlife preserve as it is				
10/8/2021 10:00	Charlotte		No	No					Remove the dam ... Let the water flow as it was intended.	Restore the environment and save the water system	Detrimental effect on the water system		
10/8/2021 10:00	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: We canoe on the Ocklawaha and St Johns and Silver River and on the way we stop at the dam to mourn all that has been lost	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored bringing back manatee and fish habitat and making for beautiful long canoe and kayak runs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. Thank you
10/8/2021 10:01	Dade		No	No									

10/8/2021 10:01	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed because the reason it was built does not exist anymore, it is detrimental to the water quality and ecology of the area and it should have been removed decades ago.	The negative environmental impacts it has had over decades in this area of Florida. I believe the only beneficiaries of this dam are sports fishermen and boaters. This dam has damaged thousands of acres of natural habitat and should never have existed in the first place.	Continued damage to Florida ecosystems	If the choice is either keep the dam or remove it, the answer is no.	I urge the Florida Legislature to support funding for the removal of this dam. I have been an avid Florida kayaker over many years and have seen the damage that these kinds of projects have done to waterways in our state.
10/8/2021 10:02	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing		Breach the dam to restore the natural river system.	The dam was built for a project that was never finished. Since the project is no longer viable, the river system should be restored.	If the river system is not restored, we lose another chance to enhance wildlife and wild lands.	Propose something reasonable and I'll consider it.	
10/8/2021 10:05	Palm Beach		No	No						Returned to original condition before dam	The manatees need help right now. The dam is doing nothing. Florida is a natural habitat for so many fish and manatees. Here is an opportunity to return to nature.	The money is available and the need is great. Why wouldn't we forge ahead.	No	
10/8/2021 10:08	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Removal.	Expensive studies conducted at taxpayer cost over several decades.	Stagnation/decomposition and infill of sediment that will turn the reservoir into an endless maintenance expense.	No. Why are you trying to find middle ground when the long-determined solution (reestablishing the river flow) has been established again and again? It would be so nice to finally have a water district board with backbone.	I have watched this issue evolve (and stagnate) for YEARS, and I have observed the slowedly conduct of the SJRWMB when it comes to permitting that runs counter to environmental common sense. What galls me most is that we taxpayers have funded studies that are then ignored because of the lack of courage on the part of appointed board members. Shame on you. Even this study is probably an exercise in procrastination.
10/8/2021 10:08	Pinellas		No	No						Breach the dam so that water again flows through to enhance the life around the waterway by returning the natural flow of water.	Rivers and springs are restored to benefit all the wildlife in and around the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Rivers, springs, and the surrounding forests are not restored and the decline of wildlife and wild Florida will continue. This is an opportunity to make right a long-ago wrong. There is no time like the present to correct that wrong.	NO. This correction is long overdue and now is the time to complete breaching the dam.	I have lived in Florida for 42 years and watched the destruction of wildlife habitats all around me. The best part of Florida is wild Florida and all the different habitats and wildlife throughout the state. The waterways that provide kayaking are very precious to me and when there is an opportunity for restoring, enhancing, and /or cleaning these waterways, I am all in. From my kayak, I see the real Florida, wild Florida and I do not want to lose any of it.
10/8/2021 10:12	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored for the state of Florida, it's people, and wildlife.	2021 is the deadliest year for manatees, a Florida treasure. The restoration of the Rivers and Silver Springs will provide natural warm water winter habitat. This in turn will draw many visitors to observe their beloved manatees in their winter home, benefiting the local economies. Thank you.	We don't want to miss this opportunity. State and Federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical, and the dam is unsafe.	No, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 10:12	Monroe		No	No						Remove them	They are not necessary and I would like the River to return to its natural flow	Man made something worse again		
10/8/2021 10:13	Broward		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by removing the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam allowing for the natural flow of the river again.	60-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching is long overdue.	
10/8/2021 10:33	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing						
10/8/2021 10:14	Escambia		No	No						Restore the waterway and remove the dam for the overall support of the natural environment.	The Canal was never finished, making the Dam purposeless. Nature was cauterized for yet another human project left unfinished. This parasitic relationship with our environment has to stop. But we can do something about it by returning the River to it's natural state, creating some jobs/economy for doing so in the meantime.	Diminishing and disappearing natural waterways are ever present in the US and around the globe due to the rich, wealthy, and big business. Central Florida has some of the most beautiful natural rivers, streams in the US. ALLOW them to return to their natural beauty and glory as there is NO BENEFIT to anyone to continue with the Dam.		
10/8/2021 10:14	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the River to allow the manatees and other wildlife full access to our Florida waterway.	The lack of water flow and the springs that are submerged due to the dam.	Manatee restriction.	No	Please restore and preserve our waterways for future Florida residents. It's our most precious resource.
10/8/2021 10:14	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time			Canoeing / kayaking	remove	reestablish natural flow			
10/8/2021 10:14	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Ocklawaha River Restoration by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	20 lost springs, Silver Springs Ecosystem and Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers are restored.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riveraay, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 10:16	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other		open the natural flow of the river	concern about the health of the St. Johns river. Personal observation	damage to the ecosystem	no	
10/8/2021 10:16	Martin		No	Yes						restore water flow that allows natural migration up stream for animals and improves flow to St Johns	I was born in florida ive lived here for all but 5 years when I recently lived in Ohio. During that time Ohio was executing a long term plan to eliminate dams and restore multiple rivers to their natural flow. I realize the eco systems are very different, however the results in Ohio were amazing. all kinds of plants and animal benefits were realized including long lost migration habits of fish, some not seen in a 100 years. The recreational use of the the rivers increased because the natural flow made the water quality much higher. While well intended, the reasons for dams are typically economic and always underestimate the impact to eco systems. stagnation is not good for any aquatic life except algae, let the water flow.	Big business would once again win over mother nature. The belief that the economic interest are better than ecological stability is the marketing objective of the industrial minded wealthy. I have no problems with wealth but don't want it to be the only thing that rules our doctrines		Thank you for opening this up to comments
10/8/2021 10:17	Martin		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing		Have it removed to allow all surrounding waterways to connect and flow	The unhealthy conditions of nature and wildlife that live in these areas	Unnatural events to occur w flooding or drought	No	
10/8/2021 10:18	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	The damn was made and messed up the ecosystem years ago. It is now thriving, don't upset it again just let it be.	You will kill more wildlife animals and their homes. Most of the wildlife was born into the ecosystem they are currently in.	N/A	N/A
10/8/2021 10:18	Seminole		No	No						Free flowing water	Healthy rivers	Unnatural water flow	No	
10/8/2021 10:18	Sumter		No	No						take it down	the canal was cancelled			
10/8/2021 10:21	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As an avid fisherman and passionate naturalist who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 10:21	St Johns		No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 10:21	Lee		No	No						Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam. As long as the dam exists, it will negatively impact the economy, water quality, and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Waterway.	The restoration of Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers and 50 springs restored - awesome.	We miss the opportunity to do this restoration. Federal and state funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are vital and can't wait. Now is the time to do this.	No.	As a long time resident of Florida, I care deeply for this state. I have seen the environmental decline in my country and don't want this to happen in the Ocklawaha and surrounding waterways. It is heart breaking to see what is happening to our fresh water springs. It is vital to go ahead with this restoration, which has so many benefits like prevention of harmful algal blooms, countering saltwater intrusion, helping with aquatic vegetation, fish and wildlife resources. Please go ahead with the restoration. Thank you.
10/8/2021 10:22	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam!	Restore the river to its natural flow!	Replacing and restoring the dam will be expensive to the taxpayers!	No!	
10/8/2021 10:22	Hernando		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam.	Wildlife conservation organizations.	Continued degradation of the Oklawaha	No.	
10/8/2021 10:23	Escambia		No	No						restored to nature	The Cross Florida Barge Canal project was canceled so there is no need to maintain the reservoir or dam. Restoring it will save taxpayer money in the long run and help reserve natural Florida	Who profits from keeping it open and how much did they pay Tallahassee for it. How much is it going to cost me the taxpayer to maintain it.	Yes, remove all state resources for its upkeep and let those who feel its so important and vital to pick up the maintenance and cost.	it's really about who profits and who is currently running the show. Appreciate the opportunity to comment though.
10/8/2021 10:24	Lee		No	No						The dam should be breached in order to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers.	The dam that severed the Ocklawaha River in 1968 during the construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal that was never completed. So its purpose was never satisfied, yet the dam still blocks the river route for fish, manatees and boaters from Silver Springs to the Atlantic Ocean.	Continued failure to meet environmental and recreational needs.	No.	I would like to know which industries would benefit from leaving the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam in place.
10/8/2021 10:24	Indian River		No	No						Dismantle it	The fact that after 50 years it's still being debated	Eventual death of the waters, just like what is happening to the Indian River lagoon and the Everglades	No	Do the right thing & let the waters flow freely
10/8/2021 10:24	Hillsborough		No	No						Remove it and restore the river flow.	Canal was never completed so dam has no business existing.	Species that rely on a free flowing river would continue to have a diminished environment.	No	
10/8/2021 10:24	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times		Fishing Hunting	The natural flow of the river will be restored. Less pollution from Herbicide use.	The natural flow of the river will be restored. Less pollution from Herbicide use.	The river will continue to deteriorate	No	
10/8/2021 10:25	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time		Fishing	Leave it as it is.	It is a beautiful lake.	Loss of a Great Lake for fishing and boating.	No	
10/8/2021 10:25	Seminole		No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 10:26	Pinellas		No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	3 rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers and 50 springs are also restored.	We miss best opportunity to do this, as State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, the environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality and wildlife habitat) and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching this dam is 50 years over due so dam safety, improved water quality and the wildlife can't wait!	Right now this is a win-win for reasons listed and many that aren't. The manatees can return and have a warm water habitat-we are losing far too many manatees every year. Fish can restore to a river that is free flowing again and possible flood damage to downward property owners can be avoided! All of these are positive!!
10/8/2021 10:26	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other	I would like to see the Oklawaha River restored to its natural state.	This would restore wild life and improve the quality of the water as well as increasing recreational opportunities.	It would be sad to see the springs that are covered by the reservoir remain drowned. We have tried this as an experiment and it has failed.	No	I have lived in Florida for almost 50 years and enjoy its natural beauty. Let us leave nature alone and let our great rivers flow free. Wild life and people will benefit greatly.
10/8/2021 10:29	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of lost springs, significant river health and water flow supporting fish, manatees and down river water levels. Prevention of flooding damaging properties and businesses which depend on the river ecology. Preservation of the recreation uses and wildlife habitats. Manatees will have better access to warm water habitats. The environment is an essential aspect of Florida economy which provide both current and future jobs and attracts tourism.	More than 150 million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers with $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy and the continuing current and future benefits of the preserved ecosystem.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Failure to act appropriately now will result in opportunities long over due and as climate related changes continue the time lost will lead to far greater consequences and economic losses which are still preventable in the present.	As a native Floridian, having a great concern for our unique history and natural beauty which the Florida Constitution cites as a responsibility of the State to protect it is my desire to conserve these environments, habitats and natural resources.
10/8/2021 10:29	Lee		No	Yes			2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see dam breached to allow for restoration of the ocklawaha River and improved water quality.	Numerous springs, and the namely the ocklawaha River would benefit from this move.	Continued degradation of water quality until our precious and finitely healthy water is destroyed irreparably.	The water level being lowered within the damn by ten or more feet.	
10/8/2021 10:32	Lee		No	Yes			2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	It should be breached	It is harming wildlife	The ecosystem gets worse	No	
10/8/2021 10:33	Nassau		No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521)
10/8/2021 10:34	Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the damn and restore the Ocklawaha River. This would revive up to 20 natural springs, which are unique to Florida and would drive much more tourism and natural health to the area. Eventually I would like to see the restored Ocklawaha become part of a Great Florida Springs National Park.	The Rodman dam has been a ecological disaster that drowned 20 precious springs for a boondoggle project that never happened. Keeping the River dammed up is bad policy, bad science, and bad economics.	The further decline of Florida's fresh water springs and the health of the silver river would be my greatest immediate concerns.	Just take down the dam and let nature run its course. The dam is a poor choice made 50 years ago that can be easily corrected.	
10/8/2021 10:36	Hillsborough		No	No						I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam be breached so that the Ocklawaha River can be restored.	As I understand, the fish and manatees need the migratory routes and habitat that the dam has disrupted.	Both blue-green algae increase in the springs, and a decline in the manatee population due to loss of habitat.	No.	I visited Wakulla Springs three years ago and was shocked by the amount of algae suffocating the marine life and, frankly, destroying the beauty of what should be a pristine place. I've also been hearing lately of the death of so many manatees and can't help but come to the conclusion that the two events are related.
10/8/2021 10:36	Putnam		No	Yes						Return the river to its natural, undammed state.	It will restore the ecosystem to the state that Nature, or, God, if you will, intended. Once the river is free flowing, the springs will be restored and the original wildlife; manatees, and fish will return. The warm spring water will provide manatees refuge from the cold. Manatees, as I'm sure you know, do not survive in cold water.	Well, there are several negative impacts of not restoring the river to its natural state. For instance water quality will decline further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	Not that I can think of. Either the river is restored or it is not.	I first moved to Florida in 1980, when I was 18 years old. Since then, I've seen so many of its habitats degraded by folks looking to make a quick buck. The Bayway isles between 54th Avenue South and St. Pete Beach, the coral reefs off of Key Largo, sewage being dumped into Tampa Bay, the release of millions of gallons of phosphate polluted water from Piney Point just this past spring. Red tide and blue green algae feeding on nutrient rich water released from Lake Okeechobee. I really do believe that the economy of this state will suffer severe and irreversible damage if we continue to trash our environment. It's going to get to the point tourists will stop coming.
10/8/2021 10:38	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, our water quality, and our native wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation losses.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 10:39	Volusia		No	No										
10/8/2021 10:39	Seminole		No	No						To be open.	The natural way of water	Will be affect the ecosystem.	Open soon.	To the natural ways of our rivers
10/8/2021 10:39	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I believe it is time to remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River to its former course.	There is currently federal and state funds available to do this now	The springs affected by the reservoir will continue to deteriorate. The water quality in the river will continue to go down	Perhaps drawing down the reservoir to the level of the river downstream	We have lived with this catastrophe (The Cross Florida Barge Canal for far too long . It is time to fix it!
10/8/2021 10:39	Polk		No	Yes					Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Silver Springs ecosystem will be restored. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. Acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. This dam has outlived it's usefulness. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 10:40	Palm Beach		No	Yes					Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Open it to God's way	84 and after the dam and evidence it wasn't good	Disaster to waters and wildlife	Kill the dam	
10/8/2021 10:43	Orange		No	Yes			1 time			Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 10:43	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers and 50 springs as well as creating a free flowing river that enhances restoration of the wildlife corridor.	The dam is over 50 years old and the costs of repair has to be born by someone and that someone is me, plus the damage being done to the eco system and the environment is heart breaking to myself, a native Floridian. Everything - the water quality, the fish, the wildlife, the environment have all suffered because someone wanted to make money or didn't take the time to envision what would happen to this area in the years following construction.	A missed opportunity to do the right thing now while the State and Federal funds are available, public interest is high and environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality and wildlife habitat) and the age of the dam that makes it unsafe.	No because breaching the dam is long overdue by 50+ years. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can not wait.	I was 21 years old, living in Ocala, Florida, at the same apartment building where the supervisor of construction on the Cana also lived. I can only recall his first name - JB - but I can recall the excitement of the Barge Canal being built. I am 76 years young now and can see and understand the damage today that could NOT have been seen or forestold at that time. Please enough. Stop this lunacy and let restoration of this corridor and beautiful part of Florida begin now-so it can heal for future Floridians to enjoy! Please don't be part of something or some body of people or agency that continues to perpetuate the "myth" that the dam is a "good thing". If our generation today does not begin to be responsible and accountable for, at least, trying to right a wrong, then who will. One day each of the persons who are in a position to do something today to right this will be in their 70's, 80's, 90's and maybe even 100, and my hope is that, at that time, they don't regret letting this opportunity pass them by. Thank you.
10/8/2021 10:46	Orange		No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 10:46	Duval		No	No						The Dam must be dismantled.	It is needed for the environment and life in middle and north Florida, and economic conditions as well as attitudes are right.	Quality of life will continue to be eroded at a faster pace for humans and animals.	No!! This is a golden opportunity.	Thank you for your efforts. Let us know if we can help.
10/8/2021 10:50	Brevard		No	No						Let the dam be breached. it is too old and costly to repair and its continued existence causes damage to many aspects of the environment.	This is a 360-degree issue for the environment all around that area; for starters, breaching the dam would mean that 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem are restored, allowing for fish and wildlife to regain the foothold lost when the dam was built. This would be a boon for recreational visitors as well.	Continued destruction of environment, especially wetlands and wildlife (including marine life).	Not really. The dam is too old and too costly to repair; it's time to gat rid of the dam and let wildlife flourish again.	
10/8/2021 10:51	Dade		No	No						Restoration of nature friendly flow	Decreased pollution of fish and other nature	Loss of natural areas to urbanization	Park reserve areas	Extend population/urbanization and you take areas away from nature for interstate, roadways and parking for commercial business.
10/8/2021 10:53	Hillsborough		No	No						Breach the dam!	Nature made our waterways a certain way, and there's no strongly compelling reason to maintain the human change	A lost, rare opportunity to restore our state's natural beauty and harmony.	Just breach half of the dam? Jk--I can't think of any.	Thanks for asking!
10/8/2021 10:56	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other- I breathe the air and drink the water here in Central Florida	Breaching the dam and restoring the natural flow of the river would be of great benefit to all life in Florida. We need to live in harmony with our state's ecology.	The restoration of 20 lost springs and ecosystems associated with the Ocklawaha will help keep Florida beautiful and more healthy for both human and wild life.	I have lived in Florida all my life and in Central Florida for the past 40 years. If we do not do everything possible to restore and maintain Florida's natural ecosystems and live in harmony with nature, I fear for the quality of life here going forward.	While it is my belief that we need to do everything possible to live in harmony with nature to avoid a disastrous future for all life on this planet, I could support a short-term measure, such as a drawdown, as a first step toward restoring the natural flow of the river.	
10/8/2021 11:00	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	Restore the environment of the area.	Continuation of loss of wildlife.	No	
10/8/2021 11:00	Lee		No	Yes			1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed.	The eco-system needs to be returned to it's original status and not be impaired anymore.	A crippled environment that is not functioning as it naturally should.	No	This was a boondoggle to start with and the cross State canal was never even built.
10/8/2021 11:00	Outside of state / other	Washington DC	No	No						I would like to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and the restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

10/8/2021 11:01	Broward		No	No					Restore Ocksawaeha River by breaching the R/K Dam.	How about millions of potential flood damages to property owners as climate change worsens.	The time is now to use State and Federal funds available to breach dam and restore wildlife habitat.	No. The breaching of the dam is long overdue.	This is a no brainer for the welfair of the community and health of ecology
10/8/2021 11:05	Seminole		No	No				Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by boaching the dam. On a daily basis the dam hurts the economy, water quality, and wildlife all along the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers and over 45 springs will be restored. Lost springs, and Silver Springs eco system will be restored. Manatees and fish return once the breach opens free flowing water. Manatees gain essential warm water springs and habitat. Money is saved not repairing an old dam. flood damage avoided to own stream property owners	Now we have this chance to have both Federal and State funds to assist. There is public interest in the environment. Climate Change is here and sadly to stay for a while and people know this for a fact. We will lose manatees and 2021 has been a horrible year of loss for those mammals. If the dam stays there will be weed blockages, blue green algae events will continue. Fish will be killed, water impaired and also negation loss. Thousands of acres of forest will not be restored with the dam in place. We will lose wildlife habitat along with natural food protection and a cooling canopy. This would mean a massive loss. I look at this as a person who loves wildlife and feel we need to work with the climate to produce the best outcome for all living things.	I would have to say no! The dam is 50 years old. Dam safety, improved water and wildlife can't wait.	It is a pleasure to view the beauty of these waterways; and we need more pleasure these days as news is grim. People will fish and fish will be there! I feel climate change is Nature directing us to improve our ways. Nature is lovely, peaceful, and yet has a wrath of her own. If we help her she will work with us but fi not then there is no greater destroyer. No bombs, armies, planes, war ships, or nukes can sustain her wrath. She uses fire, hurricanes, volcanoes, floods, and much more to say humans either live with nature or we won't live at all. Water is life. This planet is some 75% water yet less than 1% is drinkable. We have choice but we must choose wisely. I choose nature!
10/8/2021 11:06	St Lucie		No	No					Removal	Blocking the natural movement of water and causing damage to springsLimbs use of the river by manatees, fish and the public.			It's doable and the dam serves no useful purpose at this point.
10/8/2021 11:10	Pasco		No	No					The reservoir and dam need to be restored to the natural state before they were built.	In other parts of the country the removal of dams in particular has restored the movement of salmon into freshwater.	A river should be allowed to flow freely in its original state to restore a balance to nature.	No, this restoration is necessary and way overdue.	
10/8/2021 11:11	Hillsborough		No	No					remove the dam	research i have done about the negative environmental impact of the dam/reservoir	river will remain blocked for fish, manatees and boaters, from Silver Springs to the Atlantic Ocean.	no	
10/8/2021 11:11	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored to permit wildlife and fish to travel freely through the Riverway.	This would create a free-flowing river that allows manatees access to the springs and restore the natural ecosystem. The dam is over 50 years old and it would save a lot of taxpayer money in repairs and possible flood damage downstream.	The natural habitat will continue to decay allowing invasive species to increase. It will also be a lost opportunity to utilize State and federal funds that are available.	No, the dam was a bad idea 50 years ago and remains an environmental problem to this day. The solution is simple.	The cross Florida Barge Canal was a terrible idea causing untold damage to the environment, waiting only exacerbates the damage to the environment and increases potential future losses while gaining nothing positive.
10/8/2021 11:12	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking	It is well passed time to draw down the reservoir and restore natural water systems and springs. Fish and wildlife cannot wait! There is high public interest and public funds potentially available. It would be a waste of taxpayer resources to attempt repairs to an antiquated reservoir that restricts water flow and damages water quality and wildlife habitat. Climate change is the earth's loud voice. We can't miss this opportunity.	Climate change-induced storms and flooding, degradation of water quality, loss of habitat, risk of manatee extermination.	Lost opportunity to protect precious water resources, wildlife habitat and build resistance to climate change. Longer term waste of taxpayer resources on inappropriate schemes.	We are at a critical fork in our decision-making to either protect our limited natural resources for future generations - or lose them.	We need visionary leadership that looks at long-term consequences and doesn't just respond to short-term monied interests. Florida's development has long been beholden to profit-driven developers. The earth & our future generations are not at the table but need a strong voice - before the opportunity is lost. Extinction is Forever.
10/8/2021 11:16	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating	REMOVE IT. Return the river to its natural course	the need to restore the hydric hammock and swamp forest and the ecosystem of the Ocala National Forest. habitat for nesting birds, deer, panther and other species of Florida's treasured plant and wildlife.	continued degradation of the Florida environment.	not that I can think of	
10/8/2021 11:18	St Lucie		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam on the Rodman Reservoir. The dam has impeded the river's flow for more than 50 years, blocking the movement of aquatic life and degrading water quality.	Connecting a free-flowing Ocklawaha to the St. Johns River would create a migratory route for fish and manatees from the Atlantic Ocean. Manatees would be able to travel to the Ocklawaha's 'lost springs' that were submerged due to the dam and Silver Springs, and the environmental health of the whole river system would be improved. American Rivers named the Ocklawaha one of America's most endangered rivers in 2020, citing decreasing biodiversity and poor water quality due to the dam. A recent report by the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute found that blue tilapia, an invasive fish, now dominates Silver Springs. Restoring a free-flowing Ocklawaha would bring back native species that compete with tilapia and control their population.	If this river is not restored, wildlife will perish and Florida will lose a precious natural resource. More than 640 manatees have died in 2021 already due to factors including starvation from seagrass loss. But their greatest long-term threat remains the loss of warmer-water habitat such as natural springs, which they need to survive the winter.	Not aware of any.	Restored the Ocklawaha River would bring environmental as well as fiscal benefits, generating tourism while ending the expense to Florida taxpayers of paying for this aging dam's maintenance and upkeep.
10/8/2021 11:19	Pinellas		No	No					That they be beached.		Future of our springs and rivers.		
10/8/2021 11:20	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep the dam and reservoir in place!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	The excellent fishing!!!!!!!!!	Lost of access and the great fishing experience that is currently available.	NO	
10/8/2021 11:22	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Family time	I would like it to be properly maintained. I would LOVE for more green public space to be established around it to encourage visiting.	I believe it should be maintained because there is a thriving ecosystem over 50 years old within the reservoir. In my opinion, having been a resident in the area for 35 years, removing the dam would cause more damage to the ecosystem than it would bring benefit to the environment	Destroying one of the top ten largest bodies of fresh water and the ecosystem within it seems foolish for a state that is struggling to provide fresh water to particular regions.	If I could think of any, possibly.	I would like to say that I do believe the Cross Florida Barge Canal plan was a mess from the get-go. It didn't make sense ecologically and it still doesn't. That said, I believe destroying an ecosystem A SECOND TIME is equally as illogical.
10/8/2021 11:22	Brevard		No	No		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 11:25	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife, 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The time to act is NOW. As climate change accelerates, putting additional pressure on natural resources of all kinds, it is time to make this important step to protect wildlife, improve river and estuary health, and protect downstream property owners from flood damage. Let's take this, our best chance, to help the environment and set things right for citizens and wildlife.
10/8/2021 11:25	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	The dam shouldn't be there. Restore the Ocklawaha River and correct a grievous, tragic mistake.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is REQUIRED to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. Furthermore… how badly do we want to keep screwing Florida's environment? Here's your chance to do the right thing- a GOOD thing.	No. I will compromise on what to order at a restaurant, but not the health of Florida's natural environment. Y'all should have breached the dam more than a half-century ago.	I'm a Florida author (Backroads of Paradise, 2016, UPF) and hold a masters in Florida Studies from USFSP. In grad school, we studied the Kissimmee River disaster and the dam as poster children of what not to do. Wouldn't it be nice to be on the right side of environmental history on this one?
10/8/2021 11:26	Volusia		Yes	Yes		1 time		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Removal		Further water destruction	No	
10/8/2021 11:27	Lee		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 11:28	Martin		No	No					Please remove the Dam and restore the flow of the river.	I grew up near the St Johns River and want to see the natural flow restored to the Lower Oklawaha and St Johns River and estuary. I'm very concerned about the increased deaths of manatees and think it's critical for them to be able to easily travel to the springs area.	Continued harm of ecosystems and wildlife as well as taxpayer money spent on continued Dam maintenance.	No, continuance of the Dam is too harmful to the environment.	Breaching the Dam is essential to revving Florida springs including Silver Springs and providing habitat for manatees. This is long overdue and we should know better now. Just as we have restored the Kissimmee River to its meandering path, we should restore the Oklawaha. We now recognize that the cross Florida barge canal was a mistake, so let's remove the dam that was constructed. Thank you, Susan and Paul Yarke
10/8/2021 11:30	Palm Beach		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating	Breach the dam and let. The river run	Studies done on waterflow	Area will dryup	Partial solutions will only postpone ecological disaster	
10/8/2021 11:30	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	It should be removed and natural water flow should be restored				
10/8/2021 11:30	Indian River		No	No					restoration and let mother nature do it the right way	human arrogance causes more problems than it solves.	poor water quality and negative impact on florid's economy	no	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521) WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 11:34	Dade		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: hike	sort of few options bit removal.	the lost of marine andamal life in the area	complete lost of Floridas best resorice .wild unspoiled areas.	like said before no other option.	
10/8/2021 11:34	Palm Beach		No	No					take it down	interfaces with open waters for fish and animals			
10/8/2021 11:35	Sarasota		No	No					remove dam	progress is not always progressive. Stop destroying the planet	As above	For the sake of all species aboard Planet Earth, nothing short of ending financial gain over planet destruction is acceptable.	NOW !
10/8/2021 11:38	Pinellas		No	No					Draw down the water and breach the dam allowing for free flowing water.	kayak and see issues with vegetation moving into areas that are not free flowing. I am concerned about the manatee. St John's river and the bay needs free flowing fresh water to help the manatee survive and find food and warm areas during the winter and food to eat.	A dam that has no use will either cost taxpayer's money to update or it will deteriorate and cause damage to property down the road.	No	
10/8/2021 11:46	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	get rid of it	deteriorating structure	costs of maintenance	no	
10/8/2021 11:47	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	The natural flow of the Ocklawaha River must be restored by breaching the obsolete Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. This relic of the Cross Florida Barge Canal project should have been removed decades ago, and now in its dilapidated state will require millions of taxpayers' dollars to repair. It is past time to open up the dam, eliminate the expense of annual spraying of aquatic weeds, provide a safe habitat for manatees, fish and other wildlife.	There are several: Restoring the Ocklawaha River and the associated waterways will provide an alternate refuge for manatees, which are now dying in record numbers; surveys show that the recovery of the river and the lost springs will promote tourism in the area and it will provide natural habitats for a wide variety of fish, birds and other wildlife.	If we delay the restoration of the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers, millions in taxpayers' dollars will be needed to unnecessarily repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. There were very valid fears during Hurricane Irma that the dam would be catastrophically breached, which if it happens in an uncontrolled manner, could cause widespread flooding damage. This is a concern with any major hurricane making landfall in the area. In addition, this will help in controlling encroachment of invasive aquatic weeds as well as the increasing salinity of the lower St. Johns River.	I think all efforts should be made to begin work on breaching the dam. In the meantime, however, drawing the reservoir level down can help prevent damages from a potential dam failure and still provide use of the area for recreation. However, this will not offer the environmental benefits for visitors, fish, manatees, and wildlife, nor improve water quality and flow of the Ocklawaha and the associated watershed that breaching of the dam will.	
10/8/2021 11:50	Pinellas		No	No					Return the area to its natural state.	For many years it is widely acknowledged that this ridiculous project was doomed from the start was an environmental disaster.	Continued environmental harm.	Get rid of the dam and nature will determine what happens next.	
10/8/2021 11:51	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river which has been historically, throughout the western United States, been proven to be successful.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a sportsman who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/8/2021 11:52	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 11:53	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	NO	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 11:53	Seminole		No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River
10/8/2021 11:56	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	NO	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 11:57	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: relaxing		beach the Dam	concern to rehabilitate environment that is natural FI	a lost opportunity	unsure	
10/8/2021 11:57	Polk		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just to see the site.	Breach the dam.	15,000 acres of the FL Wildlife Corridor would be restored.	The St Johns estuary will continue to be deprived of natural water flows which would improve water quality and reduce salt water intrusion.	NO - breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
10/8/2021 11:58	Collier		No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Historic fish and beloved manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river - this not only demonstrates compassion for our wildlife but enhances recreational activities for residents and tourists alike.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	We all live on this planet together. As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. I hope you choose to help our beautiful wildlife and community.
10/8/2021 12:00	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	breach the dam	sierra club	the loss of nature	no	
10/8/2021 12:00	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore natural water flow.		Natural wetlands provide benefits from storms.	Dam restricts natural ecology and water flow.	No
10/8/2021 12:00	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 12:06	Pinellas		No	No					Breaching of the dam.	The dam serves no purpose.	Harm to the river and adjacent springs.	No	This action is long overdue.
10/8/2021 12:06	Okaloosa		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 12:08	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore Ocklawaha River and surrounding habitat to it's natural (pre 1968) condition.	it's good for the earth, great for our state, and wonderful for the regional ecosystem: brings rivers and springs back to health - helps fishing, helps protect manatees.	I have many concerns, but the biggest would be the failure to contribute to the regrowth of forests that would help reduce CO2 in the atmosphere, an existential threat to the planet. Locally, biggest concern is loss of opportunity to provide warm water habitat for manatees.	I'm always open to new thoughts and ideas, but so far have not heard any 'partial' solutions that would address the existential danger of climate change, or the overall habitat need to provide a supportive environment for Manatees.	I urge you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the major waterway in the Great Florida Riverway , to conditions that creates an important wildlife corridor, and promotes a healthy habitat for wildlife and Floridians. It will improve water quality and help contribute (in our own small way) to pointing humanity in the direction of reducing atmospheric CO2 levels which will, among other things, slow sea level rise.
10/8/2021 12:10	Lee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam. At this point it is so ridiculous that this Dam is still in place. I live in Fort Myers, Florida and the fact that I am aware of this horrible piece of concrete that negatively effects the environment and has little to no benefit whatsoever is absurd.	Our springs are unique and bring the state a massive amount of revenue and the fact that this over elevated water level blocks or otherwise inhibits one or more natural springs is not good. If the spring(s) along the river were more accessible/viewable with the lowered down water level would increase visitors to the area and income to the state.	That Florida will continue to make the national news as a state doing things the wrong way. Dam's around north America are being removed to great environmental benefit and we should be a positive part of this. See the movie "damnation" by patagonia		Gov Desantis, and his appointees, have the chance to make a positive impact to the waterways of FL with this easy, common sense action and they should seize the opportunity to make this happen and much like his efforts to restore the flow of the river or grass this would fit nicely in rounding out his campaigned upon promises to the citizens of the state.
10/8/2021 12:14	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: nothing. it is nothing for me but an eyesore.	Restore the Ocklawaha River	Expense of maintaining Rodman Dam compared to limited economic benefit	Continued environmental degradation caused by clogged reservoir that has to be drained every several years to prevent it from becoming a stagnant fostering wasteland, which it is, and with water backup and perturbed flow all the way back to Silver Springs.	No	When I was a boy we would go by boat from the Marion County boat basin all the way up the Ocklawaha to the St Johns River. It is incredible to me that the citizens of Florida have stood by and allowed the destruction of this once incredible beautiful waterway -- and for what?
10/8/2021 12:18	Outside of state / other		No	No					To restore the Ocklawaha River as it is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond	One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The manatees will suffer, starve, die and eventually disappear for good	Make pro-active decisions and actions in the best interest of manatees, other animals and overall our planet	
10/8/2021 12:20	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and open the river!		The river will continue to decline		
10/8/2021 12:20	Leon		No	No					remove	cross Florida canal was a big mistake, and problem its start at construction created problems which need to be corrected	environmental damage continues	am not equipped to make a suggestion	grew up in Sumter County, and all of the Central Florida area is still important to me.
10/8/2021 12:21	Escambia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: auto tour of the area	return of the natural connection of our waterways	Human hubris versus natural systems— Natural system are the best long term benefit and this includes economic benefits.	Same old continued failure of not addressing the harm we are causing and taking corrective action.		
10/8/2021 12:23	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam	Nature was managing this river for millenia, and doing a wonderful job. Man came in arrogance and screwed it up. Return it to its natural flow.	The river will continue to degrade.	None that I can think of.	Do the right thing here.
10/8/2021 12:27	Alachua		No	No					removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River	The dam has had an adverse impact on the environment below it. Restoration would restore wetland forest and springs and benefit the fish and wildlife in that area. It would also benefit the St. Johns River.	further adverse impact on the environment and endangered species	This question does not indicate what you are proposing short of removal of the dam. I support removing the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River.	
10/8/2021 12:28	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The restoration of Silver, Stiohns, Ocklawaha Rrivers and 50 springs.	the lost of the 3rivers and 20 springs if not reunited would be an ecological tradgedy.	No. It would be unconscionable to endanger the water quality, safety and wildlife in the area.	

10/8/2021 12:29	Volusia		No	Yes				Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	reopen the rivers	too many spring have been destroyedwildlife	wild life and water		
10/8/2021 12:29	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Mussels and other wildlife are and have gone extinct forever mostly due to dams. In places like Maine where dams are removed the fush have improved better than ever expected!!!	More species going extinct, increasing taxes to maintain dam. Worse fishing and wildlife.	No.	Science and tax dollars support removing dam.
10/8/2021 12:30	Sumter		No	No					I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Kirkpatrick dam. The damn harms the economy, the water quality, and wildlife throughout the great Florida waterway	20 lost Springs and Silver Springs ecosystem or restored, hundreds of manatees will gain essential warm water Winter Springs habitat, and 150+ million gallon a day of natural flow will be restored to the lower Ocklawaha and Saint johns river	We missed the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical, and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the damn is 50 years overdue. Damn safety, improve water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The most beautiful part of Florida is its ecosystem. People come from all over the world to fish, swim and boat, view beautiful wildlife, and all of these natural rivers.
10/8/2021 12:30	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	The dam should be breached to allow full flow of the Ocklawaha	150 millions gallons of water restored to full flow. Fish and Manatee will return to Silver Springs and the Ocklawaha. Three rivers and 50 springs restored. An eco tourism bonanza. Multi millions of dollars saved on dam repairs.	Silver Springs continues it's decline beyond repair. Millions of dollars needed elsewhere are wasted on maintenance of Rodman Dam	Nothing would come close to the positive outcomes of breaching the dam.	It is way past due time to let the Rodman Dam go.
10/8/2021 12:31	Alachua		No	No					Removal of the dam and restoration of the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River	The reservoir negatively affects all the upstream waterways and covers numerous natural springs.	Continued damage to the environment	No. Full restoration of the Ocklawaha is needed.	
10/8/2021 12:31	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like our district to keep Rodman as is. It is thriving right now and home to great fishing and wildlife. I back. My son out there and it was the same as it was when my grandfather took me out there. We caught an 8 pd bass. He is 12 and always brings that day up. It would be a tragedy to tamper with the current environment. There will always be management needed to an ecosystem. Taking the dam out will also create a new environment with new problems. It is so frustrating to hear the argument that getting rid of the dam will alleviate Rodman's issues. This topic should not be getting credibility every time a group thinks the dam should change. It is a part of our history, people's livelihood and childhood memories please keep it alive.	It will not answer all problems, will just create new ones.	A beautiful ecosystem lost.	No. This issue should not coming up every few years	
10/8/2021 12:31	Sarasota		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed so that the water quality can improve and the wild life thrive.	Removing the dam would create a free flowing river again and restore thousands of acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Also it would allow manatees to access warm springs in the winter as we know how much threat they are currently facing.	The water quality further degrades enhancing more algae, invasive weed blockages and fish kill as well as impacting wildlife habitat.	I remain firm on getting rid of this obsolete and costly dam.	Please heed this plea to restore the Ocklawaha river into a free flowing river to again join the St. Johns and Silver rivers. Thank you for respecting my feedback.
10/8/2021 12:32	Pinellas		No	No					Restore to original remove the dam and let nature thrive and restore what has been don the the wildlife & habitat	There are many important reasons it is difficult to narrow down to even a few. The natural ability for the water, river, springs and wildlife to survive & flourish as intended by nature plus the cost to tax payers to maintain this destructive dam, in addition to federal funding available to help and the precious environment will have a chance to restore itself drawing wildlife, especially my precious favorite manatees, and visitors to experience some-of the very best of Florida! 1. This will restore 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored 2. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 3. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 4. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 5. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 6. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 7. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy 8. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	There are MANY reasons, honestly this seems like a no brainer decision. Financially economic and environmental issues all would benefit from the dam removal. PLUS there is federal assistance available to make it happen! 1. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. 2. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. 3. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. 4. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. 5. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. 6. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. 7. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. 8. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. 9. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. 10. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. This is a prime example of something that should have never been done. I feel we have a moral ethical and financial obligation to bring the area back to what it should have always been-natural! We can't wait and neither can the wildlife!	As a Florida resident and taxpayer, plus my y father grew up fishing exploring these waterways; I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. By eliminating the dam we will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Manatees my favorite mammal since seeing my first manatee and baby in a canal near our house, this year the die off at an alarming rate and need us to help them by restoring habitat. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Please please help and make the right decision for all of us! Thank you for listening and helping restore our natural resources and wildlife. Deb Taylor
10/8/2021 12:33	Martin		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Take down the dam	The River system is far more important than a regional fishing spot.	River restoration will never happen.	No	
10/8/2021 12:35	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: To view the original channel of the Ocklawaha River during drawdown.	I would very much like to see the Dam removed and the Reservoir drained and the Ocklawaha and its floodplain restored to a pre-Barge Canal condition. I would like to see the Reservoir become a world-class restoration effort and site much like the St. Johns Rivers Upper Basin Project. I believe that not only would a restored Ocklawaha be an economic and recreational boon to Putnam County but the restoration effort itself would be a catalyst for environmental tourism in the area.	Technical Publication SJ2016-1 Effects on Lower St. Johns River Nutrient Supply and TMDL Compliance from Restoration of a Free-Flowing Ocklawaha River.	A continued decline in water quality and loss of habitat (especially Vallisneria Americana beds) in the Lower St. Johns River Basin and subsequent impacts on wildlife and fisheries.	Yes. Removal of the dam, re-filling or plugging of the dredged barge canal channel within the reservoir and closure of the Buckman Lock allowing natural succession and reforestation of the flood plain to occur and the Ocklawaha to return to its historic channel, or as close to it as practicable.	The construction of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal and its Reservoir were mistakes on a monumental scale. They were created for one purpose, and that purpose has never been realized. Public funds should not be wasted on continued upkeep and refurbishing of the dam and reservoir. Instead, any funds that would be used for those purposes should be channeled into repairing the environmental damage that has been done. I believe that the recreational use and environmental benefits of a restored Ocklawaha would far outweigh those of a maintained dam and reservoir. At a time when Florida is loosing so much of its forest-land to development, it would be a shame not to take advantage of this opportunity to restore some forest to Florida's landscape..
10/8/2021 12:36	Hillsborough		No	No					Dam removal and restoration of normal / historical river / wetland flows .	When natural flows are altered or impeded for short term benefit for a few , longer term and ongoing harm will be experienced by the public (the common good impacted) .	Ongoing undesirable / harmful environmental impacts will continue to bring harm to the public in general.	Nothing worth discussing would replace the benefits of restoring natural / historical flows and functions .	Follow the science. Always support the common good. Restore flows.
10/8/2021 12:37	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Let the water have its natural flow	No concerns	Drain Rodman lake completely	
10/8/2021 12:37	Sumter		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Waterway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and Saint Johns River is, and 50 springs are restored	Millions on taxpayers money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman Kirkpatrick damn, damn that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Damn safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the great Florida River Way, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife.
10/8/2021 12:41	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Tear it down and restore the river system as it was and should be	That the St Johns is deprived of a huge portion of its flow and the Oklawaha has become a swamp rather than a river. You should have seen it when I was a kid	further degredation of the entire system and a lost opportunity that is a lifetime overdue for remedy	No. Anything but a restoration of the entire system is putting a bandaid on a festering cancer	Just do it. The Oklawaha should have never been degraded for a stupid corporate dream of a destructive cross Florida canal
10/8/2021 12:54	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Remove the dam.	Restore the Ocklawaha River.	More destruction of environment.	Nope	
10/8/2021 12:59	Lee		No	No					We need to protect our environment so if we need to reconnect river to other connecting rivers, streams and so forth we need it done. We can't keep pushing things off to a later date or someone else will do this. Look at where we are now.	We need to protect, improve, etc our earth for a better today besides tomorrow.	Hopefully someday someone will get this done!	My support is doing what I am doing now giving my opinion and viewpoint.	N/A
10/8/2023 13:06	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the Dam	Natural flow of water and wildlife	The continued waste of money to repair and maintain an obsolete structure.	No	
10/8/2023 13:06	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: walking	Restore the Oklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and reunite the Oklawaha, St Johns and Silver Rivers.	Manatees and historic fish will return to these rivers. 100s of manatees need access to these warmer waters.	This would be a huge missed opportunity to restore our rivers and springs.	NO - this is long overdue!	Restoring these rivers will benefit the communities, economies and ecosystems all along the riverway.
10/8/2023 13:11	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and have everything return to natural flow.	Published articles pertaining to Oklawaha River.	Worsening of the current conditions, feel natural flow is best.	No.	If the dam is not removed, feel the conditions of the St John's river will worsen. The river needs to be protected.
10/8/2023 13:11	Lee		No	No					I'd like for the dam to stop harming our economy, our quality of water & our wildlife. Let's restore things to a more natural state.	20 lost springs & the Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat $4 to $14 million in dam repairs is saved on a dam past it's life expectancy.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water for the winter.	Definitely not, this is long overdue.	I'm really tired of people promising to do something for environmental issues and then once they elected or hired, the promises fall by the wayside. How many more endangered/threatened species have to become extinct?
10/8/2021 13:12	Palm Beach		No	No					Discontinued			recreation Area	
10/8/2021 13:13	Martin		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the natural waterway	The barge canal was never completed. Since that was the reason for the dam in the first place, the natural waterway should be restored.	Continuing environmental damage.	No	
10/8/2021 13:21	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Dam removed and river restored.	Science and studies back natura CAN recover if helped.	More degradation of that ecosystem.		
10/8/2021 13:22	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to it's original flow patter	Expert study and research	A waste of taxpayer money to keep the dam intact	a permanent draw down	There are so many beautiful springs that could be enjoyed if the water was lower. The springs are being suppressed.
10/8/2021 13:23	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and allow the river to flow freely.	Constant application of herbicide to control the aquatic growth. The inability to travel the river freely to Silver Springs.	Continued contamination of the sediments in Rodman Pool from herbicide applications	No	The dam serves no purpose other than maintaining a fishing pond for a limited number of anglers
10/8/2021 13:24	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	We now have the funding being made available to help restore rivers and springs that are 50 years overdue in being restored.	Thousands of properties would be subject to flooding due to the dam and we would lose this opportunity to improve the ecosystem of the rivers and springs	No	
10/8/2021 13:26	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 13:28	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Return Ocklawaha River to a free flowing river by breaching the dam.	As Florida Native who has lived in Alachua, Marion and St. Johns Counties, I have seen the terrible impact to the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Rodman has frequent algae blooms and is serving no purpose, I have fished there and was not impressed. It not only keeps the Ocklawaha River from flowing, it prevents the migration of fish and manatees. It costs millions to maintain and restricts boating. 50 years is way too long to leave this dam in place, when it does nothing but degrade water quality and hurts aquatic life in Florida.	Continued harm to Florida water quality, Ocklawaha River and fish/manatees.	Breach the Dam. Return the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	I go to Palatka frequently, the St. Johns River is the best and most fished waterway in Putnam County. Restoring the natural flow of Ocklawaha River, will only make the St. Johns River cleaner and better for fishing.
10/8/2021 13:35	Lake		No	Yes				Other	The dam needs to be removed after 50 years. It was ill-conceived as part of the even worse idea of the cross-Fl barge canal and serves no other valuable purpose. The dam has caused numerous natural disasters including shutting down an critical source of fresh water to the 3 rivers it used to source; destroyed multiple important natural springs and blocked free-flowing access to boaters and animals along the Great Florida Waterway. I live next to the Green Swamp and in Florida all my life (70 years) and it is incredibly important that this waterway be restored. The dam is old and past it's usefulness as well as being a hazardous situation and expensive maintenance problem. Please remove this damn dam!!	The three natural Florida rivers and multiple natural Florida springs that have been blocked and are slowly being destroyed by maintaining this ill-conceived dam. We need as much fresh water flowing from all natural Florida resources as possible as fresh water becomes a more and more critical issue with climate change. Especially here in fragile Florida.	The rivers and animals will all continue to be adversely affected by keeping this dam in place. It serves no purpose other than fishing and nature viewing for a few locals. The entire state's people, fish and land and aquatic animals would benefit from its removal.	No. It should never have been built in the first place and should have been removed long ago.	Please consider the future of Florida's waterways as well as its entire population, not just a small local group, and the fish, manatees and animals who depend on this access to fresh clean water from the springs and free-flowing River way. Thank you.
10/8/2021 13:37	Lee		No	No									
10/8/2021 13:37	Hernando		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Everyday that Dam remains is detrimental to the economy, water quality, and wildlife. It is time to remove this obstacle and restore the Great Florida Riverway.	3 rivers: Ocklawaha, Silver, and St John's. Up to 50 springs, 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem is restored. Historic fish and manatees return. Breaching opens, promoting free-flowing water giving the manatees a warm water winter springs habitat. 15,000+ acres of the Florida wildlife corridor are restored or enhanced for the people and wildlife. $4-14 million in Dam repair is no longer required especially on a dam that is outdated. Restoration will create a recreational diversity and an increase in visitation, income and job opportunities. Last but not least, $57 million in potential flood damages could be avoided to downstream property owners. It's a win win situation.	We would miss the best opportunity. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high and the environmental needs are critical now and the Dam is unsafe.	No, breaching the is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, water quality and wildlife can not wait. Although, temporarily draining the reservoir 11-12 feet means sea level until restoration occurs will decrease stream property from potential loss behind. Dam safety, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. It provides 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated $26 million, it will restore a winter habitat for manatees, and 150 million gallons of natural water flow would help restore the 100 mile lower St John River. The restoration will put the land and wildlife back the way God intended.	As a Floridian who cares about the environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam is the most beneficial and cost effective spring protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 lost springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. It provides 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated $26 million, it will restore a winter habitat for manatees, and 150 million gallons of natural water flow would help restore the 100 mile lower St John River. The restoration will put the land and wildlife back the way God intended.
10/8/2021 13:37	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	River restored to natural flow	Ecological and scientific research establishing long term health of river and surrounding area depends on natural flow	River becoming a dead river	More frequent release of water but carefully monitored to avoid unintended negative consequences	
10/8/2021 13:44	Alachua		No	No									
10/8/2021 13:48	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed bluewa	
10/8/2021 13:49	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed, saving money on repairs, and helping to restore valuable ecosystems.	The dam needs repairs, failure of the dam would endanger the lives and property of downstream residents, it's removal would help restore several habitats.	Catastrophic failure and possible loss of life.	I feel that removing the dam is the only long term solution, and the benefits of doing so would benefit threatened manatees, provide additional flow to the St Johns system,	Breaching or removal of the dam has many economic and environmental benefits, restoring Silver Springs, and the aid of added flow in reducing harmful algae blooms are all probable outcomes.
10/8/2021 13:50	Brevard		No	No					Remove the dam.	It is important to restore the natural wetlands. Wetland habitats are vital for native and migrating wildlife.	Continued restrictions to water flow, recreation, and native habitats.	No.	
10/8/2021 13:52	Citrus		No	Yes					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. There has been enough harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife and throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	Millions in taxpayers' money will unnecessarily be spent to repair the currently-unsafe Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. It does not provide flood protection, power or water supply. We would miss the best opportunity to do this because State and federal funds are available. At a time when public interest is high and environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), we must take action to restore the Ocklawaha River.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 13:53	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No	
10/8/2021 13:56	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing		Leave it as is.	It is nature, beautiful, entertaining for several recreations.	Mess up environmental balance	Unknown
10/8/2021 13:58	Outside of state / other	Carrollton Ga. 30116	No	No			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing		Leave it alone. It has it's own eco system.	I fish the lake and go there to watch the birds, gators and manatees.	Probably stop fishing Fl. Read about Rodman since the early 70s. Had always wanted to fish the lake. My daughter and her husband own a house about 3 miles from the lake. We fish it often and it has been everything that I ever read the lake was. I hear a lot of talk about the kayakers want to put it back to it natural state. No more kayakers that I have seen in the area there it would be ridiculous to destroy such a beautiful place.	No	Rodman is a beautiful place. The lake has been there now for over 50 years why change it back. The reason I hear most is for kayakers can float the river. I have fished that lake numerous times per year for over 15 years and have only seen kayakers there maybe 3 or 4 times. It is a useless point to even think about destroying the lake. There is no way that the people that don't fish the lake can add anything to the value of the eco system that fishermen do. Why not do a count of fishermen on the lake compared to kayakers and see who value the lake the most.
10/8/2021 14:01	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Return the river to near natural state as possible	Fishing will enprove	St Johns river continues to rot	partial restoration	
10/8/2021 14:03	Broward		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Other: Silver Springs!!!	Breach the dam! It is not only non-functional and obsolete, it prevents the Great Florida Riverway from being a true "riverway". This dam sucks millions of dollars in repairs from us taxpayers, because it is so decrepit and if it fails, it will cause property damage and possible deaths.	Destroying the dam will increase the flow and quality of water to fish, mammals and wildlife along the 217-mile Riverway .	I cannot count them all!!! In the end, however, I and many millions/billions of other people would see Florida as a short-sighted state without honor. A state governed by people who are so narrow-minded they cannot see beyond their own petty boundaries.	Absolutely NOT! If the Great Florida Riverway is not restored SOON, our state will continue to lose visitors and discourage residents, as well as kill off a great deal of wildlife (fish and mammals alike). As a 40-year Florida resident, PLEASE help us restore our reputation.	Making the choice to close the dam will allow Florida to restore a grand riverway, increase a vital wildlife corridor, return to the local economy a $50-million net benefit over 10 years, and reduce or eliminate the toxic algal blooms that have made our state a laughingstock.
10/8/2021 14:03	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored, saving the springs and giving manatees free rein to use the area again, and striped bass a way to breed and migrate.	The destruction of that area. Also the dam is deteriorated and needs repair, it should just be removed as its original purpose, the canal, was not feasible. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Additionally, millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This has been an issue of concern to Floridians for way too long, costly research has gone into deciding what course of action, and determined that full or partial removal of the dam was in the best interest of all of us. Currently, it is past its lifespan and needs work, it would be better to take it down and let nature return it to its former beauty.
10/8/2021 14:05	Seminole		No	No					Free the river				
10/8/2021 14:07	Okeechobee		No	No					Remove it!!!	I want the natural waterway to be restored	Loss of valuable wetlands	No	Let's remove the Dam and restore the natural waterway.
10/8/2021 14:13	Sarasota		No	No					reopen natural river flow	affect on fishstock	quality of water	I don't think it is feazible to have part of a dam. This was only created to facilitate the cross florida barge canal which was a very bad project then and even worse now. Just look at the statistics that have been created. look at our aquifer system and do all to protect it TAKE THE DAM THING DOWN	THE REAL QUESTION IS: WHAT IS THE CONTINUING JUSTIFICATION FOR KEEPING THE DAM? If there is none, then take the dam thing down.
10/8/2021 14:21	Monroe		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I am also concerned that millions in taxpayers' money could be unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.
10/8/2021 14:22	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	remove reservoir & dam, every time I have been there, there has only been one or two people there . Restore the Ocklawaha River, return the natural flow of the river. I often drive over it or near it,& it looks like a creek.Restoring it will also help restore Silver Springs. People can do all the recreational things on the natural river that they do on the reservoir & the rest of us & the environment will benefit from the natural flow.	years of comparable research on he value & use of the river as compared to the use of the Rodman Reservior	Disappointment that the St. Johns River Water Mgmt as a representative of elective government is not paying attention to the needs & wants of this area	No	thank you for this opportunity
10/8/2021 14:24	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it breached in order to give struggling manatees a warm water habitat.	Research done by environmental organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife & Save the Manatee	It would be another strike against the survival of manatees, pushing them closer to extinction	Develop other areas for manatee habitat and plant sea grass as the species is also threatened with starvation	
10/8/2021 14:25	Pasco		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. This means 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor being restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits as The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Additionally, millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I was born and raised in Florida, living here all my life. This is in part why I am a stakeholder for projects that can impact the future health and safety of people and wildlife here in Florida. I am an avid nature lover, and an advocate for Florida's ecosystems, especially in the face of climate change. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.

10/8/2021 14:28	Monroe		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I live in Florida and really care about water flow everywhere being restored. As you know, humans have drastically altered the planet which is negatively impacting it's environment, including organisms. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 14:28	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Just to see what a mess it is	remove damn kirkpatrick - let oklawaha run to the st johns	god made it that way for all the creatures	god will not like it	nope	just do it
10/8/2021 14:30	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 14:35	Charlotte		No	No					remove the dam once and for all.	stopping the migratory habits of the wildlife and general usage of the waterway flowing openly to the Atlantic.			
10/8/2021 14:39	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The dam to disappear.	The unhealthy changes in the surrounding area since the dam was built.	Mother nature not being allowed to "do her thing" at last.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I have lived in the central Florida area since 1948. That dam should never have been built. It is WAY PAST TIME to correct that boondoggle creation!
10/8/2021 14:40	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: horse back riding	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	We might miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No	I do hope the Ocklawaha is restored. It would be best for wildlife to return it back to its original state.
10/8/2021 14:41	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	remove the dam and restore the river	the natural flow of the river would restore a higher quality habitat for many species and a return to the beauty of the landscape.	continued degradation of our dwindling natural local resources	no	
10/8/2021 14:41	Hillsborough		No	No					restore the Ocklawaha River by removing the dam	to avoid flooding to downstream homes	the 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion	no. it is long overdue	
10/8/2021 14:47	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I want to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	The Rodman Reservoir is dying. Removing the dam will improve the health of the Ocklawaha River, St. Johns River, Silver Springs, and the Silver River. It will free twenty natural springs.	The ecology of the Rodman Reservoir, the Ocklawaha River, St Johns River, Silver Springs, and Silver River will continue to decline.	No.	The Rodman Reservoir is expensive to maintain and the fishery is declining and will fail. The sooner we stop wasting money and start restoring the river the easier and more successful that restoration will be.
10/8/2021 14:48	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: We drive over it	Nothing but maintenance	Preventative Maintenance System	No draw down	No	
10/8/2021 14:55	Martin		No	No					I would like the dam removed so that the Ocklawaha River can be restored. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 14:55	Osceola		No	No					repair / maintain and make it part of a natural open area for everyone to use.	Open areas help all peoples to see one another and lesson loneliness, foster new acceptance of various peoples in a non threatening manner.		a park like setting with some games for the young and shaded areas to sit an enjoy the waters calmness.	
10/8/2021 15:09	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just wanted to see it.	Restoring the flow and removing the dam.	The health of the environment--plants, animals, watershed, everything.	Further destruction of the environment--plants, animals, watershed, everything.	I support any amount of removal and whatever is best for the environment--an environment which humans benefit from also, if it is healthy!	
10/8/2021 15:20	Charlotte		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore waterway to its original levels	Restoration of old springs now hidden and the costs of repairing the dams	Missed opportunity to restore a beautiful river	This is an all or nothing project as far as I can tell.	This is a truly wild and beautiful part of natural Florida. It has history going back far beyond the damn constructions. It is time to move back to its original magnificence.
10/8/2021 15:26	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam so that water may flow freely and the rivers are not blocked for manatees, fish and boaters.	The death of hundreds of manatees this last year due to starvation and the lack of access to springs and warmer waters flood during the winter makes this action even more critically needed. Removing the dam will allow a better distribution of manatees with access to more springs and food. Restoring the flow of water will help restore the ecosystems of the Silver River, Silver Springs and other springs and increase flow to the St. Johns River.	Irreversible harm to the manatee population due to loss of access to warm water habitat. And we will miss our chance to improve water quality by the natural filtration of surrounding forests; our chance to decrease algae blooms and fish kills, and our chance to reunite and restore the rivers and springs of the Silver Springs/Ocklawaha River basin.	No. We need to remove the dam now while funds are available and pubic interest is high.	Our State has habitats not found anywhere else in the US. We must restore the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers and springs for the health of our water, wildlife, and total ecosystems, and for the enjoyment of all. People are resourceful; businesses will be able to continue to cater to fishermen and increasing numbers of eco-tourists. I urge the District to act in favor of the restoration of the river which will benefit all.
10/8/2021 15:27	Duval		No	No			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Would like to see the dam removed.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem will be restored.	The three rivers, ocklawaha, silver and St John's River and 50 springs will never be restored	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. t	The Ocklawaha was a beautiful river and they never should have put a dam on it. It should flow free like other Florida rivers.
10/8/2021 15:27	Duval		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam on the Rodman Reservoir.	Connecting a free-flowing Ocklawaha to the St. Johns River would create a migratory route for fish and manatees from the Atlantic Ocean. The environmental health of the whole river system would be improved, increasing tributary flows to the Ocklawaha from the network of creeks, according to the Defenders of Wildlife, the St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Free the Ocklawaha Coalition.	The dam will continue to block the river's flow, impeding the movement of aquatic life and degrading water quality. It will also continue to decrease biodiversity and endanger manatees.	I do not believe a partial removal of the dam would be cost effective - it would just reduce it to a derelict, decrepit structure likely to harm fishermen and wildlife. A 50 year old mistake should just be corrected.
10/8/2021 15:32	Pinellas		No	No					Whatever is best for the natural environment	Natural flowing rivers are best for wildlife and water quality	Lack of health of the river and supporting wildlife.		
10/8/2021 15:32	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: hiking and riding bicycles	Restore. I lived in Marion County and worked in Alachua County where I visit at least seasonally even now. It is a very special part of Florida that has managed to survive. Restore what is left of the river. For Florida.	The fragile remarkable environment struggles to support Florida wildlife. Opening the river will help to save threatened native species.	Desecretion of natural Florida in the gateway to Payne's Prairie the National Forest and the Aquafer.	The recreational fishing interests the dam and reservoir provide are an issue politically and financially to the businesses that would be affected but I support the natural river in the case of keeping Florida waterways and wetlands alive. It is way past time to do the natural healthy action talked about for decades.	Restore
10/8/2021 15:34	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 15:35	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a Free-flowing Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Science	Continued damage to Florida's ecosystem		
10/8/2021 15:39	Columbia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	open the dam. Let the river flow. Reveal the springs and bring back the wildlife	The graveyard of cypress. The hidden springs. The invasive vegetation due to lack of flow ...The lack of FLOW for the Ocklawaha !!	Continuing problems with invasive vegetation that thrives on the river's stagnation	??? Dam Itself open ??? Get rid of the damn dam	
10/8/2021 15:40	Duval		No	No					Move to a more natural and environmentally healthy river	Natural river flow and wildlife migration	We need to stop manipulating and trashing our environmental resources. Worst case scenario would be everyone's grandchildren hating them for being greedy and stupid.	It's been a problem for 50 years. Fifty. Take care of it.	Do something before the money is siphoned off for something else.
10/8/2021 15:47	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see a comparative study showing the positives and negatives of keeping it or taking it down. This should incude tourism and economic impact to the communities surrounding the area.	I dont have a position, I have many friends, fishermen and others who say keep it. I have friends who think it is time to go.	I want to see a way to insure that what is done is best for the area,	I dont know, would want to see the options and their pros and cons side by side.	You have a chance to do a significant citizens involvement with lots of transparency. If you are selecting a committee, do it with articulate people on both sides, people undecided, and commith to transparency. Follow the state's sunshine laws.
10/8/2021 15:50	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	have it removed	Removal will help the springs and the St John's River	More damage to the springs and river	No	The dr.wedowns are expensive and other maintenance cost taxpayers too
10/8/2021 15:53	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Remove the dam and restore the river and surrounding lands.	The building of the dam was for the ill conceived Cross Florida Barge Canal. It's not necessary for the nor it truly healthy for the river or surrounding lands and springs.	The continued waste of money and harm to the river.	It's doubtful. What scenario would that be? Either the dam stays or it goes away.	
10/8/2021 15:54	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Just to observe	Breach the dam and restore free flow of water.	Return of natural state of water flow to other waterways.	We continue to interfere with good water flow causing water supply in other areas to be insufficient for wildlife.	No. Fishermen will find another area and actually more diverse fishing would develop.	
10/8/2021 16:06	Charlotte		No	No					The dam should be removed. It is interrupting the natural flow of water to other waterways and vital marshland.	This would restore thousands of acres of marshland and streams and ponds vital to wildlife. The manatees are dying off at an alarming rate & this would be an additional safe place for them to go to in cold weather.	A huge and crucial opportunity to restore the natural flow of the river and provide thousands of acres of land and marshes for wildlife.	NO - the damn should be removed - permanently.	We need to stop trashing out natural surroundings - once gone we cannot get them back!!!!
10/8/2021 16:09	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	To be restored!	Environmental concerns.	Destruction of a beautiful and important area!	No	
10/8/2021 16:20	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Water quality, biodiversity loss, climate resilience	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 16:23	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing		Fishing Guide	Loss of job		
10/8/2021 16:26	Indian River		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam. It cuts off access the the rest of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs for fish and manatees.	Fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river and forest habitat can gradually restore itself, as was historically the case.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No - the dam was a mistake 50 years ago and it is not serving any good purpose now.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 16:26	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River. It's time to breach the Kirkpatric Dam and restore the Great Florida Riverway in light of climate change. This is really important for the economy - the health of the economy is dependent on the health of our resources.	Avoiding $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream property owners. Additionally, restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Pushing biodiversity to the brink, potentially losing manatees altogether. The impact on birds, trees, and the water itself affects us as well - let's make it a positive one.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits.	Breaching the dam is overdue. Please consider this positive impact for dam safety, improved water quality, enhanced wildlife, and a richer home for us to live and visit.
10/8/2021 16:28	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Retain reservoir. Unique ecosystem. Water quality and wild life.	Experience	Use of the Ocklawaha River would be lost to boaters.	No	I helped build this reservoir. The opposition has no idea as to construction means used to build this lake. In my opinion and from personal observations, Rodman can not be restored. If lake is drained where would all the birds and wildlife go? Prominent vegetation would be cat tails and myrtle bushes. To verify this senerio take a trip to any drained wet lands. Plenty of examples in Florida.
10/8/2021 16:33	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking	Please remove the dam and restore the natural flow of rivers and streams.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway	Unnecessary money spent on dam maintenance and water quality.	No	
10/8/2021 16:38	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the free flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The resulting restoration of the natural river would actually increase tourism, recreation and stimulate the local economy more than the present situation. Ecological benefits in terms of wildlife and the health of the St. Johns River would be tremendous.	Millions of dollars are spent to maintain the dam and reservoir which could be better utilized for other water needs. Every year the unnatural reservoir gets in worse condition, no matter what is done with drawdowns, etc. This relic of the cross Florida barge canal needs to go.	No.	
10/8/2021 16:39	Dade		No	Yes			More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds . supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. OR Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an undistructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 16:43	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River. There are so many reasons why this is a great idea. One is that Manatees would greatly benefit from a warmer winter water option.	Manatees are having a very bad time with record numbers of them dying. This can stop them from becoming endangered animals. Plus, this helps grow tourism on many levels. More fishing, wildlife and boating options with a restored river means more visitors - which always increases local jobs.	Manatees extinction, another area of Florida with water quality issues and domino effect these things have on the local economy/jobs.	No - we need to do everything we can to preserve the water quality and aquafer in Florida. With so many areas around the state having issues (like Pinney Point, Everglades, etc.) we need to keep our pristine waters. Restoring the landscape back to how it started out as many decades ago is critical to Florida.	Please do the right thing for water quality, manatees and local economies by restoring the Ocklawaha River
10/8/2021 16:45	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The Great Rivers plan	FDR & presentation by scientists & economists No plans for area restoration & revitalization	Same old "good ole boy" mentality calling the shots	Anything that moves forward in environmental restoration	Glad you're asking residents
10/8/2021 16:47	Pinellas		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Full restoration	Protect our waterways	Continued disjointed ecosystems	No	It's about time.
10/8/2021 16:58	Hernando		No	No					Destruction	Natural flow of waterways	Continuing degradation of affected waterways	Unknown	
10/8/2021 17:00	Duval		No	No						Destroy it	There are many open connection to ocean for fish and manatee, less flooding and more water into John's river,increased water supply for growing areas	No	
10/8/2021 17:06	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	I'd like to see the Ocklawaha River restored to its natural flow.	This is an old dam past its life expectancy and it's not worth taxpayers spending millions in dam repairs to save it.	Declining water quality and loss of habitat for manatees and other wildlife.	No. but if we at least restored other endangered springs, that would improve water quality.	The St Johns needs this help and the dam isn't providing much for the money it's going to cost to keep it.
10/8/2021 17:08	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: And hiking	Stay as is.	With the water in our state being used at a large volume and season droughts, it would be crazy to remove an already existing large source of fresh water that can be drawn on when needed. When need used because we all know it will be needed.	The lack of fresh water in the future. The mess it would create that would take decades to recover from and the massive amounts of wildlife habitats that would be destroyed. The benefits to keeping it far out weigh the benefits of a hopeful restoration. I may not agree with it having been built, but now we have the fresh water source, we would be silly to do away with it.	Not sure. What would you suggest to replace this large of a body of water for future use?	
10/8/2021 17:11	Martin		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 17:23	Palm Beach		No	No						As a Floridian anything environmentally sound	Our state is not keeping the pesticides and algae from any waterway	More pollution of waterways death of more species Septic tanks need to be replaced	Nikki Fried is in our state government and is running for governor hopefully she gets in because she seems to care about our environment
10/8/2021 17:25	Volusia		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs, damage to Silver Springs.	A waste of tax payer money on a dam that is beyond aged and continued damage to wildlife.	No.	Should got a complaint letter signed by supporters to put manatee and any other animal that is dying on the endangered list
10/8/2021 17:25	Indian River		No	No					The dam should be breached to allow the river water to flow.	It would connect a free flowing Ocklawaha to the St johns River and create a migratory route for fish and manatees from the Atlantic Ocean	The death of more manatees.	No	
10/8/2021 17:39	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Hiking and visiting River					
10/8/2021 17:39	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Gradually drained over 5-10 years to restore the natural river	Restoration of the river is best for the ecosystem	unnecessary continued maintenance of an artificial system	No A dam/lake is not a free flowing river. As stated the lake should be drained slowly over several years	
10/8/2021 17:42	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it alone. It's working.	The process of history can tell you that the Barge Canal was a mistake, however, the Rodman reservoir produces monetary income and does no harm to the eco-system.	Broad flood lands	No. Leave it as it is.	
10/8/2021 17:44	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other	Dismantle them and restore the Oklawaha River.	It would allow fish and manatees to migrate into the Silver River like they did for centuries before the dam.	Continued harm to the sustainability of fish and manatees	No	

10/8/2021 17:47	Orange		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 17:47	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Hiking and visiting River	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka. Is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 17:47	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the natural river flow	Restoration to restore the entire ecosystem	Changes to original flow impacts entire environment	No	
10/8/2021 17:54	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Heard a lecture about it and so went to look at it.	Would like to see it all removed and would like the river to be restored to its natural flow.	The health of the river, as the scientists said in the lecture I heard about the studies that had been done--apparently this is undisputed already, but the dam just has not set been removed (no reason why).	Losing more environmental health and wellness. As the studies showed this is seriously harming the ecosystem.	Any restoration would help, but why not do what is best and remove the entire dam, as the studies demonstrated would be the best course of action?	Thank you for removing this dam as soon as possible--the sooner it is removed, the sooner the ecosystem can begin to recover (to the extent it can).
10/8/2021 17:56	Escambia		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The return of fish and manatees since a free-flowing river is created again and lost springs are restored giving manatees more habitat and it will benefit the Florida Wildlife Corridor which is crucial for our state.	That we miss this opportunity where state and federal funds are available to restore wildlife habitat and water quality, AND the dam is unsafe.	No, breaching the dam is way overdue!	As a native Floridian who was born here 60 years ago and has been a lifelong resident, I have a deep love for our beautiful state and am very worried about our environment. I think restoring the river would be great for the environment, for the wildlife and the people.
10/8/2021 17:59	Bradford		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to its natural flow.	I have been following this issue since I was in high school in Ocala in the 1960's. I used to live in the Ocala National Forest. I opposed the dam and barge canal from the beginning and I was relieved when President Nixon halted construction of the canal. As we now see, Florida is very fragile and our sources of potable water are at risk. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will benefit the environment and our health and safety.	The environment will continue to degrade and water issues will become more serious, which will impact the overall health of Floridians.	I believe it is inevitable that the dam will be removed, if not now, sometime in the future. The sooner the better.	
10/8/2021 17:59	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing			Sadness at what we are doing to our land	No	
10/8/2021 18:04	Hillsborough		No	Yes			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. That would benefit both the Ocklawaha and St Johns Rivers downstream and improve the environment through springs restoration and other benefits upstream	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. This will expand recreational opportunities and the tourist economy throughout the region and avoid the costs of maintaining a reservoir that serves little good except a sports fishery that will inevitably decline as the lake silts in and water quality deteriorates.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and failure to act would mean that Putnam County and Silver Springs would both lose opportunities for economic growth and environmental improvement	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level would avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits on the lake, though diminished by the continued degradation of lake water quality. BUT a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Although not a local resident, I was very much impressed by the recreational potential of the river below the dam. I have paddled Silver Spring several times over the last 15 years and have been much dismayed by the decline of water quality.
10/8/2021 18:09	Polk		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the natural landscape restored and the river and springs restored. I strongly believe that neither the dam or the reservoir serve any useful purpose in a state with tens of thousands of other water bodies to boat and fish upon. a wild river is a much rarer thing that a static pool of water, and has far more economic and wildlife value as an attractor of both human visitors and resident populations of native Florida wildlife.	Common sense and more than 65 years living and working around Florida. I've seen the senseless destruction heaped on top of the necessary.	That Florida continues to be blind to the laws of nature and God's design for our state.	no	
10/8/2021 18:13	Indian River		No	No				I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam and restoring the river to benefit wildlife, especially Manatees, who need warmer water from the natural springs in the Rodman Reservoir.	A report by American Rivers naming the Ocklawaha one of America's most endangered rivers.	Continued degradation of wildlife and environmental health due to lack of clean water flowing into the St. John's River system.	None! Let's to this.	
10/8/2021 18:14	Highlands		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	It would be good for wildlife and marine life to breach the dam so that fish and manatees can swim freely as they once did years ago.	I think it would be helpful to the rivers and the environment to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - the Great Florida Riverway.	It would be a real disservice to our wildlife that fish and manatees could not swim freely to the ocean. If the rivers were reunited, the wetlands would also be restored. It really is a win-win situation.		Thank you for creating this survey and allowing people who care about Florida to share their views with you.
10/8/2021 18:17	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dams breached so the river can flow naturally and let it follow the old riverbed. It would become an even better area for recreational fishing, kayaking, and observing nature. It would be a much healthier aquatic area and even more appealing for recreation and wildlife alike. It could reclaim the charm of Ocklawaha. I'd love to see the manatees able to swim through freely and other former species of migratory fish return to the area.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Field waters, log jam of dead cypress, rushed deteriorating infrastructure, continued ecological devastation. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/8/2021 18:21	Pasco		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	remove	restores habitat		no	
10/8/2021 18:23	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam !!!!!!!!!! Open up the river.	Need for animal migration	Reduced wildlife habitat an corridors	NO!	
10/8/2021 18:29	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Other: boy scout clean up					
10/8/2021 18:33	Hillsborough		No	No				Breached .natural flow restored	Alarming number of manatee deaths...this would give e them more area to avoid boat encounters.	Man's continuing to disrupt Natural Florida...at the expense of plant and animal life in Florida.	Not that I'm aware of...	
10/8/2021 18:48	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored allowing fish and manatees to return to what was always meant to be a free-flowing river.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (water quality, wildlife habitat), the dam is unsafe, and hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	Sadly, no. We have no national choice. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Seriously concerned about future of Florida's environment. We are big outdoor enthusiasts! We lived in Duval County, Dade, Okeechobee, and Dade. I am 6th generation Floridian!
10/8/2021 19:12	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed in order to restore the flow of the Ocklawaha River to its natural state.	The dam causes many ecological problems including the buildup of invasive plants, the drowning of natural spring sites, and the obstruction of normal migration patterns for native animals like manatees and crippled bass. Also, the dam was built for a project that was canceled decades ago because it was deemed too wasteful and ecologically damaging. It should've been removed when the project was canceled.	Public money would be wasted on the upkeep of the dam. Herbicide buildup would continue contaminating the water and the creatures that live in it. The dam may also affect the algae blooms downstream on the St Johns River, which seem particularly bad this year in the areas I normally take my kayak. Manatee populations would also suffer, since only a handful of manatees are able to get through the locks and access important feeding grounds like the Silver River. Unlike many springs in the state, the Silver River still has a healthy population of eelgrass, and it can provide the warmth and food that manatees need to survive the winter.	A permanent draw down would be better than what we have now, but the dam would still need to be removed eventually.	The dam isn't old enough to be part of our history. It was built for a foolish and shortsighted public project and it should've been torn down when that project was canceled. The drowned forest around the river is hauntingly beautiful during the drawdown. It will take time to heal, but it will heal on its own as soon as we let it, and I'd like to see it slowly transform back into what it looked like before the dam was built.
10/8/2021 19:14	Brevard		No	No				Removal to allow natural springs and habitat to be restored	30 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No	
10/8/2021 19:23	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Hunting	Leave it be. It was a bad idea in the beginning but to do anything now would be expensive and would destroy one of the best fisheries in Florida. Continue as is with draw downs.	Nature will heal itself if you leave it be. To take out any structure on the lake or river would only do more harm.	More wasted tax dollars. More damage done. It will hurt the sport of fishing that brings in a lot of money for the north central Florida area.	None that I can think of.	If there is money to be spent on Rodman then use it to build more fishing piers for the people that cannot afford a $80,000 bass boat.
10/8/2021 19:25	Martin		No	No				Breach the dam to improve condition the river and help wildlife.	Manatees are in need of more habitat.	Another dead river and loss of wildlife.	No	
10/8/2021 19:25	Polk		No	No				It was Built for the wrong reason, we understand that businesses have grown up with the reservoir, and have "persuaded" politicians to ignore past efforts to return the river to it's natural state....Returning the Kissimmee to it's natural state has been a Blessing to the World Environment...I believe that returning the river to it's natural state will be wonderful for everyone but those businesses.	I've Talked with friends who have lived in Gainesville over 4 decades, and are marine Biologists, and they know the Dam should go.	I really don't have a Dog in this Fight, locally....But from an overall environmental , health of the State and Health of the World, the dam should go....If not, we have missed another opportunity to help repair the environment.	I don't know	If the Biologists ,Scientists, Water Managers, etc. say the dam should go, and many have for decades, and the business people an politicians say it should stay...I vote with the Biologists and Scientists.
10/8/2021 19:26	Sarasota		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The Silver Springs ecosystem will be restored and fish and manatees will return as the breach opens, creating a free-flowing river.	Water quality will decline further, fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged the dreams of a restored natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I care deeply about Florida's environment and wildlife. I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to provide a better future for our state's people and the many species that depend on that waterway. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. If you restore the Ocklawaha River, it will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. The restoration will generate an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary, improving water quality and flow. This infusion of pure water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and help prevent saltwater intrusion. This will benefit many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will also revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 19:26	St Lucie		No	No				Cease it's operation, and turn it into a museum. Allow the river to run through the dam unimpeded, on to it's own natural course.	The environmental impacts on the wetlands and the manatee population all being put aside for the vain sake of recreational fishing. Illogical and childish selfishness is no excuse to be wantonly destructive. In the pursuit of "fun"	The continued destruction of life, the continued encroachment of artificial means in vulnerable environments. The continued magical thinking that our planet is a toy for our amusement. Instead of the factual understanding that this is our house, we're filthying it to the point that it's killing us in reciprocity. People are too stupid to catch on. We kill mom, we die too. Mom's gonna kill us first, before we can kill her...	Ceasing it's operation, preserving it as a historical landmark, and allowing the river to continue on it's own natural course IS the compromise here. It's the only way both parties can have an amicable outcome.	The "lake" was never a natural entitlement. It needs to be for/slit for the sake of the lives it will save, over the simple entertainment met got from killing things from it's water. Flowing water saves lives. Blocking this water takes lives at every angle. It's simple common sense for anyone with a "will to live" point of view.
10/8/2021 19:31	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Maintain the lake for the great bass fishing.	Rodman is know nation wide for its great bass fishing and brings in a lot of money to local business in Marion and Putnam counties.	A lot of income will be lost to local business and fishermen	No	
10/8/2021 19:36	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	No changes				
10/8/2021 19:38	Pinellas		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a da in that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/8/2021 19:41	Seminole		No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 19:42	Monroe		No	No				Breached to restore flow	It was originally that way	Historic flow never restored	Not that I know of	
10/8/2021 20:04	Volusia		No	No				Natural restoration	Natural environment supports all living things	All of nature is codependent	Other environmental consideration	Natural waterways are essential to every living thing
10/8/2021 20:05	Outside of state / other	Jackson, ms	No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Be more friendly and safe for Manatees and all wildlife.	What is currently going on with Manatees and the environment.	The safety of the Manatees and all wildlife.	Can't think of anything right now.	please think about the safety of Manatees and all wildlife. Thank you.
10/8/2021 20:11	Outside of state / other	Inglewood, California	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Photos.	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	We appreciate your support for manatee and aquatic habitat protection!
10/8/2021 20:13	Outside of state / other	Atlanta, GA	No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years...	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 20:15	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Drain the reservoir Break the dam	Free flow is necessary Springs should run free and clean	Silted and polluted reservoir	Partial break	
10/8/2021 20:16	Bradford		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: picnics and celebrations	Please breach the Dam and allow the reservoir to shrink back into the Ocklawaha River boundaries and be restored.	Providing winter habitat for starving Manatees in the springs that will re-emerge.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. This dam always was a bad idea, and we've been throwing good money after bad for 50 years. Enough!	At a time when human disregard for the needs and health of the environment has come to a head, let's just stop making things worse and begin to turn things around where we can. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 20:16	Outside of state / other	Duluth, MN	No	Yes		2-5 times		Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Canoeing / kayaking	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 20:19	Outside of state / other	Plattsburgh, New York	No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/8/2021 20:23	Osceola		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 20:28	Outside of state / other	Canon City, CO	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/8/2021 20:30	Lee		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed.	The dam is hurting the environment.	People living in Florida.	None.	
10/8/2021 20:32	Putnam		No	Yes				Keep it as is.	It's a fresh water source which, as fresh water becomes more and more scarce, will become a valuable resource.	Loss of that potential fresh water reservoir.		
10/8/2021 20:40	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing				
10/8/2021 21:00	Manatee		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	1. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 2. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored 3. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 4. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 5. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 6. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 7. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 8. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy 9. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. 10. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 317)
10/8/2021 21:17	Pinellas		No	No				Remove it.	The springs will be saved from further damage.	We will lose our pristine springs.	I doubt it.	Florida's springs are unique and outstanding and should not be jeopardized for the profits of a few.
10/8/2021 21:23	Gadsden		No	No				15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	the dam as far as I see is not necessary. Breaching it would allow the natural migration of Gulf coast stripers and shad to spawn in their natural habitats. Restoring the area to its natural state would create fisheries and other recreational opportunities and help preserve an area of flas dwindling wilderness.
10/8/2021 21:28	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam being the failed attempt of the Cross Florida Canal serve no viable purpose. It is time to restore the Ocklawaha River back to it's original state. It has been proven to work such as the restoration of the Kissimmee River.	The success in removing dams in other areas.	The continued decline in the environment of the area.	None that I could support.	

10/9/2021 21:32	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it going! Let the river flow in the way it was meant to.	Wildlife	Water quality		
10/9/2021 21:35	Lee		No	No									
10/9/2021 21:47	Nassau		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Rather than breaching the dam a slow draw down that allows the area behind to recover slowly. The wildlife needs time to relocate.	Paddling after a draw down and seeing the displaced alligators	The interaction between humans and wildlife will be negative.	Do nothing and leave the management of the reservoir as it is.	
10/9/2021 22:13	Polk		No	Yes		More than 5 times	1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Flora and Fauna viewing.	Breaching the dam to restore the Silver Springs Ecosystem that includes springs that have been damaged by the presence of the dam.	Approximately 150 million gallons a day of water will be restored to the natural waterway that will not only heal our land and waterways but will also provide sustenance (new jobs) for many people. We will reap significant environmental benefits for flora and fauna.	Loss of opportunity to improve our water quality and simultaneously improve our economy. Possibility of wasting taxpayer money to repair a flawed and failed dam project.	Not really. Action to breach the dam is long overdue and there will not be a better time to do it than present.	
10/9/2021 22:22	Lee		No	No				Canoeing / kayaking	Have the dam removed. I've kayaked the Ocklawaha many times and feel the river should run its natural course. Dams ALWAYS have consequencies... the white man's ego continuance.	Lessening diversity of wildlife	Increase of previous response	No, it should be a simple thing to remove the dam...it's been hashed over and beat about for FAR too long. Just do it!!	Get on with it River Mgmt Board!
10/9/2021 22:25	Palm Beach		No	No									
10/9/2021 22:28	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.		
10/9/2021 22:29	Broward		No	No									
10/9/2021 22:30	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	A critical 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or at least improved, facilitating enhancement of critical wildlife ecosystems.	Missing the best opportunity to do this while state and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further facilitating invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. The dam should have been breached 50 years ago. The dam is not safe. NOW; the water quality as well as the essential wildlife corridor MUST be protected.	As a person who was born and raised and lived most of my life in Florida, I care about all of Florida, it's waterways and ecosystems. I implore you to restore the Ocklawaha River to ensure essential water quality of these rivers, streams, and springs and critical wildlife corridors for our native wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees. Unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more deaths in the future. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm-water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter – an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. This restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.
10/9/2021 22:36	Leon		No	No					I want to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Rodman Reservoir restored to the free flowing Ocklawaha River.	Water is the most critical and vulnerable resource in Florida, not only for recreation and tourism, but for the health of Florida's $21+ million residents. We are privileged to have one of the best aquifers in the country, but short-sided development in the present and in past decades have undermined and endangered our drinking water. There are several natural springs under the waters of the reservoir. Let them become healthy, natural springs again! Protect our vulnerable and endangered water resources! Protect our aquifer - it's for our future!	Artificial altering of nature usually is ruinous. We are already doing too much to deplete our fresh water aquifer, and rising sea levels from climate change are causing salt water intrusion throughout our coastal areas. The Cross Florida Barge Canal, the dam, and the Rodman reservoir are together one of the biggest engineering mistakes undertaken in this state. The dam and reservoir do no good at all, other than making it a fishing hole, and the dam requires maintenance and improvements in the millions of dollars to keep it. It's time to undo this mistake once and for all. I grew up in Florida and remember when the Cross Florida Barge Canal and dam were constructed. There was a huge outcry with much objection, but the engineers and special-interests won the day - at least temporarily until the completion of it was stopped. Please undo this damage! The status quo provides fishing. But it creates a dangerous effort for manatees to attempt to over-winter. And it does nothing to assure healthy, pristine water for the human population. What does it do to the natural springs under the reservoir? If the springs were restored wouldn't that bring a more natural and healthier environment?	No. I am not a resident of the impacted county. But I am a lifelong resident of our beautiful Florida State, and therefore the final decision does impact me, in addition to the health of our state and our people. I drive across the Cross Florida Canal often and am horrified at the impact on the land.	
10/9/2021 22:39	De Soto		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam remains in place causes harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam will restore three rivers--the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers--as well as 50 springs, including the 20 lost springs--and the Silver Springs ecosystem.	This is the perfect opportunity to accomplish this restoration: when state and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical--including the improvement of habitat for manatees and other wildlife as well as water quality--and the dam is unsafe.	To avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure while continuing to provide recreational benefits, the reservoir could be temporarily drawn down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level. However, a drawdown alone is a stop-gap measure and will not provide environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow, and an unobstructed blueway.	The most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in the state of Florida today is breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River! Twenty springs submerged by the waters of the dam will be uncovered by this project that is a vital step in restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the Ocklawaha River's flow. For an estimated cost of $26 million, this project will provide an essential warm-water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees as well as 150 million gallons a day of natural and historic water flow to help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/9/2021 22:51	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove the dam and let the river flow	LIF study on tourism and manatee and fish projects	That the fish counts keep decreasing and the weed clogging continues and the weed control continues	The only was to to stop the clogging of the river and allowing manatees and fish to use the river is to make it free flowing	
10/9/2021 23:06	Gadsden		No	No					I will tell you something, OK, is there any reason Florida needs another lake that is full of invasive weeds? Rodman is choking with invasive weeds right now IMO.	the restoration of natural riverine species of this area	Global Warming and the survival of several riverine species	ok why be second best? I support this dam removal 100%	
10/9/2021 23:19	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Left alone as it is now.	Wildlife appears to have positively adapted to its present being. The ecosystem has adapted to its present state.	Wildlife having to try to readjust. Safety of wildlife. Possible negative impact to the ecosystem.	A very gradual restoration to it's original state so that wildlife and the ecosystem could hopefully safely readjust.	Appears to be a waste of taxpayer money to restore something that taxpayers already paid to obtain its present existence.
10/9/2021 23:32	Volusia		No	No					The dam needs to be breached	Dams create problems and in the end block the natural flow.	The Ocklawaha and other rivers will continue to diminish.		
10/9/2021 23:44	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see it removed.	As I understand it, it was decided at its beginning, that it was a mistake. It should have been removed then.	The manatees and fish will not get the benefits that they would get if it is removed	no	This damn was a mistake from the start. Let's try to fix the problems created by this. It has been so many years. Let's make it happen.
10/9/2021 0:03	Broward		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm-water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter – an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 0:08	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Let the water flow.	Our manatees are in peril. They need access to warm water.	That a mistake made decades ago has not yet been corrected and our manatees and fish populations are suffering.	No. Take the dam down.	
10/9/2021 0:16	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Minimum invasive improvements.	Save the environment from humans damaging it.	Bad pollution.		
10/9/2021 0:39	Escambia		No	No					Whatever is best for the Earth,people animals,air,act				Like I said, I want the best for everything & everyone!😊
10/9/2021 1:39	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration of rivers, streams, and associated ecosystems; increase manatee habitats; help return the rover to a more natural state; additional water recreation for canoe and kayak excursions to view the diverse wildlife.	Manatee deaths are increasing, the dam is aging rapidly as it exceeds its lifespan, and the environment is more threatened and vulnerable than ever. We need to reverse some of the damage that we have caused to our state.	No. This should have happened long ago; we are more educated and informed now about the damage that dams and structures like this cause. Restore the rivers!	Thank you for your consideration. Please consider these reasons for eliminating this outdated and destructive obstruction.
10/9/2021 3:34	Hillsborough		Yes	No				Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, open the river to wildlife to move freely from springs. Restore the river & aquifer to allow natural processes to function & flow- for fish, manatee, all wildlife habitat & for every person who lives in & depends on this river watershed. Tear down that dam (WALL) President	Mass manatee mortality, fish kills, Red Tide. Piney point hazardous waste with heavy metals pumped directly into Gulf, & still "releasing". Lack of environmental oversight & accountability. Inability of the state & companies to clean up the holding facilities & infrastructure we have. Look at the underfunded Florida's state parks, & the critical needs. In a broader context, the writings on the wall if we don't make major changes to protect our dwindling resources- 1 billion species have become extinct (1/8th of all species on earth) in the last decade.	Mass mortality events rendering the river an inhabitable dead zone. I'm concerned that we'll see more frequent & catastrophic environmental events like red tide, mass fish kills, manatee mortality, destroying the many lives & livelihoods that depend on the river. Manatees have less access to springs & warm water sources than ever, & no way to escape when ecological disasters occur.	Short of removal, create tunnels or openings in dam as a wildlife corridor... like panther crossings, elephant underpasses, salmon locks, etc, large enough for manatees.	
10/9/2021 4:37	Alachua		No	No					restore the Ocklawaha River connect the river to the St. Johns River	The movement of aquatic life has been blocked.	Water quality would continue to degrade.	Could the process of restoring the river be done in stages?	
10/9/2021 5:36	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	Because the history from the 1800 s so rich and was a life blood of Palatka, to see the Ocklawaha restored so citizens and visitors can relive the magnificent beauty and wildlife of north Florida and the excitement touring the river.	History and visitor logs from the 1800s	Continuation of smothered springs in the pool and degradation of water quality and fishing	Do know untitled suggestions are presented	Let's bring the river back to life!!!
10/9/2021 6:04	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Research on unfinished waterway	Loss of habitat and use	No	
10/9/2021 6:07	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	The dam should be removed to restore the natural waterways	The dam serves no purpose and was part of a failed/abandoned cross Florida canal plan and it disrupted springs, wildlife habitat	The entire ecosystem of Silver, Ocklawaha and St Johns Rivers would remain unnaturally damaged	No. The dam must be removed to restore the natural ecosystem	
10/9/2021 6:36	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	removed	prevents water from freely flowing	more pollution and more weed growth	no	
10/9/2021 6:58	St Lucie		No	No						Get rid of the dam.	Nature loses out.		
10/9/2021 7:33	Escambia		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	See the damn removed	Was part of a failed project of cutting canal across Florida that isn't going to be completed and the damn hinders the natural river flow.	Aged infrastructure that is getting worse. Damn stops natural fish migration and spawning. Annual cost of maintenance is going up.	No just remove the damn and save on annual maintenance that will ultimately benefit the environment.	
10/9/2021 7:37	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Science says it must eventually come down. But the POLICY decision as to when and how is the question.	From eels to stripers to the effects of water pulses to the St. Johns.....it's all science.	It's not a question of the dam coming down but of how it is accomplished, both the physical means and the social & political adjustments that must be part of it.	Probably.....but again.....logic says it will come down.....the question, the policy decision is when and how.	Ultimately the most telling and difficult thing for decision makers will be how to leave everyone whole once the dam is down. There are 2 generations of people in this area for whom the dam/reservoir are a asset that with its removal will be taken from them. We must be cognizant of and sympathetic to that. Heretofore the zealots of both sides have held sway, on the one side ignoring the science and the benefits of restoration and on the other a demand for it to come down with no etched in stone plan for compensating those who are truly losing. This is not acceptable as a way to accomplish things. There needs to be projects already underway, funded, funded such that the funding can not be eliminated, to provide launches and docks and other forms of enhanced public access such that those who use the resource will continue to have access once it is drained. And this "access' is not just in the area of Rodman but on the river proper and on area lakes such that the shore fishermen have increased and replaced access. So too with the commitment to open up the restored floodplain to recreation (hunting).....that needs to be enshrined in the documents such that it does not get yanked away. If it takes a bit of patience, a bit of extra time and effort to put into place plans and processes such that we make as whole as possible those who feel they are losing while still moving forward with the ultimate removal that is not a bad thing. In fact, in a free society, one where being kind and polite and leads better outcomes,.....well.....think about how to make a many people feel as least damaged as possible as we do this. Do not let the zealots, the now or nevers drive us to accomplish by a improper means a proper thing.
10/9/2021 7:49	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Get it rid . Let nature return to a natural state.	Future of Florida's fresh water springs is being destroyed.	The destruction if Florida's springs.	Do not repair or replace the dam.	
10/9/2021 7:58	Duval		No	No					Removal of the dam		Environmental impact	Building something to allow fish and other wildlife to traverse the dam	
10/9/2021 8:07	Broward		No	No					I would like to see the damn removed, allowing the Ocklawaha to flow freely.	Manatees are experiencing a marked die-off and opening up the Ocklawaha River would expose many additional springs where they could seek warmer water in winter, including Silver Spring.	I am concerned that additional funds will go to maintaining a dam that is harmful to manatees and the overall health of the ecosystem.	no	
10/9/2021 8:16	Highlands		No	Yes			1 time	Other	This I'll conceived project needs to be dismantled and the river allowed to be restored as closely as possible to it's natural state.	We have an opportunity to restore and preserve a piece of natural Florida.	The reservoir will continue to degrade and tax money will be be wasted trying to preserve this boondoggle.	No	
10/9/2021 8:19	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam removed and the reservoir area restored as much as possible.	The money spent maintaining the dam would be better spent restoring the natural flow of the river and surrounding environment.	Money would continue to be wasted on a project that should never have been done in the first place.	Whatever knowledgeable environmentalists would suggest as a good solution.	I realize the environment surrounding the river can not be completely restored, however, continuing to dam the river seems a poor environmental and fiscal option.
10/9/2021 8:32	Nassau		No	Yes			1 time	Other: None	Remove the dam to restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha River.	Restoration of the natural flow of water that has affect on the flora and fauna of the area, help protect against salt water intrusion into our water table.	Loss of wildlife and erosion of water table quality.	no	
10/9/2021 8:33	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating	I would like to see actions taken to have the Ocklawaha River restored to as close as possible to its natural state. Use monies required to maintain the dam to restore the river's natural flow.	My wife and I boat on the Kissimmee River quite often. Watching the Army Corps of Engineers and the south Florida water management District restore many miles of the river to its natural state has been a beautiful process. We now can enjoy it's curving path and abundance of wildlife and bird life. I think this also would be the result if the Ocklawaha River is restored to its natural state. There would be a period of adjustment, but nature has its way of recovering.	In the 1960s, a large mistake was made to channelize the Ocklawaha river. If there is an opportunity to restore this beautiful waterway, it would be a plus for Florida and it's natural beauty. It would be a shame to see that not happen.	I'm not sure I have been presented with multiple options to make this decision, but a natural flow is my desire.	Why spend millions of dollars to repair and maintain a structure that was a mistake in an era that looked to damage Florida's natural beauty. This is your chance to right a wrong. Look at the Kissimmee as a great example.
10/9/2021 8:34	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Let the river run	Scar on the environment	Dead manatees	No free	
10/9/2021 8:40	Highlands		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore to natural flow for everyone benefits as in my home state of Missouri we found out	As Missouri has done we learned that it's better to let the rivers flow. Saves wildlife and money	That the water level is lowered at least	No I'm positive that having Dams are destroyed for the better	Not just Manatees need the more open waterways but all of the rivers need to be opened
10/9/2021 8:49	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	How much dynamite can we get?? would like to see the dam leveled and normal flow of the ocklawaha restored	The cost of maintaining this boondoggle vs the impact on the environment.	That Florida's natural environment will continue to be degraded and destroyed for the sake of a couple of hundred jobs.	Not really	
10/9/2021 8:56	Duval		No	No					Remove the Rodman dam. The dam is harming water quality and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Waterway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Removing the dam is critical to restore the river systems. Dam safety and water quality can't wait.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. It just makes sense at this point in time to remove the failed Rodman dam to restore cleaner water systems and springs.
10/9/2021 9:01	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain it	Past history of sustainability	NA	NA	
10/9/2021 9:05	Marion		No	No									
10/9/2021 9:07	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Immediate restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/9/2021 9:10	Palm Beach		No	No					After witnessing the Elwha River restoration it gives me hope that these antiquated dams can be removed for the betterment of our state. Saving our springs is vital, giving manatees a path to warm water is vital, better chances for fish is vital.	If all comes to tourism. We can't invite tourists to see algae filled waterways. And dwindling fishing areas. Restore the River. Save our Springs!	Seeing Florida continuing down the path of destruction of our the last areas where nature can heal if we get out of the way.	Giving the manatees their natural path back is achievable by removing the dam. Give them a chance, and it gives the river a chance to heal.	The salmon are running again on the Elwha River again, and that was a much more complicated dam removal. Success is making this dam disappear for both animals and anglers.
10/9/2021 9:11	Palm Beach		No	No					The dam serves zero purpose. Cost MONEY to have. Tear down that dam (WALL) President	Artesian springs Public should blow up that DAM	Time to fire and replace with people who can DO THEIR JOB!	A waterfall	Let the water flow
10/9/2021 9:11	Outside of state / other	Long Island, New York	No	No					Removal of the dam to help the restoration of the Ocklewaha river.	Removal of the dam would assist in the restoration of the Ocklewaha river and related natural springs due to increased natural water flow.	If the dam is not removed the water quality will continue to decline and the opportunity for increased recreational use and flood protection, as well as the potential for increased wildlife habitat will be missed.	No, as has been seen with the removal of numerous dams across the country, the return of natural water flows will result in increased water quality and natural habitat.	Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.
10/9/2021 9:20	Pasco		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of water.	Environmental havoc caused by building the dam in the first place.	Another piece of natural Florida destroyed forever	No compromise. Get rid of the dam NOW!	
10/9/2021 9:33	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural river by removing the dam.	Because I don't like all the spraying in the reservoir. If the dam was removed you would not need to spray poison.	To much spraying poison, what a waste of time and money. No, the dam needs to be removed to allow it to flow properly.	Quit spraying.	There is no reason to maintain the dam and lock. It costs a lot of money to keep open. You could fish the river without the dam. The fish aren't going anywhere.
10/9/2021 9:52	Dade		No	No					As a life-long Floridian and former volunteer at a native wildlife rehab and rescue organization, I support restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. With the dam in place, harm is done to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.		If the outcome is not achieved, we could well see even greater decimation of our manatee population and of their nourishment.	No. We are at a critical juncture. Wildlife cannot wait another year, much less another 50 years that they have waited already.	Our gentle manatees are iconic to Florida. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future.
10/9/2021 9:55	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed	To allow the river to go back to a more natural state	We will continue to keep flooding the forest that would come back if the damn was removed.		
10/9/2021 10:21	Clay		No	No					Remove it	Environmental impact of restoration of natural flow	Same old, same old.	Perhaps a five-year plan of removal?	
10/9/2021 10:23	Broward		No	No					we need water reservoirs around the state to collect rain's water, plus any water being drained from any lakes.	Palm beach county and Broward county are talking about a reservoir now to hold excess water. And not draining it to the Atlantic ocean, in case of hurricane activity.		Keep the ideas in mind for the future.	
10/9/2021 10:33	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Oklawaha to it's natural original state.	Ongoing maintenance with the vegetation extraction, manatee safety and feeding grounds and 3.5 million tax payer dollars for repairs.	Maintenance and long term future cost, environmental impact on natural aquatic life, maintee survival.	Poor judgement in a canal system mentality. I guess drain the lake Oklawaha every two years for natural removal of vegetation instead of chemical spraying.	Unfortunately the future folks have to pay for a bad decision 50 years ago. Thank goodness three women had the foresthought to protect the Oklawaha river, the aquifer and natural springs which supplies all of Florida's drinking water and the st. John's river.

10/9/2021 10:34	Santa Rosa		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/9/2021 10:38	Palm Beach		No	No				Reopen the river	help for the ecosystem	Destruction of the ecosystem	no		
10/9/2021 11:02	Sarasota		No	Yes			flooding	Breach the dam and restore the natural water flow.	Return of native fish and manatee populations and migration routes to prior historic levels and range.	Continued degradation of natural habitat for endangered species; potential cost of flooding for residential areas downstream of the dam.	No. The dam should be breached as soon as is practical.		
10/9/2021 11:03	Dade		No	Yes		1 time	boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the ocklawaha river restored to its historic levels, in order to revive the springs feeding it.	The Rodman dam is mainly in use to appease boaters and fishermen, especially bass fishermen. This is not as important as restoring an ecosystem and potentially generating money for tourism.	I would be concerned that a decision to maintain the dam will pave the way for more decisions in Florida that do not take ecological value into account.			
10/9/2021 11:08	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Breach the dam to restore natural flow for economic and environmental reasons. Do not waste money on an old dam in need of repair	The dam is no longer functioning as originally intended. Florida's riverways need to be restored to their original flow for multiple reasons.	Continued loss of habitat for wildlife and dampened economic growth in the area, as well as money wasted to fix an aging, no longer relevant dam.	No		
10/9/2021 11:22	Duval		No	No				Get rid of the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam. Let the Ocklawaha River flow freely.	For me it is the resulting increase in habitat for manatees and the vital increase in daily flow into the Ocklawaha and St Johns.	Again it is the stress on manatees from loss of habitat and the loss of a needed increase in natural water flow into the two rivers.	No.		We protect ourselves when we protect our environment and wildlife. Manatees are suffering die-offs. Toxic algal blooms are increasing. We must do better. Restoring our rivers is a solution to these and other problems.
10/9/2021 11:29	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	The dam is impeding the flow of water to the Ocklawaha River.	The dam is blocking the movement of aquatic life and degrading water quality.	More manatees will die. The river is already endangered.	no		
10/9/2021 11:41	Martin		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. John's rivers and 50 springs are restored.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat) and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the damn is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of that Great Florida river way to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The great Florida Riverway is a 217 mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the green swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River Estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the Saint Johns River and estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency and counter salt water intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 11:48	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Sight seeing	Breach and reunite our rivers. Restore.	I live here!				
10/9/2021 11:50	Sumter		No	No				Restore the water as it was before for wildlife.	We must be protectors of our earth.	Penalties for wildlife, growth, natural habitats.	no		
10/9/2021 11:55	Broward		No	No				Connect the ocklawaha River to the other rivers and get rid of the obsolete Dam to help fish, wildlife and water quality improve	Benefit to wildlife and water supply	Continued degradation of water quality and decline of FL wildlife and fish			
10/9/2021 12:07	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time	Boating	Removal of the dam	We need to restore the flows of the St John's, Silver, and Ocklawaha rives. we need to avoid flood damage due to uncontrolled dam breach. Restore wetlands and habitat for native species. Increase recreation facilities for people to enjoy.	Native species of fish decline. Exotic species of fish increase. restore forests and creat opportunities for wildlife to flourish and for people to enjoy them for generations.	Breach the dam in a controlled way. and improve the water quality and quanity naturally.	The time to act is now.	
10/9/2021 12:31	Lake		No	No				I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, Ocklawaha & the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free- flowing , connected system is cost effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, as well as Silver Springs. Historic fish migration patterns and essential Manatee habitat will be reestablished.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish >15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	This must be done now. State and federal funds are available and public interest is high. Please, let's do the right thing for us and our cherished wildlife.
10/9/2021 12:38	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing should stay the same	The amount of money we spend for lodging at food etc would be gone.	I won't be back	No		
10/9/2021 12:44	Bradford		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Birdwatching and photography	I would like to see the dam removed immediately.	It has harmed the Ocklawaha river system. It was built as part of the failed cross Florida barge canal and it stopped the natural flow of the river and flooded thousands of acres of forest and covered 20 springs. It blocks migration movements of wildlife including manatees. It's a waste of taxpayer dollars to repair a dam with zero purpose and it's cost the state $1 million to maintain.	The biggest concern is that it's a waste of taxpayer dollars and a March 2021 article said that it's a high hazard structure in danger of being breached. The DEP has ignored structural weaknesses for five years. There would be damage to homes in the amount of approximately 50 or $60 million if this damn breaches.	No. Only the removal of the dam. This has been an issue too long without resolution.		realize that many freshmen think that this is a great place to fish but the consequences of keeping this outdated and aging structure are far more dangerous than having a place for fisherman to fish. there are other places they can fish
10/9/2021 12:56	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	When a man made object has a drastic effect in a defined way: The benefits need to be reevaluated and make the appropriate adjustments. We must remember that when God's creations are lost. We can never get them back because of our short sightedness	The cascading effects that lead to the starvation of manatees. And the loss of environmental water and wetlands that protect our state	The loses that grow and keep growing over the years to come. My grandchildren not being able to enjoy nature		
10/9/2021 13:04	Levy		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore waterway	Restoration of the ecosystem	Further destruction of the ecosystem	Not sure	
10/9/2021 13:07	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: To view the condition of the dam structure	Remove the damKeep	Restoring the natural flow of the river and restoring natural habitats.	: The lake will fill up with sediments prevenmting the natural dispersment of those sediments.	None that would be economically feaseable or practicle.	Vote Green!
10/9/2021 13:16	Pinellas		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No		
10/9/2021 13:32	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove the dam.	Return it to its natural state.			
10/9/2021 13:47	Seminole		No	No					Preserve it!	It provides water management for recreation, beauty, and peace for many Floridians.	Losing natural beauty. Money being diverted to projects but just make the rich richer, rather than serving the community health and welfare.	Not sure.	
10/9/2021 13:49	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The river should run free. It was the start of a failed idea,; a canal across Florida. It was a ecological fiasco and a financial boondoggle.	Since 1971 numerous studies have supported the return of the Ocklawaha River to it's natural state. There are 20 springs that would be restored.	The dam has serious cracks and the possibility of failure would result in dire damages to surrounding areas. It has suffered from years of neglect.	No.	
10/9/2021 13:58	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting	It needs to stay for recreation purposes	Recreational activities	It would stink	No really	I grew up hunting fishing and camping and are taking my grand kids there
10/9/2021 14:01	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Other	Keep it the way it is!!	Lots of positive things come from it!!	Taking it out could bring a lot of negative things to the st.johns water shed!!	No	I can't believe people actually think it would be a positive move to take out Rodman Dam!!
10/9/2021 14:06	Sarasota		No	No				REMOVE THE DAM AND RESTORE NATURAL FLOW	ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING WHICH IS DESPERATELY NEEDED!	CONTINUED PROBLEMS WITH THE RIVER AND RESVOIR	ABSOLUTELY NOT!		FLORIDA IS SLOWLY MAKING HEADWAY IN RESTORING OUR WETLANDS AND NATURAL FLOWS; THIS IS VITAL TO HELPING AND PROTECTING OUR WATER SUPPLIES.
10/9/2021 14:10	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see permanent breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam in order to restore the Once beautiful and Thriving Ocklawaha River.	Restoration of the OCKLAWAHA WOULD: 1) renew 20 "lost" springs 2) provide natural water flow of the Ocklawaha River To enhance Silver River and St Johns River quality 3) provide habitat for manatees and diverse native Fish and wildlife populations. 4) provide more recreational opportunities and Economic opportunities for Putnam and neighboring counties 5) PRESERVE ONE OF FLORIDA'S FAST DWINDLING UNIQUE NATURAL SPACES 6) Offer opportunities of linking with Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway. 7) IMPROVE THE GENERAL HEALTH OF FLORIDA'S WATERS AND ITS NATURAL ABILITY TO WITHSTAND HURRICANES and other natural phenomena.	WATER QUALITY IS OF GREAT CONCERN IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA- uncontrolled development, salt water intrusion into the St Johns, algae growth, manufacturing spills and hurricane FLOODING, loss of natural springs and concern for the Floridan aquifer. FLORIDA CITIZENS SHOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF FLORIDA WATERS!!! Rodman Dam is expensive to maintain and obsolete.	NO! I will be very disappointed if the Ocklawaha River is not restored. As a 4th generation Floridian, I remember boating the Ocklawaha as a child with my family. What a beautiful river. In 1969, FL scientist and environmentalist Marjorie Harris Carr founded the FL Defenders of the Environment in order to halt construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal and breach the Rodman Dam, which after several years , was causing more damage to the natural environment than anticipated. Mrs Harris inspired garden club members all over the state to protest loss of the Ocklawaha. My mother Dolly Day along with other women like Mimi Adams and Helen Lane from Jacksonville protested in 1971 at the Rodman Dam. Protectors of the Ocklawaha will not be silenced. Whitey Markle, the FL folksinger who died recently, made restoration of the Ocklawaha one is his last missions. It is time to consider NATURAL FLORIDA, not just the Army Corps of Engineers and bass fisherman.	As a stakeholder (business owner) who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoration will increase water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the Saint Johns River and estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency and counter salt water intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 14:10	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. It is our fault that manatees are endangered.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	Not sure. The dam needs to be removed and river flow corrected. We need to think about the next hundred years, not just the income of some fishing guides.		
10/9/2021 14:10	Pinellas		No	No				Dam removal	Dam removal environmentally preferred. The cost of dam maintenance is too high to warrant continuing a poor environmental option.	Leave it to the science. Is it better environmentally to financially support this dam for our grandchildren, and their grandchildren?	Not aware of other options besides supporting the maintenance or removal of the dam.		I love bass fishing so I understand why there would be supporters of dam maintenance. But creation of the dam has widely been deemed a mistake. Rodman will always be considered a mistake. Some generation will decide to correct it.
10/9/2021 14:15	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Passing by	I would like to see the dam breached. Building the dam 50 years ago was a huge mistake.	The dam has been a detriment to water quality and wildlife habitat for decades.	Breaching the dam at this time is a once in a lifetime opportunity to turn environmental degradation around. It would be a huge disappointment, to say the least, to pass up this opportunity.	Not other than breaching the dam. Do it to it.	Restoration of the water flow would allow the return of manatees, fish, and other wildlife. Manatees are dying throughout Florida at an alarming rate. Increased habitat for wildlife would be an absolute treasure. The dam has been here fifty years too long.
10/9/2021 14:18	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time		Other: check it out to see if would fit our bill	Open it up and let it flow freely	use of pesticides to keep channels clear, absolutely horrible			Good luck getting anything done with this problem.
10/9/2021 14:22	Pasco		No	No				The dam needs to be removed. Too many rivers and creeks were screwed up by dams and channel changes. There is no need for the dam and reservoir	The natural flow of water should be restored where it has been changed. Better fishing and wildlife access.	Things will remained screwed up in Florida as usual.	I do not know of any.		
10/9/2021 14:35	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: PHOTOGRAPHY	Restore the river, bring down the dam.	I used to paddle the river before the dam was put in place. It was beautiful, fishing was great and there was lots of opportunities for recreation and fishing.			
10/9/2021 14:38	Escambia		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River. The Rodman / Kirkpatrick Dam needs to be breached. The dam harms the economy, water quality, and wildlife in the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain warm springs that are essential for them survive.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the dam. This dam does not provide protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Thank you for making this happen!	
10/9/2021 14:39	Hillsborough		No	No				Removal of the damn and restoration of the River way and springs.	Scientists and environmentalists have been fighting for decades that removal of the damn will revive 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem.	The continued degradation of the Ocklawaha and springs throughout the area. With every day that passes the damn continues to impede the health of the River and the ecosystems upstream.	No. This fight has gone on for too long and we know that there is no other solution short of full removal.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy. We must act with haste to restore one of the most valuable habitats in Florida. Free the Ocklawaha.
10/9/2021 14:40	Outside of state / other	MD	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected benefit has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.		
10/9/2021 14:52	Palm Beach		No	No									
10/9/2021 15:01	Duval		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway
10/9/2021 15:05	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Spiritual renewal in the outdoors - one of the many intangible values of this rare waterway.	Remove the dam and Free the Ocklawaha. Then monitor the recovery of native wildlife, vegetation and the lower 26 hidden springs.	Florida has the most unique water resource in the Eastern United States, it's Springs. Beautiful, clear, cool water. Just ask Nestle who steals it from us, then bottles it and sells it back! That's NOT what I'm talking about. The beauty of this wild river and its diverse ecosystem. It's the stuff that brought travelers to this exotic, wild wonderland in the first place. Is this not what Putnam County is all about - the beautiful outdoors. Free the Ocklawaha!!	The biggest concern is that it's a waste of taxpayer dollars and a March 2021 article said that it's a high hazard structure in danger of being breached. The DEP has ignored structural weaknesses for five years. There would be damage to homes in the amount of approximately 50 or $60 million if this damn breaches.	No. We already approved the funding to do it! It is the will of the majority.		We have already paid for the Rodman Dam to be removed. It is a useless relic of a time when our precious water resource was viewed as a commodity.
10/9/2021 15:09	Leon		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		
10/9/2021 15:10	Broward		No	No				let the river run, take down the dam	https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/	demise of flora and fauna that need the free flowing river, particularly manatees at this moment	no		I would like to honor the memory of Whitey Markle
10/9/2021 15:11	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: It is a barrier to activities I would pursue.	It's removal, restore the river to normal flow.	Personal observation over fifty years of the environmental wreckage created by the construction of the dam and the barge canal.	As a native born Floridian, I view keeping the dam as another attack on the unique environment of Florida.	Not sure. The dam needs to be removed and river flow corrected. We need to think about the next hundred years, not just the income of some fishing guides.	I hope, after half a century, the right thing gets done!
10/9/2021 15:15	Broward		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521)
10/9/2021 15:16	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam	20 drowned springs and historic routes for migratory fish/manatees that are essential to the health of Silver Springs would be restored. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at this time of critical need. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs and restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today.	Missing an opportunity that is not likely to occur again. This is the best Chance/timing to accomplish this important springs/manatee protection which is so critical at this time. Not taking advantage of federal funding available . It would be a terrible waste to spend tax payers $ in an attempt to repair the dam instead	No		
10/9/2021 15:27	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating	I'd like to see it taken down and have the natural flow of the St Johns river restored, so fish like striped bass can make their way to their natural spawning grounds in the springs. The damn was formed in the 70s for the Cross Florida Barage Canal, that never even went in. So why are we not restoring Florida back to its natural state?	https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/coastal-angler/	Gov't agencies will continue to ruin Florida's natural waterways just to make a dollar. Instead of cherishing what our state gives us unlike any other state, we destroy it. The Rodman dam has blocked the most important part of the striped bass' life cycle, spawning. They need to enter the Ocklawaha to spawn.	They do nothing		
10/9/2021 15:33	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the state reallocate the money needed to repair the dam to restoring the Ocklawaha River. Although the recreation provided is nice, we have a responsibility to see the bigger picture and act in favor of the future if this state. We have an obligation to restore and protect out natural resources. Clean water will become a crisis in this state in the near future. Natural flow promotes clean water, healthy ecosystems for human and wildlife benefit, and the recharge of our aquifer. Let's put politics aside and do the right thing. No more short sighted decisions based on popularity.	Science versus political popularity . The science unquestionable supports a free flowing river system and the natural wetlands it will support.	The loss of the ecosystem services the Ocklawaha river system provides.	A gradual restoration of the river via continued increases in the total volume of water released through the dam.	Set the river free!
10/9/2021 15:56	Manatee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River--breach the dam. Wildlife harmed by dam and so is water quality.	150 as it is past it's life expectancy. I do not want the state to spend more money on the dam. million gallons a day natural water flow restored. The dam needs repairs	While state and federal funds are now available, do it now. Do not miss this opportunity to restore some of natural Florida. This will restore springs lost because of the dam.	no I am worried about potential catastrophe from dam failure.	Restore the great Florida waterway--tourism will be enhanced along with wildlife--especially manatees.

10/9/2021 16:02	Roy		No	No				Would like to see the dam fully removed and the free flow of water and wildlife restored.	The fact that at least 20 springs have been lost and the hydrology of Silver Springs impaired.	Much state money would be wasted on repairs to this unneeded and unwanted dam.	No. Full removal is necessary.		
10/9/2021 16:18	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No				Save the manatees.	It's always the money that speaks. Not the animal cruelty.	Manatees goes extinct.	Relocate the manatees.		The United States has a kill mentality with anything that swims, walks or flies. I.e., wolves, horses, almost wiped out the buffalo
10/9/2021 16:20	Union		No	Yes		2-5 times		I am not sure at this time what the best thing to do is.	Fishing	I'm trying to return it to its natural state after this long would hurt or help.			
10/9/2021 16:24	Osceola		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Do not use the reservoir	The dam needs to be dismantled, breached, removed.	Florida Defenders of the Environment FB page; too many documents to choose from. It is a well known fact that the Rodman Dam serves no purpose and that it stems natural flow to the springs.	Okiawaha River restoration, continued degrading condition of springs	Breach the dam.	The dam serves no functional purpose--at a cost we cannot afford.
10/9/2021 16:28	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	The barm needs to be breached and the Ocklawaha set free.	This should not be an either or position politically. Breaching the dam is, in fact, the perfect compromise. It will allow for fishing and a return to the river's natural state. An additional benefit is the uptick in ecotourism that will most certainly occur when the historical 4-day steamer trip from Palatka to Silver Springs can be recreated. Additionally, the largemouth bass fishing in the lower Ocklawaha is excellent during the winter months, and there's no reason this wouldn't be the case if the old river channel was restored. I think it's a false argument that Rodman Lake brings in substantial revenue to Putnam County. Half the people fishing there never pass through Palatka. They take the back roads through west Putnam and spend little to get there. I was a game warden for 30-years and like to think I know something of the area.	Having been a game warden for 30-years and been exposed to various eco travesties committed to many of Florida's water courses throughout the state, I think it's about time we begin undoing some of the harm done.	Either you breach the berm or you don't.	
10/9/2021 16:35	Indian River		No	No				restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the damn on the Rodman Reservoir please	Creating a migratory route for fish and manatees improving water quality	loss of warm water, impeding water flow. degrading water quality	taking it back to it's natural flow		we shouldn't change nature, it's time to restore the Ocklawaha River
10/9/2021 16:35	Duval		No	No		2-5 times		Remove the dam and allow the water to flow. Restore the estuary.	Other: Out for a drive to see the scenery.	I am concerned about the salinity of the St. Johns River moving further in from the Maxport area. Especially as they want to dredge and that will remove the natural barriers to this making ocean water flow in.			
10/9/2021 16:52	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam or do whatever is necessary to restore the Ocklawaha River	The blockage is preventing the passage of manatees from the Atlantic to warm waters for the winter. It also prevents the passage of fish and shellfish, is flooding forested wetlands which could be home to migratory birds, black bears, Florida panthers and more. It would increase visitors to the area to watch the wildlife.	Animals are going to die. Manatees are already dying at an alarming rate. This is now one of America's most endangered rivers and is having a large negative impact on multiple ecosystems.	You must provide a safe passage for manatees and other wildlife to pass through uninhibited		I support the Save The Manatee Club and their stance on this issue
10/9/2021 17:08	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: I would kayak the entire Ocklawaha River if the dam was gone.	Removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River to it's original condition.	Water quality and quantity for flows into the St. Johns would be improved.	Further degradation of the St. Johns from reduced flow.	I haven't studied any half proposals.	
10/9/2021 17:11	Seminole		No	No			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would love to see the dam destroyed and the Oklawaha to be free flowing again	That so much wildlife would benefit from this, manatees,fish, birds, turtles etc which benefits me when I go canoeing or kayaking as I get to enjoy the wildlife	Sad that we spend lots of money on repairs up keep etc when it would be so much more economical to break the dam and reap the benefits of the money that would come in from eco tourism and fishing etc	Not really	Just do it!!! We have been trying to this for years. The dam serves NO purpose!!!
10/9/2021 17:15	Outside of state / other		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As someone who cares deeply about the environment, and who frequently travels to see birds and other wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for Florida's wildlife. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 17:42	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: I don't. Just go to see the old river channel on the way to hiking in the ONF	I would like to see the Oklawaha river restored to its former flow. To one day take a boat from The St Johns river up the Oklawaha to silver springs again. To restore the Striped bass spawn up the Oklawaha river as in past times. To reintroduce manatees to the silver river without fear of being crushed in the locks. To visit the 20 freshwater springs currently submerged by the dam being in place.	Ecotourism will quadruple local economies income by people visiting a restored Oklawaha river. Putnam county could have people coming in and staying in hotels, eating and buying consumables for their trip to a restored Oklawaha. These conditions will far outweigh the current fishing licenses as a revenue source. To visit the submerged springs, to reintroduce stripped bass spawning from the St Johns river. People from all over especially surrounding counties will come in spending money. Boat trips from the St Johns to visit Silver Springs. Kayakers coming to see the 20 submerged springs and wildlife. Plus the St Johns river needs the natural flow from a restored Oklawaha to help dilute the pollution and algae blooms.	Tax payers supporting a failed project that has gone on for far to long. To cut a canal across the state was one of Florida's biggest blunders to agree with and support. The dead plant matter on the bottom of the reservoir waters is continuously building from constant weed spraying. Millions of gallon of weed killer is sprayed each year for nothing. Today's eyesore can be tomorrow's reclamation to a former glory that put Palatka on the map.	I guess permanently keeping the dam fully opened and never closing it again. But maintenance costs will still be needed.	Free the Oklawaha River. The restored Oklawaha river has unlimited potential for revenue and enjoyment. Ecotourism and visitors from the St Johns river by boats far outweigh the economic impact of the few fishermen who use the dam. Who knows, maybe someone will build a replica steamer or two and take people from Palatka on a cruise to retrace the past voyages. Serving lunch and dinner, teaching about the past early 1900's cruises to Lake Harris and Leesburg. Restoring the Oklawaha just make Sence.
10/9/2021 18:14	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Wildlife viewing	The Rodman Reservoir needs to be taken down. It serves no purpose environmentally.	Too many fish have died from the damn. The manatees can not swim freely up the Ocklawaha River.	We will lose more manatees and the fish population will decline to serious levels.	No the damn needs to be open and kept open and restored to its natural habitat.	The damn serves no purpose. We do not use it for electricity. It hold back the river to flow freely. It will restore springs that have been stagnant because of the damn.
10/9/2021 18:34	Leon		No	No					The dam should be breached.	Breaching the dam will restore the natural flow of three rivers and revitalize numerous springs. Water quality will improve and wildlife will benefit.	Money will be wasted on maintaining this dam and the environmental damage will continue.	No.	The time to breach the dam is now while funding is available and public support has been mobilized. Breaching the dam is long overdue.
10/9/2021 19:07	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Curiosity	Remove the dam completely and restore the river, as close as possible, to what it was before the Cross Florida Barge Canal (CFBC) was attempted.	It, the CFBC, was already determined to be such a bad idea that it was abandoned. Just a couple of examples of precedent are the Upper St John River Basin Project and the partial fix of the Kissimmee River.	We will lose an obvious chance to do the right thing for the environment.	I can't think of one except maybe removing discrete sections of the levee containing the structure to allow free flow and using the remaining "islands" as habitat for wildlife, e.g. bird rookeries.	This project was an anathema to the birthing of the environmental movement and should be dealt an erasure blow. Just do the right thing. I would even vote for a tax increase to compensate folks that can't figure out how to make a living without the status quo.
10/9/2021 19:18	Alachua		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam	The dam has impeded the river's flow for more than 50 years, blocking the movement of aquatic life and degrading water quality.	The continued decline of the manatee due to the loss of warmer water habitats such as the natural springs submerged due to the dam.	No, but I'd be open to ideas that make sense.	The environmental health of the whole river system is at stake. Removing the dam will improve the river system.
10/9/2021 19:24	Clay		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: camping at the damn since 76	damn removed	Nature old enough to be born before the damn	not a natural Florida springs stay submerged under the Rodman pool water	no	
10/9/2021 19:42	Outside of state / other	care deeply about the waters there	No	No					The dam should be removed, period.	The dam destroyed 7,500 acres of forested wetlands, 20 springs and 16 miles of the river. Half a century later, the dam still blocks the river route for fish, manatees and boaters, from Silver Springs to the Atlantic Ocean.	Florida's waters are doomed to toxicity and exhaustion.		Restore the wetlands, the springs and the river
10/9/2021 19:46	Outside of state / other		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 19:59	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Sight seeing and camping	Restore the river. Remove the damn	Restoration of the Ocklawaha river. The river is a vital part of our ecology. And part of keeping our planet healthy is restoring our river to what it once was.	Our springs will continue to be suffocated under the weight of an artificial "lake" Species will die, and the environment will continue to be degraded	No	Restoration of the Ocklawaha river is crucial to our local environment .
10/9/2021 20:02	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		The dam is old and outdated, will cost millions to fix. It is much more desirable to have a free flowing Ocklawaha River as natural state. The fishing will be better, and it will be much better for the Manatee population.	Manatees are in big trouble. They need a free flowing Ocklawaha River to reach Silver Springs	Absolutely not-it is time to tear down the dam!!!!!	
10/9/2021 20:12	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Open up the rivers to the manatees!	Financial - $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/9/2021 20:17	Palm Beach		No	No					Removed to restore the freely flowing river as it was originaly	Information from groups in the area that support improved water quality.	Poor water quality.	Prefer to see the original flow of the river reestablished.	
10/9/2021 20:21	Marion		No	No					I would like to see the reservoir drained to restore the Ocklawaha River.	I have long been hearing about the problems created by the dam, and about the benefits to Florida wildlife if the river were to be restored to its natural flow. A recent editorial in the Ocala Star-Banner inspired me to send you my comments.	The affected wildlife.		
10/9/2021 20:40	Alachua		No	No		2-5 times		Other: don't use it at all	Would like to be able see/experience the springs that are, in essence, in a drowned condition.	Research from the Florida Defenders of the Environment.	I mourn the continued loss of habitat for manatees. Loss of wildlife, trees and acreage as it was naturally is not being nice to Mother Nature. The reservoir is an unnatural appendage.	Get rid of the dam. What good would getting rid of half of the dam do? Get rid of the dam. Nature will heal itself, and then we can talk about messing with it again.	
10/9/2021 20:50	Columbia		No	No					Please free the river and remove the dam, open the water ways.	Free our waterways	Land and animals	Get rid of the dam	Thank you for listening
10/9/2021 21:04	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River and the natural floodplain restored. There is no valid reason to keep the dam in place. It is costing taxpayers money to keep it and it benefits only a small number of people.	Taxpayers would be spared spending an estimated $14 million (measured in 2006 dollars) in unnecessary repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction in the first place. Even accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit analysis determined restoration would produce a cumulative net benefit of $47.2 million over the first 10 years, versus a cumulative loss of $5.3 million with repair and maintenance of the dam. Development has fragmented wildlife corridors, making it harder on animals that need to move about to find sufficient food and mates. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (OOO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant and animal species native to the region. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would ALL experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. And finally, $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure.	Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of this white elephant, and will continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. Restoration of the river and floodplain will not happen, water quality will continue to deteriorate, and the economic and environmental benefits that would result from the dam removal and restoration will not be realized.	No. The dam needs to go. It was never needed in the first place and it is not needed now. The Ocklawaha River needs to be restored. The economic and environmental benefits of removing it far outweigh any alleged benefit to keeping it in place.	Ecotourism and wildlife habitat would be enhanced by dam removal. Those who enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking, birding, and other outdoor activities far outnumber bass fishermen. Improving the water quality in the river would enlarge the ecosystem. The economic and environmental benefits of removing it far outweigh any alleged benefit to keeping it in place.
10/9/2021 21:21	Martin		No	No				removed	Florida's free flowing rivers are its greatest asset. We have caused too much harm to our land and residents by damming and straightening our rivers.	no improvement in the state of our waters	no		
10/9/2021 21:23	Volusia		No	No				I want to see the dam breached in a controlled fashion, allowing the free flow of water to return to its natural level. This would reunite the three rivers (Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns) of the Great Florida Waterway.	The dam and reservoir were originally constructed as part of the Cross-Florida Canal, which was abandoned over 50 years ago, The project was, in part, cancelled to environmental concerns. The dam should have been breached when the canal was cancelled, in order to avoid ecological damage.	If the aging Kirkpatrick Dam fails, then there could be major property damage for people who live along the St John's River.	No.	
10/9/2021 21:34	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the flow prior to the dam being built in 1968.	The future of the health of the Everglades is contingent on an uninterrupted flow of water into the wetlands.	More of the same is not working.	none that I am aware of	
10/9/2021 21:39	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam must be breached to restore the free flow of the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. John's Rivers.	Free flow of the Ocklawaha will restore a great river system involving the Ocklawaha, St. John's and Silver rivers, restoring a healthy ecosystem, providing endangered manatee habitat, restoring 20 lost springs and healthy wetland forests, and providing diverse recreational needs and associated economies.The dam serves minimal purpose and posed a significant danger while needing extensive expensive repair to protect the area from overflowing and the possibility of catastrophic dam failure.	Loss of the opportunity to restore a great river system, vast areas of natural habitat and diverse recreational potential with associated economic benefit, while facing expensive dam repair and danger of dam failure.	The dam must go - the cost benefit analysis is very clear.	
10/9/2021 22:17	Brevard		No	No					Breach the dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/9/2021 23:15	Osceola		No	No					If this project was not concluded 5 decades ago, and nobody cared about the wildlife and surrounding areas.	The political mentality of just a few money movers that only think about investments and not conservation or Global Warming.	I will continue protecting until am heard and listened.		
10/9/2021 23:19	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to its natural state.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored, along with 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem. Historic fish and manatees will return to the free-flowing river, with 100s of endangered manatees gaining essential warm water winter springs habitat.	Water quality would decline further, fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Restoring these issues is critical, as the state of our waters in so damaged, and continuing to deteriorate. The time for this is NOW.	The situation is already critical. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/9/2021 23:25	Escambia		No	No					RESTORE this important waterway!			NO	
10/9/2021 23:26	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I do not approve of the dam; have gone there to observe its build-up of exotic weeds and blockage of manatees	The dam must be breached within the year and the Ocklawaha allowed to once again run its natural course and the flooded springs restored.	The well-researched data provided by Florida Defenders of the Environment supports my request that the dam be breached, not repaired.	The continued decline of the Ocklawaha river system; the continual herbicide spraying of Rodman Reservoir & its negative impact on the environment.	No, the breaching of Rodman Dam is past over-due. It's time to let the Ocklawaha run free again	
10/9/2021 23:37	Lee		No	No					bake it down and restore the river to its original connections	a free flowing river system will benefit all of florida and the asuilers.	shat the water supply will be jeapardized	no, takw the damn dam down	we all know the best course of action. enough endless talk. just do it already
10/10/2021 0:51	Palm Beach		No	No									
10/10/2021 2:57	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the access returned for the benefit of the wildlife	Wildlife rights should outweigh man's profit	Harm to wildlife	Not familiar with the area	
10/10/2021 5:45	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Please remove so springs flow freely. Would improve non-human fish habitat. It is foolish to spend more money on this dam. Remove it	Natural habitat would be restored	Further destruction of springs and wildlife	We have waited long enough to restore it	
10/10/2021 5:53	Collier		No	No					Treated as the most valuable asset in the county. What flows to and from each body of water becomes it and continues to the next body. Treat water as it is your most valuable asset.	Toxic water poisons the land making it uninhabitable then flows to the next.	Florida will be a wasteland. A land left for oil mining and Cyanobacteria biofuel production.	Compared to a half baked cake?	I'm sending along a copy of our book "What's Killing Florida ". I hope your vision is that each part is of the whole and that good water is priceless. Please read our book.
10/10/2021 5:56	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other	The dam is a decaying structure that should be removed. It has outlived its useful life and spending additional money on its repair/upkeep would be a waste of taxpayer money.	The dam interferes with the river's free flow and diminishes the important ecosystem services it offers.	The ecological destruction caused by the dam would continue.	No. The river has been replaced by a reservoir for over half a century. The time for compromise is over and the dam must be removed.	Remove Rodman Dam!
10/10/2021 6:41	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	removed	That its lake is choked with weeds and suffers from oxygen depletion.	We will fail in undoing the harm of the wasteful and environmentally destructive Cross-Florida Barge Canal project resulting in further degradation of our lates beautiful natural ecosystem.	Just taking the next step and removing the dam would be wonderful.	The answer in removing the dam which supports a canal which will never be used is silly. Bass fishing is fun, it is not a sufficient reason to keep this ecological misstep going. Budget the funds and remove it. You will be serving the greater good along with a clear majority wanting it removed.
10/10/2021 7:27	Sarasota		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.		15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of r-natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/10/2021 7:42	Duval		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam on the Rodman Reservoir	The dam has impeded the River's flow, blocking the movement of aquatic life and degrading water quality; current situation threatens manatees and fish by impeding their migratory route; breaching the dam would improve environmental health and increase tourism in area increasing demand for local environmentally sensitive businesses	Continued degradation of the environmental health of the whole river system and increased health threats to both wildlife and humans	No	
10/10/2021 7:46	Sumter		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating	Breach the dam and return to natural flow	Manatee migration and restore the lost springs	Continued issues with our springs	No. Why spend money on a dam that does nothing bit harm the environment	
10/10/2021 7:56	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. Also, it saves money in dam repairs and still creates recreational opportunities and jobs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. It's a ridiculous dam and waste of money.	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.
10/10/2021 7:59	Volusia		No	No					Unite two rivers	Info from environmental groups			
10/10/2021 8:13	Volusia		No	No					I would like it to be opened and the waterway restored	The dam serves no useful function.	The Oklawaha will not be restored	Part of the structure could be preserved.	The river has great historical significance as a navigable route from Palatka to Silver Springs. I believe it would be a present day recreational resource if this pathway was restored.
10/10/2021 8:33	Dade		No	No					Get rid of the dam and unite the rivers already.	The dam has been ecological damage for over 50 years.	Environmental damage to the area of course.	No.	
10/10/2021 8:38	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Remove the Dam, the reservoir is so difficult to navigate do to stumps and vegetation it's not worth using. The Ocklawaha River would be so much healthier and could actually be better navigated with the dam removed.	Usability and Health of the River	The river will continue to be hurt by the prevention of the natural flow .	No the rodman dam needs to go and restore the Ocklawaha natural flow	
10/10/2021 8:42	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/10/2021 8:57	Volusia		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River to its historic/natural course.	I don't understand this question	The catastrophic failure of the dam	No	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River to its natural course is long overdue.
10/10/2021 9:17	Bradford		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Don't use the damn. Stopped to look at it in disgust…waste of money to build and maintain	Breach the damn and get the river flowing back the way it should	Environmental impact	Excitment to the environment	No	
10/10/2021 9:12	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed.	The dam was part of the ill-fated cross-Florida canal project, an endeavor that was abandoned years ago	Continuing environmental damage.	No	
10/10/2021 9:14	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	remove the dam.	inundation of the riverbed/ecosystem.		I would be pleased to review various scenarios.	
10/10/2021 9:17	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be removed. Now. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	There is no completing, logical argument for the dam to remain, nor has there been for 50 years. It is a relic of poor decision making by short-sighted officials spurred on by lobbyists who had no concern for the environmental damage that would result. Let The Ocklawaha flow.
10/10/2021 9:35	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	out back in originality to help the animals fish and manatees	it is a low cost fix to an existing problem	more world goo	none at this time	
10/10/2021 9:41	Volusia		No	No					Remove it and restore Florida's natural ecosystem	The unnatural man made attempt to create a cross state canal has destroyed the natural flow of our water systems and destroyed ecosystems and habitats.	The continued devastation of Florida's ecosystem.	Remove the damn and see if the natural water flow can heal itself without further intervention.	Please stop throwing good money after bad to continue an ill-conceived, politically motivated project. Spend what is needed to reverse the course back to its natural state and let it heal itself. Stop trying to maintain a poorly constructed, environmentally destructive project.
10/10/2021 9:51	Broward		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River brought back to its natural state. The environmental damage that the Kirkpatrick Dam has caused on the surrounding natural areas and wildlife has created many problems. Which includes inundating 9000 acres of the Ocala National Forest, smothering 20 natural springs, and blocking the historic path of manatees, striped Bass, and multiple marine life. To appease the fisherman over environmental degradation seems to be a common path of political legislation in Florida. Let's stop holding nature hostage and respect the rights of nature and let the Oklawaha River flow in its natural state. I kayak frequently at Silver Springs that has been affected by the dam. Please do the right thing and free up the River!	The degradation of the environment and wildlife affected by the dam. With over 1000 Manatee deaths in South Florida due to the loss of sea grass affected by the algae pollution from Lake Okeechobee which is another dam problem, let's learn to stop manipulating nature to appease profit over what is the right thing to do.	The continued negative impact the Kirkpatrick Dam has on the environment. Natural water flow creates healthier lakes and better fishing. Healthier springs supply clean drinking water. The clean waterways will not happen with a dam that continues to stop the natural lakes water to flow.	No, take down the dam and open the reservoir to allow the Ocklawaha to flow in its natural state. Let nature take its natural course for a change in Florida.	

10/10/2021 9:52	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Feeding my family	I would like to see the continued operations supporting the Buckman Lock, Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Lake and all of the recreational areas surrounding it. This area is a thriving wildlife habitat, with world-class fishing that helps support a largely rural economy.	This area is one of Putnam County's top tourism assets drawing thousands of visitors each year. This asset delivers much needed profitable tourism dollars for our county. Much of the success of soliciting large-scale nationally televised tournaments is due to the presence of Rodman. Rodman Lake is featured annually as one of the top ten bass fisheries in the State and in the top 100 in the United States	Tremendous loss of critical income to an already fiscally constrained County. Putnam County is a designated RAO (Rural Areas of Opportunity) - Defined as a rural community that has been adversely affected by extraordinary economic events or natural disasters	We are unaware of any compromise that could help both sides achieve their desired outcomes. We respectively ask that the fate of Rodman Reservoir be guided by facts and reason, not overwhelming campaigns of misinformation.	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS/STATEMENTS Florida DEP estimates that Rodman Reservoir supported 307,217 visitor days in 1993, more visits than all but 10 of Florida's 129 state parks. In 1992, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimated there were 376,609 visitor days, more visits than all but 12 of Florida's 129 parks. Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) documented the total recreational use of Rodman Reservoir (343,840 person-hours) was 3 times greater than the use of the Ocklawaha River (133,859 person-hours). Florida GFC also documented that Rodman Reservoir supported 32,059 person-hours of recreational swimming, 13,934 person-hours of recreational boating, 6,839 person-hours of canoeing, and 1,195 person-hours of hunting. Rodman Reservoir provided more non-fishing recreational use (62,229 person-hours) than the Ocklawaha River (51,692 person-hours). Florida DEP estimated a loss of 55% of the total recreational use if the Ocklawaha River is restored. Florida GFC concluded the loss of Rodman Reservoir will result in a 63% decrease in recreational use. (Fl. DEP Socio-economic Study, Volume 5-pages 2-40, 3-37, 3-41 & 3-55; (Fl. GFC Recreational Use and Fisheries Report, pages 5,9, & 15) St. Johns River Water Management District documented over 12 different habitat types within the Rodman Reservoir Complex, more habitats than the Ocklawaha River, The Rodman Reservoir Complex includes over a mile of river and flood plain swamp and there is now a greater number of species inhabiting the Rodman Reservoir area than before impoundment. Source: Dr. Daniel E. Canfield compiled these statements from reports from agencies stated. St. Johns River Water Management District documented over 12 different habitat types within the Rodman Reservoir Complex, more habitats than the Oklawaha River, The Rodman Reservoir Complex includes over a mile of river and flood plain swamp and there is now a greater number of species inhabiting the Rodman Reservoir area than before impoundment. St. Johns River Water Management District also found that it is highly unlikely that sediment inflows are a significant problem in retaining Rodman reservoir. It is estimated that it would take about 8,000 years to fill in the reservoir. Source: St. Johns River Water Management District Environmental Studies Concerning Four Alternatives for Rodman reservoir and The Oklawaha River, Volume 20 - Pages 17,18,19,77,94 & Appendix A; Volume 10 Page 137
10/10/2021 9:53	St Johns		No	No					Free the river and open the Kirkpatrick Dam to help the managers survive	Dying manatees, control invasive tilapia,	Continued manatee starvation, poor environmental health of the river	Partial opening of the dam	Please help preserve manatees and Florida's ecological system
10/10/2021 9:56	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times		Removal of the Dam	Return to its natural environment. Submerged springs will be able to flow. It's an aging structure that is quite costly to maintain. Would provide warm habitat for manatees.	Missed opportunity to correct, as well as significant costs to maintain aging structure.		
10/10/2021 10:03	Volusia		No	No					The dam should have been removed in 1970.		President Nixon and Fl. Governs Chiles, Bush and Crist knew it was bad for the environment and the cross FL barge canal would never be completed, but could never get support from legislators. It was a failed project long ago, stop spending money to maintain it.	No. Erase the dam and restore your he rivers and creeks	
10/10/2021 10:18	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Removal	The dam has done nothing economically but has been disastrous for ecology, the spraying poisonous herbicides has only benefited the applicators.	If done right, none.	If not total removal then at least breached.	
10/10/2021 10:25	Hernando		No	No					breach it	Restores it to a healthier status	It's terrible for animals	No	
10/10/2021 10:29	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the waterways restored .	The harm the damn causes in the movement of wildlife, especially fish and manatees.	That animals will be harmed, injured or die without space to travel.	I don't think so.	Thank you for this form so that I have a chance to comment.
10/10/2021 10:34	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, it's harming the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Hundreds of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Oklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/10/2021 10:52	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: observation	Remove the dam	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	Thanks for taking the time to look at my responses. Please let's move forward to improve the water quality and the fish habitat in the St. John's, Ocklawaha and Silver.
10/10/2021 10:55	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural state by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to make the river free-flowing and restore the connection between Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Science - Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	If it's not done, the negative impacts to water quality, fish, wildlife, forests and submerged grasses will continue. Restoring the natural flow of fresh water will improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. It will reestablish thousands of acres of forested wetlands and help ensure the healthy continued growth of submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	NO there is no other acceptable scenario. This is 50+ years overdue and there's no acceptable reason to wait any longer.	
10/10/2021 10:56	Alachua		No	No					Dismantle the Dam and restore the natural flow of the river system.	The original purpose of the dam was for the cross Florida canal that was never empleted, thus it's existence is superfluous and unnecessary.	The lasting damage to the ecosystem compounds over time.	The dam is either there, or it isn't.	I grew up on the banks of the Ocklawaha River in the Ocala National Forest during the 1980's and 1990's. My family has lived there for over 100 years. My great grandfather James Robert Peebles was involved in the logging industry and transported logs down the Ocklawaha River in the early 20th century. The Ocklawaha River is the lifeblood of that ecosystem. It should be restored to its natural condition for the benefit of the entire river system.
10/10/2021 11:35	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: To see the ugly cesspool	Remove the dam	Fish abd manatee migration	The fight will go on	No	
10/10/2021 11:36	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Bird watching	I would like to see the dam breached so that the river can be restored to its normal flow.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. 1characters:
10/10/2021 11:46	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Completely removed and the waterway completely reopened.	Opposition by a small minority of fishing groups thwarts the will of many on this subject.	That the state bows to groups that do not represent the will of the majority of Floridians.	No. The damn must be removed and the waterway opened again.	Remove the damn!
10/10/2021 11:59	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see it taken down and the original natural state returned as much as possible.	To be clear, the value of "original natural state" does not require explanation.	Continued unnecessary and counter-productive degradation of natural waterway.	No.	
10/10/2021 12:05	Marion		No	No					Dam should be removed. We need to restore the Ocklawaha River.	connecting a free-flowing Ocklawaha to the St. John's River would create a migratory route for fish and manatees from the Atlantic Ocean.	A further demise of the manatees. No recovery of the lost springs submerged due to the Dam. The environmental health of the whole river system would not be improved.	If the Dam could it least be breached, this would allow for the restoration of river flow and levels to pre-dam conditions.	American Rivers has listed the Ocklawaha as one of the most endangered rivers in 2020. The dam was to be part of the Cross Florida Barge Canal which was environmentally destructive and was terminated by President Nixon. The dam should have been removed at that time.
10/10/2021 12:20	Citrus		No	No					Kirkpatrick Dam removed.	Manatee access. Springs restored. Land recovered.	Needed habitat for manatees not available.	No.	
10/10/2021 12:31	Seminole		No	No					Let it flow	Environmental impact	River to be vibrant with fish and fowl and living things.	Not sure	
10/10/2021 12:49	Bradford		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Other: Viewing/picnicking	Restored to its original natural state by breeching the dam.	The environmental damage it has caused	Continued ecological, environmental damage, water quality, harm to wildlife.	No	It is long past time to restore the Oklawaha and breach the dam.
10/10/2021 12:53	Pinellas		No	No					Remove dam; restore original configuration		Further damage to surrounding area; further diminution of natural Fl.	No	
10/10/2021 13:07	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see Kirkpatrick Dam decommissioned and restoration begun on the river's floodplain.	I spent three years studying the "understory vegetation" of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal for a report issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers. I visited every intact forest along the Ocklawaha and in the canal path on the St. Johns. I knew the floodplain very well.	My impression is that nitrogen pollution is an increasing problem in Silver River, so I expect that restoration planning would need to examine this problem to determine whether the Ocklawaha can self-clean or whether some kind of diversion into treatment wetlands might have to be devised. The Kissimmee is a very different system, but I suspect that some design experience from that river could be helpful.	The dam appears to be a safety problem; I'm not expert on that. The river seems eminently restorable.	
10/10/2021 13:08	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Restoring the waterway would improve water quality and uncover lost springs, providing benefits for recreational users of all types as well as wildlife.
10/10/2021 13:24	Lee		No	No					Restore is back to natural habitat.	I am leaving FL because of poor water quality.	That the long term viability of the Florida tourism will be destroyed due to poor water quality.	Any bit of restoration would be better.	
10/10/2021 13:34	Pinellas		No	No					Take into consideration the whole picture - past, present, future environmental impacts.	In general I'm concerned about the present and future impact to plants, animals and humans	Irreversible environmental damage		
10/10/2021 13:35	Broward		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.		Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Please temporarily draw down the reservoir to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs which will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	The year 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Oklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/10/2021 13:37	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: camping	Removed and restored to natural state.	It blocks the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	It would continue the environmental damage as well as waste taxpayer money on upkeep of an unused dam.	Partial removal of the dam to allow water to flow into the Ocklawaha River.	Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion. I hope after all these years action will finally begin.
10/10/2021 13:38	Volusia		No	No			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Please drain the reservoir and restore the Ocklawaha	restore Fl natural springs and beauty to the area	Continuing degradation of the Silver River, Ocklawaha River, and Saint John's River systems. Continued environmental and economic losses for the State of Florida.	Best to shoot for full restoration. It will probably never achieve that goal, but that would be the best outcome for our state.	As long term Fl residents, originally living in Alachua county and now living in Volusia,the springs, manatees and nature are the most outstanding feature of central Fl. Please undo harm done in the past
10/10/2021 13:40	Seminole		No	No					Let the river run freely again!	The terrible condition of adjacent waterways.	Continued deterioration and eventual death of an important FL ecosystem.	NO, and I will let this guide my voting.	
10/10/2021 13:44	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Restore natural river flow to St. John's and uncover springs now under water in lake. Improve wildlife habitat especially for manatees	A missed opportunity for restoring the river to a more natural state More money put into a dam that should removed	No the dam removal is the only way to restore the river	
10/10/2021 13:45	Duval		No	No					Remove it	It's harming the wildlife and choking the waterways	More of our aquatic life will suffer and die	I would support removing it and would be satisfied for a tax increase in order to do so.	
10/10/2021 13:47	Broward		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking					
10/10/2021 13:56	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Reconnect the Oklawaha River with the St. John's in its natural flow.	That the dam is failing	That the dam would fail and cause unexpected damage or that a lot of money would be spent for something that's going to constantly need upkeep	Not sure	
10/10/2021 13:57	Brevard		No	No					My husband and I would like to see the dam breached and water flow be restored between the upper Ocklawaha and the lower river systems.	A multitude of studies show the environmental and economic benefits of this restoration.	Continuing degradation of the Silver River, Oklawaha River, and Saint John's River systems. Continued environmental and economic losses for the State of Florida.	Best to shoot for full restoration. It will probably never achieve that goal, but that would be the best outcome for our state.	Economically this move makes sense for our future in the great state of Florida.
10/10/2021 14:01	Sarasota		No	No					Please restore this to a free flowing river.	We know the damage that dams and reservoirs cause. Across the country rivers are being restored to be free flowing - it will benefit us all in the state.			
10/10/2021 14:10	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir.	The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir.	Further environmental degradation and continuation of the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor.	No as this is the compromise.	
10/10/2021 14:15	Citrus		No	No					Remove the dam to allow the river to flow freely again.	PAPS info about restoring the natural environment.	The dam may fail	Depends what options are proposed.	
10/10/2021 14:19	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	I want the dams removed and the river restored to its natural flow. I think that the springs exposed during the draw downs are exceptionally nice places and will promote a broader use than the dams provide. Furthermore, the fishing is better on the river than it is in the reservoir.	I spend far more time on the river during drawdowns. The river is beautiful in its natural state. The reservoir is a far less-interesting place to spend the day. I don't catch fish in the reservoir. I always catch fish in the natural river. Besides, that dams have been ordered removed several times. Why should we still pay to maintain them?	The river will continue to be choked by invasive aquatic plants, and places like Tobacco springs will only be seen occasionally during drawdowns.	I've been fighting this travesty since I was a boy. The project never should have happened at all. Restore it!	Just do the right thing by the citizens, Please! For once, fix it!
10/10/2021 14:24	Dade		No	No						Data provided to me by the Florida Native Plant Society	Loss of natural habitat		
10/10/2021 14:25	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Frog-gigging from airboat	Maintain status quo with lock and dam	Compiled reports of 14 years of field research while working as a fisheries management specialist for the "old" Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.	The catastrophic loss of an evolved, naturally sustained bio-diverse habitant and recreational treasure	No...to "breach or not to breach" is as decision not subject to compromise	The only real "skin" in this game is Putnam County residents and the multitude of outdoors enthusiasts who actually use the area for various recreational purposes. "Arm-chair environmentalists" have only ego at stake--there is no "greater good" in their argument....
10/10/2021 14:31	Charlotte		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing					
10/10/2021 14:36	Martin		Yes	Yes			1 time	Fishing Other: I frequent all of the estuaries along Florida's east coast for my profession, both for running trips as a licensed fishing guide as well as digital marketing campaigns for manufacturers in the fishing and tourism industries.	Breach the dam.	Impact of stagnant dams around the country as the prime example of inhibitors to old water flows done with industrial goals which at the time had no perspective on their ecological impact. With the current state of Florida's coastal waters and our statewide battle to protect our estuaries that are already under siege by an abundance of users, warming seas and water quality issues, there is no reason not use this dam as an easy first domino in the right direction. The ecological repercussions of its removal are phenomenal and support ecotourism and eco-recreation that will improve estuary health and bring significantly more money to the region than a stagnant dam does.	If we can't agree on a non-partisan "no brainer" for ecological restoration, we are laying the groundwork for polarized upcoming water management and fisheries management issues that could use this single act as an incredible example to unify public goals. This is time for ecological, non-profit and state entities to show collaborative effort when public interest it as it's peak and to act in a progressive manner.	No. Bring it down. Healthy estuaries ARE Florida. Regardless of race, color, creed, sexuality or political party - we ALL benefit from healthy estuaries.	
10/10/2021 14:36	Orange		No	No					Maintain property as wildlife reservoir & protected lands.		Unscrupulous land developer & Florida politician upset wildlife habitats & pollute local waterways.	Not really	
10/10/2021 14:37	Volusia		No	No					Remove it and restore the natural course of the river	It is way past time for the dam to be removed and stop the negative environmental impact it has. It should have been done back in the 1970s.	That no one listens to state and federal environmental regulators who say the dam kills manatees and prevents fish migration. Environmentalists have tried for years to get the dam taken down and it needs to happen.	No!	The Cross Florida Barge Project was an ill-conceived project from the beginning and spending more money maintaining and restoring an environmentally unfriendly dam built to accommodate it a half century after it was abandoned is jus plain stupid.
10/10/2021 14:38	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural flow prior to the construction of the Rodman Reservoir and the Kirkpatrick Dam.		Continued destruction and loss of natural habitat in and to the surrounding environment	Nope	
10/10/2021 14:39	Palm Beach		No						Breach the dam to restore the free flowing river.	I Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. I 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. I Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harperigntia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. I Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (OZO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. I Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. I The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary.	Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the OZO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonnah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/10/2021 14:40	Manatee		No	No									
10/10/2021 14:42	Broward		No	No						I feel it's important to have the Kilpatrick damn removed and the Rademann reservoir drained .	I have kayaked the Ocklawaha River frequently when I lived in Central Florida and I would love to see it maintained its beauty and it's important to remove the dam and drain the reservoir to achieve its natural state		
10/10/2021 14:45	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: hiking					
10/10/2021 14:51	Leon		No	No					Removed the dam allow the water to free flow for the environment.	Dams are environmentally damaging.	Environmental impacts	No	
10/10/2021 14:53	Monroe		No	No					The dam is removed	Natural flow is restored and makes the St. John's Watershed healthier	Manatees would be unable to reach warm winter water	No	Manatees have been dying and we need to replace and renew their habitat
10/10/2021 14:53	Orange		No	No					I'd like to see the dam and reservoir removed.	Florida's natural flow of streams and the resulting natural fish, flora and fauna.	The dam and reservoir never did what they were intended to do, and trying to keep them as is, results in more environmental degradation. Do you really want to spend more taxpayer dollars on repairing and maintaining a mistake?	No. Any compromise merely spends more money on a huge mistake, and this mistake has caused enormous environmental damage to fish, wildlife and plants. Breach the dam and let nature take its course.	I've read about the ridiculous attempts we have made in FL (and elsewhere) to improve on what was here naturally. Please achieve the humility to understand that humans are inherently prone to failure. Leave God's earth alone.
10/10/2021 15:03	Volusia		No	No						I believe it is fiscally and environmentally responsible to return the Oklawaha to its original course by dismantling the earth dam from where the river used to flow.	The dam is reportedly past a point at which its safety can be assured. It was intended to support the creation of the cross-Florida canal, a project that has since been abandoned. The reservoir created by the dam has covered up a series of springs and poses a threat to downstream communities should the dam fail.	Failure of the dam and damage to property and communities downstream.	It seems to me that returning the area to its natural state is the responsible action and the preferred outcome.
10/10/2021 15:03	Highlands		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The growing body of knowledge clearly demonstrates the need for removal of the dam and human-altering additions followed by complete restoration back to the closest approximation of the natural condition.	Science	Further degradation of natural resources and ecological integrity will continue until we reverse this crime against nature, the environment, and society.	Possibly but given the track history of environmentally engineered projects and politics in Florida, an alternative solution would be best received coming from as best an incorruptible source can be found such as a collective of academic and non-profit professionals not connected to financial or political interests.	
10/10/2021 15:04	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Every morning I see the lake from our house. It lets me breath and reduces stress...unless someone is trying to destroy it.	The SJRWMD, DEP, Greenways should publically proclaim and support what a great resource the Rodman Reservoir/Lake Ocklawaha is. For too long these organizations have not supported Rodman and have not countered the emotional conversation from those who want to destroy the reservoir to mislead the public. The voices of those who want to destroy Rodman are loud but often misinformed. Again, those voices need to be countered by SJRWMD, DEP and the Greenways. I do not want the lake destroyed!	The Studies funded and done by the legislature were positive about the health and value of Rodman. The Lakewatch statistics over the years also document that Rodman does clean the water of phosphorus and other harmful nutrients before flowing into the St. Johns River. Watching and enjoying Rodman for over 40 years, I see first hand a healthy lake.	The loss for property owners of the value of their property. The loss of a valuable water resource at a time of concerns about the dwindling supply of water and the loss of a unique recreational area.	No. Destroying Rodman Reservoir would be a tragedy and is pointless.	I have lived beside and watched this established ecosystem for over 40 years. Rodman Reservoir is truly unique. The health of the lake is maintained by periodic drawdowns. Manatees can go safely through Buckman Locks. There is ample vegetation for manatee food. The fishing pier and recreational area at Buckman Lock provide free fishing and recreation for many low income families. Fishing along the exposed river bank would never be as popular. Boating on Rodman whether to fish or just enjoy the water and the diversity of the environment is affordable and easily accessible. The cost to maintain Rodman and Buckman Lock has never been excessive. The eastern end of the Greenways corridor begins with a diverse and valuable ecosystem. Managed and publicized Rodman/Lake Ocklawaha will continue to be a valuable recreational area.
10/10/2021 15:10	Volusia		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River	Damage and degradation of the river caused by the dam.	Continued damage of the Ocklawaha River		
10/10/2021 15:12	Orange		No	No					prioritize natural environment and health	the universe is on fire, literally	legislators being held responsible for crimes against humanity	no	
10/10/2021 15:22	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	dam removed and river returned to original state	natural history.dam does not serve purpose it was put in for.	mine	no.dam was installed for barge canal that was never built,serves no purpose other than that.	
10/10/2021 15:27	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to encourage you to breach the Rodman Dam and partially restore the Oklawaha River.	nature and the springs			
10/10/2021 15:25	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam so the river will run free. Restore it to its natural beauty.	Reports by environmental scientists	Continued degradation of Florida's natural resources	No	
10/10/2021 15:37	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the damn and let natural source of water flow an return this area as it should be prior to man's fatally misaligned judgement to cut a canal through middle of florida with salt water on both sides, not very thought through system.	Water quality of the remaining mess in/around an caused by a needless dam.	just that it represents another demolition of natural surroundings by thought less humans and my CONCERN is that it will continue as is which is ludicrous to think about but sure that if not corrected same politicians mine that but dam in place to start with will continue and they will make it another housing project since everything else if dam not removed in time will die.	NO!!!!!!!!!!	Get over it the dam must be removed to restore natural balance in system, how many studies not you need to understand that!
10/10/2021 15:42	Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Preservation of as natural as possible with removal of invasive species. Greater promotion of availability as a natural destination.	I'm disgusted with how supposed leaders in our state disregard the unique natural areas in our amazing state. We should promote Florida for what we have as a natural destination, fund areas better and slow down the destruction of our natural areas by 'development's' for profit of companies that destroy.	What are we leaving as legacy?	I'm not sure.	

10/10/2021 15:45	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed so that the previous natural water way may be restored.	The information that the Florida Native Plant Society has provided about the negative impact the dam has on the environment	My biggest concern is the loss of species important to Florida's ecosystem.	No	
10/10/2021 15:48	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the reservoir drained and the dam removed	This would restore the river.	continued degradation of the river	not that I can see	
10/10/2021 15:53	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the dam.	Many positive outcomes. To name a few, Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha.	More wasted money, more environmental degradation.	No	
10/10/2021 15:58	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Open the dam	Damage to the oklawaha	Environment impact	No	
10/10/2021 15:59	Volusia		No	No					Dam removal and floodplain and wetland habitat restoration				
10/10/2021 16:08	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Taken down. Bring River back to natural setting.	Brings wildlife back and exposes springs that are now covered up	Dam will brake and cause flooding. Also large amounts of funds needed to repair dam.	No other scenario, dam must come down	
10/10/2021 16:08	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River--breach the Kirkpatrick Dam and drain the Rodman Reservoir				
10/10/2021 16:12	St Johns		No	No					Whatever is best for the environment and the people impacted.	The desire to do the right thing.	Lost opportunity for the environment and well being of Florida.	Always compromise what works best for both parties.	
10/10/2021 16:13	Leon		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir	Biological integrity of intact systems.	Loss of opportunity to make the world a better place	Not that I can think of	
10/10/2021 16:19	Duval		No	No					I would like for the Kirkpatrick Dam to be removed to help our declining population of manatees. I had to save a manatee this past year because it had beached itself in my backyard it was underweight and dying of starvation.	Our manatees need more places to feed to prevent starvation of these historical animals. We need to help them before they are lost forever. Removing the Dam would provide more areas where the manatees can find food.	That more manatees will die of starvation. They will soon be extinct.		
10/10/2021 16:20	Sumter		No	No					The original purpose of the dam is no longer valid. No related purpose can be found. Remove the dam and restore the flow in the Oklawaha	Fishing in the reservoir is artificially maintained. No other form of recreation is even viable.	We tend to abhor change. The only way to convince ourselves that change is worth it; is to hang a price tag on it. We'll make XXXX if this happens, and it will only cost us XS. The people supporting this change have tried very hard to put removing the reservoir in those financial as well as environmental words. If no change is avoided in this matter, it proves that we as humans cannot value environmental change in the same manner as we value housing developments and manmade dams.	Lower the dam so that the water flows in the Oklawaha basin, and the reservoir looks more like a 1 acre sinkhole.	
10/10/2021 16:21	Broward		No	Yes					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir - Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha & Silver Springs; Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, & the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon & Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, & potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality & increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/ Ocklawaha River system by impeding the saltwater intrusion resulting from sea level rise. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy & never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. The large expenditures required for herbicide to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds & to conduct other maintenance, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality & recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary.	$57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure. Economic analysis conducted by researchers at UF demonstrate the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of anglers & boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, & annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been declining since records began in 2004 as water quality & fish production have also declined. When accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit analysis determined restoration would produce a cumulative net benefit of $47.2 million over the first 10 years, vs. a cumulative loss of $5.5 million with repair & maintenance of the dam. The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents & expand eco-tourism, & more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir. 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, & many miles of natural river channel that were drowned because of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plants would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel & in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetlands located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. Imperiled plant species like the endangered and native Star Anise & threatened Panhandlea could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant & animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea & Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems, the Ocklawaha, Silver & St. Johns, would experience significant environmental improvement restoration.	A continued decline in preserving Florida's best asset, its habitat, causing devastating environmental and economic impacts. Florida must continue to improve how we care for our habitat, especially as it is such a draw for eco-tourists. We cannot afford to lose that revenue stream, and we cannot afford to be spending good money after bad when it is in our power to prevent this. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration. The survey concludes with the option of providing additional comments (at your own discretion if you wish to elaborate on anything or add personal reflections or considerations). Remember that you do not need to be a local resident, or even a Florida resident, to participate in the survey! Take an expansive view of ecotourism and recreational usage by including Silver Springs, the Ocala National Forest, the St Johns River, and important land conservation projects like the Etonian Creek/Cross Florida Greenway Florida Forever project. Ultimately, we all have a stake, environmental and economic, in whether Florida finally restores a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	
10/10/2021 16:21	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed and the river restored.	The reservoir is nutrient laden, has poor water quality, and negatively impacts wildlife and natural functions of the area.	The natural functions fir wildlife and fisheries will continue to decline, and the opportunity to restore this area will be missed.	No, the dam must be removed.	Maintaining this dam and reservoir is a waste of public funds, and is contrary to the public good.
10/10/2021 16:24	St Lucie		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	We need to restore the natural flow of water to restore important ecosystems that support the natural flora and fauna in the area.
10/10/2021 16:25	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Rodman is a very special place, from the beautiful cypress trees to the abundant wildlife. The last trip a few days ago we saw countless bald eagles, 4 manatees and so much more. It is one of the prettiest places I have ever seen. So much wildlife counts on Rodman to thrive. The manatees are just eating the vegetation all over the place. A beautiful place indeed	I would say the wildlife, in Jacksonville where I live the manatees dont have much to eat due to no food so I have seen them actually crawl out the water to eat peoples lawns. They have unlimited food at Rodman	The wildlife would disappear, the people in the area also count on it for a living because it brings so much money to the area.	No, do not remove the dam	Truly go see it and take a true tour and see how amazing it is
10/10/2021 16:27	Hillsborough		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: 15 Years in Lake County. Spent lots of time in Ocala Forest, Fishing and Hunting. Saw the ravages of the reservoir construction, loss of river access, and water quality degradation behind the dam. Please remove it and restore the river system.	Remove the dam and restore the river system.	Water quality degradation in the reservoir, and cost of maintaining the dam.	Lots of natural lakes and recreational opportunities in Central Florida already. It is sad that this has lasted so long, and the river habitat continues to suffer.	NO. The dam either stays or goes. Lets get rid of it and its negative impacts.	We have seen the degradation of water quality in the whole Oklawaha Chain. Impoundments need to be looked at as long term liabilities, not real estate amenities. Algae filled green water lakes filled with shad, gar and mud fish are now being seen as not good for business or real estate values, and its about time.
10/10/2021 16:36	Brevard		No	No					No input to provide.	No input to provide.	No input to provide.	No input to provide.	
10/10/2021 16:38	Collier		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	•Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	•Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	•If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	•No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	As a retired biologist and land manager, I feel strongly that the dam should go.
10/10/2021 16:40	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like it to remain as is.	It is the only place for the handi cap to fish and enjoy the water.	The environment that has been established is thriving and doing well. There would not be a place for family recreation. The handi capped citizens would have nowere to fish and enjoy the quiet of nature.	I don't know I have not heard anything but total distruction of the dam. I feel the damage can not be undone.	My family and I have enjoyed the beauty and quiet of the dam for years. We have camped, fished and boated. We have gone there just to relax. It is a beautiful place to just sit and meditate.
10/10/2021 16:48	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	I'd like to see the dam removed allowing the Oklawaha to resume its natural course.	Salinity of the St John's and the ecological benefit of a free flowing river	Continuing ecological damage and elimination of wildlife habitat.	No	The dam serves no useful purpose. It has no hydroelectric function. It's part of the disastrous cross Florida barge canal that was scrubbed in the early 70s. Let nature take its course.
10/10/2021 16:52	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking					
10/10/2021 17:07	Marion		No	No									
10/10/2021 17:11	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of a free flowing river	Restoration of original ecosystem	Water quality, original ecosystem	No. No compromises. Do the right thing to protect the ecosystem	
10/10/2021 17:13	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like see Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	NO, NO, NO. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
10/10/2021 17:18	Sumter		No	No									
10/10/2021 17:18	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Tear down the dam (it has structural issues) and return the Ocklawaha to its natural state. We the people were amiss to build this dam...let's make it right! The Kissimmee river is doing better; time for Rodman to go! I believe it will help manatees, as well as other native species. Thank you.	Personal experience - knowing that area as a child, and seeing how it has changed for the worse.	That the State of Florida will continue to make poor decisions involving our dwindling wild areas.	No, not that I have seen at this point.	Please do the right thing for Florida
10/10/2021 17:22	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam & locks permanently I own land in Putnam County near Welaka	I want to be able to visit the Springs that are covered by water due to the dam. The water held by the dam does not allow fish to reproduce & must be stocked each year.	The natural flow of the river will never happen if the dam is not removed. Once it reaches 50 years it will be considered an historical site & that will occure very soon	No for the reason given above.	The land we own allows is to boat on the Oklawaha river up to the dam & lock into the reservoir When working
10/10/2021 17:28	Orange		No	No					Restore it back to its natural state.	Restore it back to its natural state.	Environmental Benefits	Continued environmental hardship on this river.	If reasonable, yes.
10/10/2021 17:31	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	open the dam	the history of the project	Cynicism about conservation in Florida	I don't know of any	
10/10/2021 17:38	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/10/2021 17:41	Dade		No	No									
10/10/2021 17:42	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Complete removal.	This was not how nature intended this property to be used in the first place, much less decades later.	That these wetlands be permanently ruined.	Leave the dam open so that the waters, the flora and fauna have a fighting chance.	It is atrocious and repulsive that this state of affairs have continued as long as it has and that it seems this is because of fishing, so that sportsman can have their day.
10/10/2021 17:42	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: springs research	I would like to see the dam breached to allow the Ocklawaha River free flowing in its original channel.	The health of Silver Springs, the Silver River, and the 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha will never be restored with the dam blocking the free flow of the river.	The long-term damage to the aquatic resources of the Silver River, the Ocklawaha River, and the St. Johns River will continue to worsen.	No.	
10/10/2021 17:43	Sarasota		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached to allow restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	The advantages to plant and wildlife by breaching the dam are manifold. Regeneration of the river channel and springs would allow for thousands of acres of diverse submerged aquatic plant communities. Plants and animals would no longer be restricted in movement along the Ocala to Osceola wildlife corridor if the current open water expanse of the reservoir were replaced with a restored floodplain forest. For example, manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha & Silver Springs. In addition, by creating at least 150 million gallons of day of additional natural water flow, the health of the entire St. Johns/Ocklawaha river system would be improved, enhancing water quality and resiliency against the ever-present threat of salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. Apart from the environmental benefits, breaching the Dam would obviate the need for expensive repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for which it was constructed. There would be no need for expensive herbicide treatments to control invasive weeds in a futile effort to maintain the quality of the stagnant Reservoir waters. Finally, in additional to environmental benefits and cost savings, the project would enhance the eco-tourism potential of the region to attract visitors and residents who enjoy the natural beauty of the Ocklawaha River and environs.	Money would continue to be spent on maintaining a decaying Dam, to the detriment of the environment. The water quality of the Reservoir will continue to decline, creating an even bigger environmental challenge for surrounding communities and the state of Florida. Breaching the Dam saves money, saves plants, and saves animals, and offers new and creative opportunities for surrounding communities. To leave the Dam as it is would be a terrible waste of a unique opportunity to create a model of environmental restoration not only in Florida, but for the entire country.	No	
10/10/2021 17:47	Pinellas		No	Yes				Other: I don't. It shouldn't be there, at all!!	Remove it and uncover all of the springs that were submerged and FREE the Ocklawaha River, once & for all!	All of the various research I've read over the years on this matter.	I'm not going to entertain that notion.	No.	FREE THE OKLAWAHA!!
10/10/2021 17:48	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Set back to its original state.	Nature			
10/10/2021 17:48	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached so that the Ocklawaha River and its floodplain can be restored to its natural state.	This is a unique opportunity to right a historic wrong in how we have treated natural Florida. In many cases, the changes that humans have wrought on nature are irreversible. In this case, we can reverse the damage and restore a beautiful natural waterway to its former state. This is a historic chance to recover and restore a unique piece of natural Florida.	I have so many concerns, it's difficult to identify just one! My biggest concern is that a bad decision made 50 years ago is never corrected, and we continue to live with an ugly, altered pool that blocks passage of migratory fish and manatees into the watershed. Many springs have been submerged by the damming and this provides an opportunity to allow them to flow again in one fell swoop. Some will provide warm-water habitat to manatees, which will be crucially important in coming decades as other sources of warm water are expected to disappear or decline.	The dam needs to be breached to restore a free-flowing river and a natural floodplain, but the entire dam structure would not need to be removed if that was too expensive or it served some other purpose.	Although some manatees have learned to negotiate the Buckman Locks, they do not have free passage from the St. Johns River into the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers due to the dam and lock. That is even more the case for migratory fish, which have declined dramatically at Silver Springs. There are so many environmental benefits of river restoration and that would be much cheaper than the millions required for repair and continued maintenance of an aging dam. This decision would be a win-win for everyone, including for the economy which would benefit from increased ecotourism. Rodman Reservoir is a misnomer because this is not for water storage; a tremendous amount of water is actually lost from the system by evaporation from this shallow pool.
10/10/2021 18:01	Bradford		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	I would like to see the it stay as it is.	It provides a tremendous amount of recreational opportunities for those who choose to visit it. If the dam were removed, it would be one big mosquito infected mess that would take several generations to recover to what it was. Not sure if it would ever return to the pristine area that it was. The damage has been done. Leave it as it is.	The amount of recreational activities that would no longer be available to the public. As state above, the damage has been done.	No'	
10/10/2021 18:09	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the ecosystem				
10/10/2021 18:11	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored to it's historic flow.	The fact that the Kirkpatrick Dam is a remnant of the Cross Florida Barge Canal project that was stopped years ago for environmental reasons.	That Kirkpatrick Dam would continue to be an impediment to manatee migration to the springs in winter and that the dam is an unnecessary expense. If removed, it would free up taxpayer funds.	NO	I am an 83 year old Florida native and a lifelong boater, hunter and angler. I have boated the Ocklawaha, Silver River, Haines Creek, Harris Chain of Lakes. I would like to see this historic river returned to it's historic unrestricted flow. It is a Florida treasure that needs to be returned to a natural state. Please accept this entry instead of the email I sent previously.
10/10/2021 18:17	Broward		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	It needs to be removed	Scientific research has shown that removal would greatly benefit habitats in the area.	The destruction of an ecosystem	No	
10/10/2021 18:34	Indian River		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored.	To restore the free flow of the river so that the ecosystem can recover and to support fish and manatee populations.	That the present funding for breaching the dam and the opportunity to save taxpayers millions of dollars in future maintenance of an unnecessary dam will be squandered.	No.	
10/10/2021 18:55	Hillsborough		No	No					breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir	climate change	climate change	no	restore the Ocklawaha River!!
10/10/2021 19:17	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	breach the dam so that the river can flow normally	I am concerned about the water quality and quantity that would be enhanced by allowing the natural springs to flow more freely. I also support the studies that show that breaching the dam would allow the manatees and the native fish to travel to the whole expanse of the river and reach natural breeding areas. the native and endangered plant species will have a chance to regenerate in the now flooded areas. Finally, the cost! Why spend millions to fix a dam that is not performing the function it was built for when a cheaper solution will make the area healthier to the environment and still allow recreational activities for those people who use the area?	besides throwing good money after bad, I am concerned about the wildlife and plants in the area that will continue to suffer if this situation is allowed to continue as it is now.	No.	
10/10/2021 19:24	Seminole		No	No					I support restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir	Studies done by those I know want to responsibly support the long term health of our unique and sensitive ecosystem			
10/10/2021 19:30	Polk		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir				
10/10/2021 19:34	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: hiking the shoreline and visiting springs during the drawdown	Keep the dam, make the drawdown more severe each time for make it last for a longer duration.	I've visited the area 2x per year for the last 15 yrs. My family has a fishcamp on the reservoir. I see so many people fishing at the dam that I know it's a necessary food source for many of them. I've also been out on the floodplain when the water is drawn down. I'm a wildlife biologist, geologist and soil scientist. I don't think the drawdown is deep enough or long enough to really solidify the organics on the floodplain. The spring run isn't hot enough to dry/oxidize the organics enough.	If the dam were removed, the floodplain would be inundated with invasive plants and no one has the money needed to manage/remove them to replace them with natives. My MS thesis dealt with reclamation of mined lands. The old floodplain has been damaged beyond reasonable. Bringing it back to where it was pre-Barge Canal will take 6-7-8 figures of dollars. Think of Lake Apopka and the restoration there. There isn't enough money to bring Apopka back to where it was in any of our lifetimes. The diehard conservationists are pure in their thoughts but money pure in reality.	If the decision is to blow the dam, I'd think that SJRWMD would want to impose my longer and more severe drawdown over 5-10 years to study the possible impact of invasives....and or securing a funding program that is reasonably sure of keeping the invasives out as the floodplains are reclaimed.	Nothing is ever as easy at it seems. Bad things happen when we fail to be reasonable.
10/10/2021 19:35	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. Restoration will reunite many rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/10/2021 19:40	Volusia		No	No					open water to the state	history of governors failing to open the waterways	more water problems in Florida		
10/10/2021 19:47	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem can be restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	no	
10/10/2021 19:50	Palm Beach		No	No					Removed.wetlands restored	Description of area before dam.	How to help impacted wildlife and native plants.Restoring he flood plain could reduce flooding elsewhere	No	
10/10/2021 19:51	Leon		No	No					I am generally opposed to dams. They take away stream ecosystem, waste land underwater, and cause a possible flooding hazard	History	Since the damn has already been built, I'd like you to do the best you can to solve any negative impacts that have been suffered by people who live near it.		Remove it
10/10/2021 19:55	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

10/10/2021 20:11	Pasco		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harrhehgitha, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of theentire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnantwaters of the Reservoir,	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir,and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. 3Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harrhehgitha, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Ultimately, we all have a stake, and economic, in whether Florida finally restores a free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Please support Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and helping to restore Florida's natural systems for ours and future generations.
10/10/2021 20:33	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Bait catching	I believe the dam needs to be removed and allow the natural flow of the Ocklawaha. More economic benefits and wildlife benefits would be served with it's removal. Ecotourism would far outweigh the limited funds generated by just fishing.	Numerous studies as well as other states data from dam removal.	Continuation of the destruction ofa natural r iver flow and ecosystem	Partial removal woyld be a start, but the funds to maintain even that would be negligent and full removal would be the optimal solution.	
10/10/2021 20:34	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it like it is! The river was ruined with the construction of the barge canal and has now taken on a new eco system. Users have also changed and adapted to this change. Quite spending good money after bad because it can't be put back like it was without further distruction. These experiments are never better than what God created!!!	If you are trying to bring back what used to be, you must be admitting it was wrong to chang it to begin with. What was there can't be brought back with OUR money.	It would be a tremendous waist of money,time and total distruction of a new and sensitive eco system. Fish, wildlife, flora and economic impact will suffer severely.	No, use some common sense!	One mistake has already been made, don't make it two!
10/10/2021 20:55	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Maintain Rodman Reservoir	Personal experience	Financial hardship for individuals and communities surrounding the Reservoir	Clean up Indian River to restore major manatee habitat. This should be the top priority by Florida government	
10/10/2021 20:53	Hillsborough		No	No					The dam should be removed, allowing the reservoir to drain and the Ocklawaha to run freely.	The river will support wildlife better than a stagnant artificial lake which requires periodic maintenance.	Continued degradation of the watershed.	I'm sorry but no.	I'm looking forward to canoeing a restored Ocklawaha River!
10/10/2021 21:05	Pinellas		No	No									
10/10/2021 21:42	Volusia		No	No					Restoration to the original natural state. The dam should be removed.	Destroying the natural flow of the river has adversely impacted the ecosystem.	Continued degradation of natural Florida	Obviously this restoration will take years. It is important to begin.	
10/10/2021 21:49	Dade		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir	1. 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. 2. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. 3. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harrhehgitha, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. 4. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. 5. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise.	1. The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. 2. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. 3. Taxpayers will be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and may be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No.	
10/10/2021 21:56	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoration of the river that was stopped for a project that was never completed	Nature is out of balance.	No	
10/10/2021 22:00	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam and drain the reservoir.	The Ocklawaha has been severely degraded and harmed by the lack of adequate water flow, and it requires full restoration to provide the ecological services we need.	The permanent degradation of the ecosystems and human communities that rely on a healthy, functioning Ocklawaha.	No.	
10/10/2021 22:05	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Allow the Ocklawaha River to be restored and free flowing and the springs that are underwater be restored. The Silver River is a beautiful place and flows into the Ocklawaha River and would be a GREAT statement of the State of FL to return what should never have been built. South Fl has the Everglade River of Grass Florida Bay salt water issues and lack of flow and we here in North FL have our issue with Rodman Dam and Cross Barge Canel Issue.	The eco system of Florida Forever is exactly what the Ocklawaha River and its enviros are and should be brought back to us. If The State of FL truely wants to preserve the best of Natural Florida, then let us as a State start with this restoration of the Ocklawaha and the springs.	That it would continue as it has been for the last 50 years.A symbol of the desire to have a quicker way for water transport across FL and having experts tell politicians that salt water would impact the fresh water aquifer. Yet it took various costs to complete. From complete removal to some combination of partial actions.	I would hope SJWMD and FDEP have studied the Rodman/Ocklawaha area and have various alternatives available at	Thanks for the opportunity to comment. History says man used the St Johns River and Ocklawaha River for centuries to move by water thru FL and hopefully we will again in the future.
10/10/2021 22:19	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove it to restore the flow to the St. Johns and help restore all the ecological functions lost or degraded because of the dam.	I've studied the St. Johns River as a working environmental scientist for over 10 years and have grown to understand the environmental dynamics that shape the health of the St. Johns and its tributaries and determined the dam has had negative ecological impacts.	That the St. Johns and the Ocklawaha watersheds will continue to degrade as well as the estuarine habitat at the mouth of the St. Johns.	Allowing much more water to flow from the Ocklawaha.	
10/10/2021 23:27	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam which is too old to be reliable and provide the environmental and recreational advantages of new springs, manatee refuge and other wildlife benefits.	The availability of State and Federal funds and the danger of a breach in the dam by extended severe weather	This opportunity will not be likely to come up again soon. We could lose our best opportunity.	Lower the level of the dam that is clearly at some risk and not worth the cost of repair.	This is a special moment for a decision that restores a key environment and recreational water resource to a large portion of the state.
10/11/2021 0:58	Citrus						2-5 times	Other: Camping	Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/11/2021 3:13	Sarasota		No	No					Breach the dam and open up the river	Research from the Sierra Club and many other organizations	The river would still be blocked	No	The intended project was never completed and blocked the river and wildlife
10/11/2021 4:35	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Clean up the reservoir and dam.	The wildlife must be protected. This area is their natural habitat and is polluted by humans.	Death of wildlife.	No	
10/11/2021 5:38	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Sightseeing	Breach the Dam and restore the Oklawaha channel.	Environmental degradation - lost ecosystem (floodplain forest), manatee and other wildlife habitat, poor conditions within reservoir.	Continued degradation and cost to maintain a degraded system.	Partial restoration	Let's discontinue the expensive folly of the past and special interest politics and unite around righting the environmental wrongs
10/11/2021 5:57	St Johns		No	No					Removed	Need to return Florida to its natural state. We can't continue to pull water from the St. John's and hope for no impact. This is a cost fishing spot but otherwise provides no benefit having the dam.	Continued decline in river health. Continued loss in habitat.	Negative	The sportsman that are against it need to think more globally that the loss of a bass fishing hole. Very short sided.
10/11/2021 6:11	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dams removed and the natural flow of water from the springs restored	amultiple studies on the negative effects of the dams.	That we are destroying the springs	not at this point	
10/11/2021 6:13	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam! Florida waterways need to be connected for those ecosystems to fully work.				
10/11/2021 6:17	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove it.	Estuaries north of the damn need clean fresh water. Sea grass on the St. John's river is dying as a long term result. Multiple species of fish and wildlife thrive on the St. John's.	Fish and plant life will continue to decrease. As well as individuals using the river for pleasure.	There is no other answer. Remove the failed dam.	
10/11/2021 6:43	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Other: To evaluate and confirm the need to remove it and restore the river. i wanted to see if there were truly any good ecological justifications for keeping the dam intact. i didn't	Remove the dam and restore the floodplains.	The fact that hundreds of natural springs would be restored and the free-flowing Ocklawaha River would provide much needed additional habitat for manatees and other wildlife.	The taxpayers keep funding the ecological mistake and the wildlife and habitats lose.	Absolutely not.	Can we finally do the right thing here? After 30 years of trying to undo the damage! The opportunity to restore his much habitat, wetlands, floodplains, and wildlife opportunities, cannot possibly compare to some bass fishing opportunities. Its ludicrous that this has gone on this long, and at taxpayer expense!
10/11/2021 6:52	Pinellas		No	No					The dam should be removed.	The purpose of the dam was the aborted barge canal, so there is no continued purpose for it beyond recreation in the reservoir. With all the natural lakes in the area, there is plenty of other natural and free water based recreation available as a substitute.	Continued waste of money to maintain the dam and its continued adverse environmental impact.	No.	
10/11/2021 7:01	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other	return to a natural river				
10/11/2021 7:13	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times			Remove the dam and restore the Flow to the St. John's.	Saving the money in maintenance and repairs, and restoring the natural flow of the rivers.	Wasted money and resources to continue repairing a useless dam.	No	
10/11/2021 7:30	Lee		No	No					Restore the river by breaching the dam and draining the reservoir.	Contnuability, restoration of Florida wildlife including plants and fish and animals	Continuation of the damage that has been going on for too many years.	Possibly.	
10/11/2021 7:32	Citrus		No	No					Would like to see it removed	The changes in the environment	Continued maintenance costs of the dam		
10/11/2021 7:43	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Rodman reservoir be drained, and the Kirkpatrick dam be breached to restore the Ocklawaha river hydrology and floodplain.	Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the engineering study it commissioned to evaluate the the dam conclude that it is in need of significant repairs to be considered reliable.	The Rodman Dam on the Ocklawaha River is in serious disrepair and could possibly be catastrophically mssoring in property damage in Putnam County. Furthermore, restoring the Ocklawaha River so that it flows into the St. Johns River would mitigate years environmental damage. Otherwise, Florida's flora, fauna and people will continue to suffer the consequences of an ill-conceived and incomplete canal project.	The Rodman Dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration. I could support a sequenced plan to restore the free-flowing River. If this scenario came up short at least others could build on what was accomplished in the future.	
10/11/2021 7:45	Lake		No	No									
10/11/2021 7:49	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Revert to the river free flowing	The river was natural, beautiful and supported more wildlife	A continuation of a non contributing lake	No	
10/11/2021 7:50	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see the damn breaches and free flowing water restored.	Returning the River to its natural state, and restoring the Ocklawaha, Silver and St John's River. Science supports restoration. Not to mention it is cost effective for those maintaining the damn to breach it versus spending money to maintain it	There would be a missed opportunity to restore critical ecosystems in this area and would affect critical populations of fish and manatees	No. The damn needs to be breached and the Rivers and springs restored	We have an opportunity to restore these ecosystems to their natural habit for no additional cost. To keep the dam and bring it up to current safety would be costly and negatively effect the ecosystem. To me, I see no reason to oppose this change.
10/11/2021 7:51	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Wildflowers					
10/11/2021 8:06	Broward		No	No									
10/11/2021 8:07	Escambia		No	No									
10/11/2021 8:08	Escambia		No	No									
10/11/2021 8:13	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Swimming & picnicking	Let water flow naturally, restore the river	Useless dam, bad canal, and the argument that the dam creates a sportsman locale is stupid. Restoration would EXPAND recreational fishing, duh!	As our waters diminish, the reservoir will hog the water	No	There are very influential cliques of deciders around here. Get at them
10/11/2021 8:15	Pinellas		No	No					Restore with limited development opportunities for high impact corporations likes Nestle and or other, water bottling companies	Un-checked development in most environmentally sensitive regions of Florida. Rainbow River reduced water flow due to bottling company.	The further erosion of Natural Florida , clear water impact for Florida residents and no, accountability for the ensuing devestation.	Florida residents should be paid dividends by bottle watet companies much like Alaska residents have received oil dividends.	
10/11/2021 8:16	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Preserved	Birds	Extinction	Conservation	Please please. These nuggets of the natural world are fewer and farther between. 7 generations. Thankyou
10/11/2021 8:18	Lee		No	No					Let the water flow freely.!		Environmental health	No	
10/11/2021 8:23	Sarasota		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like it removed or at least breached.	It costs too much to maintain. the dam and it is not good for the environment--adversely affects water quality, does not help with flood control and keeps fish and wildlife (manatees) from using habitat.	We would lose out on the cost savings for maintenance of the dam and the benefits to fish and wildlife and water quality would also be lost.	No - it's long overdue and makes economic sense.	Florida is a vacation and outdoor sports state - lots of revenue is generated by these activities, removing or breaching the dam will be a shot int he arm economically and will also have tremendous benefits to fish and wildlife and water quality.
10/11/2021 8:23	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	Thx Dam should be removed/opened up to return to natural free flowing river.	My common sense	No progress	NBD.	Why bother.
10/11/2021 8:23	Pinellas		No	No					the river flow freely again	it will benefit the wetlands and people	severity of drought increases	no	
10/11/2021 8:23	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	Remove the dam and return the Ocklawaha to its natural flow	I have lived in Orange County since 1964. I saw the St John's river for the first time that year as a 12 year old. Since then I have enjoyed boating on the river countless times, and I have traversed it's full length that my boat can navigate, from Lake Hellen Blazes to the mouth at Mayport Naval Air base (many times). I have been to the dam many times, and every time I am reminded of the irresponsible decision makers who pushed forward with the idea of a cross Florida canal. I am familiar with many of the environmental problems caused by the dam, including water quality, manatee and fish impacts, etc.	Continued degradation of one of the most beautiful river systems in the world	Take out the dam.	
10/11/2021 8:23	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Having 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers would save $4-$4 Million in dam repairs and $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	We cannot miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.
10/11/2021 8:25	Outside of state / other	South Park, PA 15129	No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.
10/11/2021 8:27	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	A free flowing River system	Water that moves supports a wider variety of life. The more we have, the more stable an area is for humans as well. And the most precious commodity human beings have is fresh water.	Look at Lake O and the Caloosahatchee.	Removing the dam instead of spending so much money to repair it is just a beginning, and my "desired outcome"-of reestablishing a natural waterway -might not happen in my lifetime. It takes time.	"Don't throw good money after bad" was one smart thing my Papa taught me. Common sense seems to be in short supply, but try it.
10/11/2021 8:31	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	THE DAM REMOVED AND THE SPRINGS RESTORED	ALL STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN DONE, INCLUDING INITIAL WORK BY MANJORIE	added damage to th esprings and waterway.	NO	pLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED
10/11/2021 8:35	Orange		No	No					Reverse the dam	Saving endangered and threatened species. 700 manatees dies in St John river since Jan 2021. This would allow access to warm water and food for them.	Destruction of environment	No	
10/11/2021 8:39	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the flow	A documentary I saw about the negative affects of the dam	Continued degradation of the area and its affect on the local wildlife	not really	Please get rid of this unnecessary dam, they all eventually silt up anyway
10/11/2021 8:39	Duval		No	No					Removal of the dam and reservoir, and restoration of river original flow, so that folks can enjoy the river and springs.	To offset cumulative impacts of development and dredging and restore the ecosystem as outlined in the annual Health and State of the St. Johns River Reports 2008-2021.	Further degradation of St. Johns River grass beds due to increased calmity from years of dredging, construction of bulkheads, and destruction of wetlands. Loss of manatee and fish nursery habitats.	No, the expenses of maintenance and damage to the environment are too costly.	Restoration of this river system enhances the ecology and will increase economic benefits. This is the best investment going forward in terms of cost/benefits, and the bass fishing will still be very good.
10/11/2021 8:40	St Johns		No	No									
10/11/2021 8:45	Broward		No	No									
10/11/2021 8:45	Lee		No	No						Preserved	Conservation	Polluted waters	
10/11/2021 8:51	Citrus		No	No						Deconstruct the dam and restore a normal, healthy waterflow to the riverway.	Other than supporting a failed concept, the dam is a waste of money that mars the health of a major Florida waterway.	Water quality of Florida's greatest natural resource will continue to degrade; throw-needless dollars down the drain and take water quality, healthy wildlife populations and tourist dollars with it.	Only a temporary drawdown prior to complete dam removal and stopping any more funding for dam maintenance	We have to stop funding past mistakes on Florida's waterways. The resultant cost to wildlife, public safety, water quality and tourist dollars is too great.
10/11/2021 8:51	Hillsborough		No	No					Whatever is best to restore predevelopment ecosystem, rebuild and protect habitat for native animals and vegetation and minimize pollution.	Downstream habitat restored, maybe? lots of competing and important factors.	Lose a great chance to repair / rebuild an important Florida River	Life is full of compromises however I do not support damming rivers for recreation or economic purposes	Good luck!
10/11/2021 9:01	Collier		No	No					free flow	making ff even more conservation conscious and protecting the Everglades et al	not good	making sure sw fla and e coast in general protected like east coast and Central fl w equal consideration and fl together in commitment to preservation	
10/11/2021 9:02	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	remove	natural resource managing--ensuring rivers have enough flows for springs and Florida conservation	Low river and spring flows, and decreased tributaries	no	
10/11/2021 9:05	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Other: I operate a pontoon boat charter service. Only during water drawdown levels that reveal some of the lost springs do I get any requests to go north from Eureka. Wildlife viewing is limited at best due to no walkable floodplain for anything to be in. No deer, turkey, raccoons, bears etc.	I would like the State's partial restoration plan to be funded to breach Rodman Dam. This river does not need to be listed again as one of the top most imperiled river in USA. How embarrassing for Floridians and politicians!	Loss of economic opportunities. Flowing visible springs and large schools of large migratory fish species brought people to this once great sweet river. This is a State park named after Marjorie Harris Carr! So called Greenway! The fake lake created by the dam has heavily herbicides applied.	As a land owner on the Ocklewaha for 5 generations I may move away as the deteriorating lost floodplain and fish is depressing.	Nothing short of breaching the dam will restore the migratory schools of fish or give manatees access. But by lowering the pool levels as much as possible will get some cooler water flow from the springs.	All of the major economic businesses surrounding the immediate area have died out. No bait and tackle stores, restaurants have closed, no boat rentals, no motels. Campgrounds have been closed. Ramps have deteriorated and closed. Those in existence are dilapidated or blocked by invasive vegetation. We really needs a restored park to help create nature oriented job opportunities. The few Bass tournaments participants still being held from Kenwood are documented locking out to the St. Johns river to fish! This loss of fish hurts the economy in the entire area. The dam has costs us the loss of the only river on the east coast capable of natural spawning of striped bass! Sadly there are generations that are not even aware migratory fish in large numbers are missing! On my tours on the Silver River I never get to show the huge channel and white catfish! Not even one at the springs. The glass bottom boats at Silver Springs once famous for catfish fish shows are famous for what now? No one swims in the Rodman pool area! Herbicides are in such great use we fear being in the area let alone eating the fish. Other locals I am in contact with on the river ask me when they will remove the dam?. Please encourage and support making Florida proud of a restored great Florida Riverway by funding the shovel blueprint permit ready very affordable already accepted restoration plan. Let's allow the huge migratory schools of fish back in and give Florida back a white sand bottom river of springs. Don't turn your back on our river in this session. This funded river restoration project will get national attention for all elected officials that get this river restored as the American Rivers Organization will publicize the process and success. Thanks for your time today and for all the hard work you put in to make Florida a great place to live and visit.
10/11/2021 9:09	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River. We need to be sensitive to the people who live in the area and are dependent on the current dam and revenues from fishing. The restoration needs to take them into account in the transition. The water from the Ocklawaha will enhance the flow of the St Johns River. We need to leverage the Ocala Natl Forest in conjunction with river restoration to create eco tourism opportunities that will benefit the people in that area.	I have been observing the issue for years.	Environmental opportunities lost, cost to maintain the dam.		

10/11/2021 9:10	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Demolish the dams. They are just bad for the planet and stop fish species and animals from migrating and finding food.	The dam itself.	How could it not be achieved?	They need to breach all dams in this state that is run by the most ignorant people and voters on the planet. The Indian River and Tampa Bay are basically dead, due to run off containing pesticides and fertilizer. The grass necessary for the whole system in the river has basically died off to the point where fish are absent in the river. Manatees are feeding off peoples lawns adjacent to the river and I have seen this phenomena myself. It is the saddest thing I have seen since I have moved to Florida thirty years ago. All fish populations are declining locally and worldwide. We are in the middle of a mass extinction and over development and over population is the culprit.	Here is a quote I recently read about the river system: "The dam, in their view, ensures the health of Rodman Pool and the plant and animal communities that, over the past 45 years, have tried to find a niche in the man-made system despite multiple fish kills that have left more than 11 million fish dead and a never-ending, repetitive necessity to drain, or "manage," the pool. "
10/11/2021 9:11	Hillsborough		No	No									
10/11/2021 9:11	Pasco		No	No									
10/11/2021 9:13	Seminole		No	No					Breach it. This dam serves no purpose and is a relic of an incomplete project. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Reunification of the rivers, wildlife and eco systems. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $17 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Eco system in disarray, pad wrong not undone, The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is in sync with other projects around the country. Dams do more damage in the short and long run.
10/11/2021 9:14	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: Visitation	Gradually fully open the sluice gates to draw down the reservoir and then "Let it Be."	Riverine environments are healthy ecosystems which dams destroy.	Taxpayer monies CONtinuing to be used not just wastefully, but harmfully.	Keeping the drawdown permanent.	Let the land reemerge
10/11/2021 9:14	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We would continue to lose manatees until record numbers	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
10/11/2021 9:17	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other:	As a 6th generation Floridian whose family has lived in central Florida since 1853, I would like to see things restored to the way they used to be before this fragile ecosystem was torn apart so that a few could make some big money!	History! How many "projects" have raped Florida's natural environment and have caused irreparable damage to our ability to survive in this state. This 6th generation Florida Cracker feels that things should be restored to the way that God intended them to be before politicians and folks out to make a quick buck got together while the rest of us suffer the consequences!	The Florida that my family has lived on since 1853 will become a concrete jungle with spreading "Villages" and we will have to buy our water from corporations like Nestle while they lol all the way to the bank!	?	
10/11/2021 9:17	Sarasota		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: hiking	Dam removed completely	Restoration of natural rivers	a precedent for not taking care of our water and natural resources	Any portions of the dam removed to restore natural flow and riverine habitat	
10/11/2021 9:17	Pinellas		No	No					As I understand it was built to support a project that was not completed and it has had a negative impact on water levels and the natural ecosystem, restoration makes sense.	Restoration of habitat and natural springs necessary for species we are driving to extinction	We need to stop imposing human desires on the rest of the world without adequate consideration for the impact of what we do. As someone who is in the process of landscaping my home with native plants to reduce my use of resources while providing support for pollinators, I believe we need better balance.	No	See above. We have overbuilt to the point where support is becoming unsustainable. Let's start restoring habitat where possible and begin to undo the destruction of the ecosystem upon which we all depend.
10/11/2021 9:22	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the ecosystem		Ecosystem destruction continued	No	
10/11/2021 9:23	Lake		No	No									
10/11/2021 9:25	Lake		No	No									
10/11/2021 9:27	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	
10/11/2021 9:28	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove them	Restoration of natural floodplains and river flows are crucial to a healthy ecosystem.	The continued degradation of natural floodplains.	The removal of portions of the dam, or restoration of a portion of the natural waterflow.	
10/11/2021 9:28	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed carefully	I would like to see a return of historic species to their former range. I would like to see thousands of acres of floodplain forest return and the forgotten springs restored. I would also like for invasive water plants to be made more manageable.	Money will need to be spent on dam repairs that could be better spent on conservation.	Hard to say. I would need to see proposals. My mind is open.	I have good friends on both sides of this issue. If the dam is removed there should be some sort of consolation or boon for the sportsmen who love fishing that reservoir.
10/11/2021 9:29	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Go away with them		The area will continue to go downhill as a wildlife area	No	
10/11/2021 9:30	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the river				
10/11/2021 9:33	Lee		No	No					Destroyed, so that the river and ecosystems that flourish by the natural flow of the river are restored	The reservoir and dam limit the biodiversity of plants and animals	It's yet another example of poor decision-making for the health of the river	Can't think of one	
10/11/2021 9:34	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be removed and the Ocklawaha River restored! It's high time this happens.	Restoring a beautiful natural river system to allow migratory species to move in and out of the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers.	The expense to taxpayers. Maintaining the dam is very costly. Why keep it for a small group of users when a natural river system can take care of itself.	No.	
10/11/2021 9:36	Leon		No	No					I would like to see the Oklawaha restored and the dam dismantled. Wild Florida needs this restoration for its recovery and survival.	The Oklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers as well as 50 springs will be restored to their natural flow; positively impacting the entire ecosystem in a vital portion of Florida.	Continued degradation of water quality, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Also flooding of down river areas.	No, breach the dam now. If it continues, it will cost millions to rebuild for more negative returns to water quality and the environment in general.	As a 70 year old lifelong Floridian, I can remember the initial building of the dam and the "straightening" of the river, and the prospect of cutting Florida in half via the Cross Florida Barge Canal. Thankfully, at least a portion of the ill-gotten notion was halted. Now it is time to right the former wrongs and return this area to the lovely Natural Florida waterways that once existed. It's not too late. Do the right thing, now.
10/11/2021 9:40	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of pre-alteration river flow.	Historical data.	Continued loss of natural systems.	There's either a dam and reservoir or there's not. I'm not sure there's a halfway point.	Thank you for reviewing.
10/11/2021 9:45	Indian River		No	No					The dam should be demolished and the river restored.	The natural habitate should be restored for the environments health.	A continued decimation of wildlife statewide.	No sure	
10/11/2021 9:45	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and return the river to its natural course.	Ecological studies from UF and IFAS.	The river will continue to diminish while more and more money is pumped into the failing dam structure that serves no purpose.	I don't see how there's a middle point between removing the dam and not removing it, but if there is - halfway is better than nothing.	
10/11/2021 9:46	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and let nature take its course.	The constant reports of detrimental effects of continued restriction of the River	Once again an unnatural dam will continue to degrade the surroundings	I do not think so.	To continue to obstruct the free flow of the river is just not supported by a majority of folks. The bass fishermen can still fish but perhaps not just as easy for them.
10/11/2021 9:53	Brevard		No	No					"FREE", that is, open up the natural water flow. Remove the dam.	I am an environmental scientist-geologist. My knowledge of waterway health and service to humanity (Florida citizens especially) clearly indicates a reversal of human folly in restricting the system.	We will continue to witness a loss in water quality/quantity will decreased biodiversity.	Always willing to consider good, scientifically-sound options.	This issue and others like it DTe re-establishment of Everglades system function; the proper care of the Lake 'O' with reduction in contamination and less polluting of the east and west channeling, etc.Jare Florida's prime concerns for the future.
10/11/2021 9:59	Sarasota		No	No					So restore the Ocklawaha River and 15,000 acres of floodplain forest that were lost or damaged when the river was dammed !	The restortion of the natural habitat and wildlife to this area. Also to restore the natural waterway and water flowing paths that nature intended.	Once again man put his own needs and ideas ahead of nature. Man's plans are not as good as natures and when we disturb it. there are always unintended consequences. Let the wildlife and plant life return to the natural state.		
10/11/2021 10:00	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/11/2021 10:00	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Restore the natural course of the river and release the springs that have been covered up.	Listen to Mother Nature.	We "residents of Florida" will miss this opportunity to correct a wrong. Time runs short to help, please make sure it works this time.	Why do half measures?	This is critical, please get this on the front burner and get it done. Saundra Gray
10/11/2021 10:03	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other:	Total removal and restoration to natural state	Heal of our rivers, the increase of ecotourism, the reduction of the economy drain to keep it working. The fact that it was supposed to be removed when the cross stat canal was removed.	Continue a wound in our natural resources. Toxic waters that have to be empty every so often. Waste of money to stalk fish. Access to 20 springs where ecotourism would bring in money to our state. The list goes on.	Draw down permanently and allow the dan to break on it own	Plenty more to say, happy to speak about it. 904-477-5669
10/11/2021 10:04	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	No question at all. KEEP Rodman and the Dam just like they are now.	Having the reservoir is a great asset for north central Florida. Great fishing. Great boating for all size boats from large to small. The water level can be controlled to fit the needs of the season and weather. Full pool can be maintained even in times of drought when area natural lakes can get very low. Rodman is a nationally known fishing destination. This helps tourism for the area. Wildlife including bald eagles, ospreys, and a multitude of other birds live there. Fish and other wildlife thrive in and around the lake. The size of Rodman, about 13,000 acres, lets boaters spread out and have some peace and quiet. If the dam was removed, only a small river would remain. Few boats could comfortably travel up and down the river. The area has many rivers available for people who like to use small boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. Something like 11 miles of the Ocklawaha remain after the dam for such use. Keeping Rodman, as it is, is best for the most people. Going back to the small river would benefit a few and hurt many who enjoy Rodman for its many benefits.	All of the benefits of Rodman would be lost.	No.	
10/11/2021 10:07	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove it	Environmental organizations	Concern about impact to water quality	No	
10/11/2021 10:07	Sarasota		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Dismantle the dam and allow natural condition.	Extensive research	Lack of crucial manatee habitat		
10/11/2021 10:08	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	2-5 times	Save Rodman forever!!!!!!!!	Rodman is a great boating, fishing and wildlife viewing destination. A lot of visitors come to the area because of Rodman's reputation as a great fishery.	I would lose a place that I love to visit. Area fishing people would lose a great place to go.	Not at all.	Keep Rodman open!
10/11/2021 10:08	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just looking	If it is better for the environment, than "yes" remove it!	save for the wildlife	Concern for the wildlife affected by the damn	I would have to assess the suggestions	
10/11/2021 10:10	Flagler		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river.	The dam kills manatees and prevents fish migration. The lake is choked with weeds and suffers from oxygen depletion. The dam should of been removed 50 years ago.			
10/11/2021 10:13	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Change nothing. Keep Rodman and the dam. Don't listen to the small group of people who want to destroy it. Way more people want to keep Rodman open for fishing and everything else.	Rodman has many benefits that are unique to this area. A lake where the water level can be controlled. A lake where drawdowns can keep the fishing excellent and control weeds. A long shoreline where all types of wildlife live. A large area where many visitors can come and not be on top of each other. So many more people enjoy Rodman compared to how many would visit a small restored river.	A local treasure would be lost.	No.	Keep Rodman Reservoir.
10/11/2021 10:17	Orange		No	No					Please breach the dam and restore the river to its historical course.	Wise stewardship of natural resources is vital to the preservation of the earth as a viable place to support human life. We all depend on sources of replenishment of fresh potable water and insect and birds who pollinate food crops. The benefit of the dam and the reservoir it forms to local businesses and sport fishing has diminished over the years and pales in comparison to the benefit to the environment, to the mental and physical health of the people that would accrue with the restoration of this important natural place.	Continued degradation of the local area and the state as a whole.	No	
10/11/2021 10:18	Indian River		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam so the river can flow freely and the springs can be visible again.	Science	No improvement of anadromous fisheries	No	
10/11/2021 10:18	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep Rodman Reservoir and obviously the dam also.	Its very good to have a reservoir in the area instead of only natural lakes. The local lakes almost dried up several years ago and many boat ramps where not even useable. During this time Rodman was fine because the lake can be kept full for easy access by visitors. Good fishing. Great wildlife viewing. Great boating by all types of watercraft.	The only reservoir (controllable) in the area would be gone. The many benefits of having Rodman would be lost.	No.	Rodman should stay as it is now.
10/11/2021 10:22	Leon		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. 100s of manatees will gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 10:23	Hillsborough		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Absolutely NOT. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a longtime resident who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 10:23	Broward		No	No					I'd like to see the dam removed and moved back to its original condition.	It will build tourism and wildlife.	The river will be blocked as before.		
10/11/2021 10:27	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I enjoy the numerous springs during drawdowns	The reservoir needs to be drawn down immediately until the dam structure can be removed and the river finally restored.	The overwhelming scientific evidence that the environmental will be improved from Silver Springs to Jacksonville , recreation will be inhanced and the local economy will be improved.	The dam will fail causing significant loss of life, property damage and an environmental disaster.	A permanent draw down.	Restoration of the river is long overdue. The old dam presents a significant safety hazard and the reservoir is an abomination.
10/11/2021 10:28	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Restore original habitat		No	
10/11/2021 10:33	Pinellas		No	No					restore the riverway	current situation impedes natural processes and flow of water	damage to wildlife and environment	don't know	
10/11/2021 10:33	Broward		No	No					Take down the dam and proceed with the Complete restoration of the Ocklawaha River				
10/11/2021 10:34	Palm Beach		No	No					After completing the Florida Master Naturalist Program over a decade ago, I am of the opinion that restoring the natural hydrology is in the best interest of the state of Florida.	Disrupting the natural hydrology with man-made systems always proves to be a decision that becomes outdated as new information comes out. This is well documented all over the planet. In addition. these man made systems degrade over time and create more problems. Humans must learn to work with the natural environment, not trying to bend nature to our will.	It would be a decision that caters to a few over the welfare of the land and water.	Not sure.	
10/11/2021 10:38	Sarasota		No	No					I believe that the dam should be done away with, allowing the waterway to return to its natural state.	I feel that breaching the dam will. in the long run, be a boon to wildlife.	The continued disturbance of the balance of nature. And for what - a canal that never happened?	No. It's a black and white issue.	
10/11/2021 10:40	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. It's time to do right by the taxpayers and the wildlife your decisions effect.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/11/2021 10:41	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animalmovement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest.	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Failure of the dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	NO. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/11/2021 10:41	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the reservior drained and the natural flow of water restored	Repeated studies of down-stream impacts of Dams across the united states shows the dam and reservoir effect has a negative impact down stream on aquatic species that may live and breed in the river. Plant material also suffers displacement from flooding at the reservoir and diminished water resources down-stream.	Threatened species would become endangered or extinct in the area, water quality downstream may be diminished, water quantity will be compromised for down stream uses.		
10/11/2021 10:42	Wakulla		No	Yes			1 time	Other: don't visit anymore.	I would like to see the dam removed and natural flow restored to the Ocklawaha.	This dam was originally constructed as part of the Cross Florida Barge Canal project, which was abandoned for a variety of good reasons. The Ocklawaha is one of North Florida's premier spring-fed rivers, removing the dam will allow the natural river channel to be restored. Yes, it will take a while. There will be recreational opportunities lost by eliminating Rodman Reservoir, but there will be many gained as well from those who will canoe, kayak and fish the river.	That we are once again unable to recognize mistakes from large public works projects and rectify them. Other than recreation, there is no benefit from this dam.	Not really.	
10/11/2021 10:42	Citrus		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam as soon as possible to prevent further deterioration of the environment.	The documented improvement for water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would benefit not only mankind but the botanical and animal kingdom as well. It would be a progressive solution to avert a further decline to the environment and a potential financial hardship for Florida.	Where to start - my biggest concert is if the restoration of the Ocklawaha River is not the outcome I desire, the catastrophic results would include not only the continues demise of our precious environmental resources, including all living creatures and organisms, but the negative financial repercussions would be evident and a burden for generations.	No. There is no compromise as the damage is already severe and our action to this restoration needs to be swift and clearly stated to preserve our environment and not be a detrimental financial decision.	Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this survey.
10/11/2021 10:42	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal	The dam has done nothing economically but has been disastrous for ecology, the spraying poisonous herbicides has only benefited the applicators	If done right, none.	If not total removal then at least breached.
10/11/2021 10:45	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		draw down and remove the damn open up silver river. The damn has been a disaster for Silver Springs	Damage to the springs by far!	Springs will not survive	Not really	
10/11/2021 10:46	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times		I'd like to see the dam removed.	Reopening of the passageway for native manatees and fish species.	The continued growth of invasive fish and plant life.	No. Either the dam is there or it's not.	
10/11/2021 10:48	Pinellas		No	No									
10/11/2021 10:51	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: I don't use the reservoir, I'm on the river kayaking and viewing wildlife. What wonders of nature lie beneath the reservoir?	1. Get rid of the dam - it's a boondoggle!	2.Getting rid of the dam will restore the river and springs and give manatees and other wildlife another chance to survive their onslaught.	3.A lost opportunity to make things right. Now is the time to bring down the dam and cut costs.	NO!!!! Get rid of the dam!

10/11/2021 10:52	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the Oklawaha River flow unimpeded into the St. Johns River.	The amount of money that is required to maintain the dam does not justify the local economic impact that is created by having it in place. The springs that are covered by the reservoir should not be unnaturally inundated and fish species should be allowed to migrate to Silver Springs again. The bottomland forest should be allowed to return to the flooded basin.	That the springs would continue to be flooded and migratory fish populations would no longer be able to be a component of the Silver Springs and Oklawaha systems.	The dam should be removed or no longer maintained.	
10/11/2021 10:59	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Return the river to its normal flow	Natural functioning of the eco system has been altered.	The river system continues to be perverted by a disastrous engineering project that died decades ago!	Not at this time	
10/11/2021 11:00	Sarasota		No	Yes					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river and 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait!	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. WATER IS LIFE! Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 11:01	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Other: Reviewing what a cess pool it has become.		Breach the dam to restore the functioning of the river and floodplain.	Every credible scientific report that has ever been done describes the enormous ecological benefits that would accrue to fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, recreation, the economy and public safety.			Governor DeSantis has the opportunity to do something good for the environment. Get on with it.
10/11/2021 11:01	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Breach the rodman - kirkpatrick dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	Absolutely not.	The manatees deserve so much better than the violent neglect we've given them.
10/11/2021 11:10	Columbia		No	No					The Roman Dam should be removed in order to restore the natural waterways that the Dam has stifled.	Wildlife and ecosystems are suffering greatly because of the dam. Manatees, especially, have become so challenged by mankind that they're dying off at a rate never seen before.	Florida is dying. The natural beauty and diverse wildlife that it's known for is being choked off from habitat, poisoned, and paved over. This will only help to speed the demise of our great state.	We really need to act now. The time for incremental steps is already behind us.	
10/11/2021 11:11	St Lucie		No	No					Restore natural flow as much as practical in balance with public safety	Wildlife habitat is constantly shrinking and becoming isolated parcels. Here is a chance to reverse it.			
10/11/2021 11:14	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Botanical study	I would like to see complete removal of the dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	The burdensome costs to taxpayers of maintaining the dam. The fact that they dam is no longer needed and has been essentially decommissioned by all responsible agencies. The fact that nature recreation and bank fishing and small boating are economically beneficial activities for the surrounding counties. The fact that a number of beautiful springs are flooded by the waters behind the dam, as well as the natural vegetation that keeps trying to return to the flooded areas each time the water is drawn down. That manatees and migratory fishes can no longer make their way into the upper reaches of the Ocklawaha River.	That the costs will continue. That the dam will fall into disrepair and eventually be silted in or breached by nature. That the springs will not be allowed to flow and that the natural river -- with all of its wildlife and vegetation -- will not be allowed to flow.	I might be willing to support a partial restoration scenario, although it is not a desirable outcome.	Let's get this costly albatross off of our necks!
10/11/2021 11:14	Flagler		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed to allow the springs to flow naturally again	This is native habitat for manatees and migratory fish, the springs are nice activity spots but they are first and foremost part of nature.	My biggest concern is the continuing effect on natural flora and fauna. As more development is brought into Florida, we have less and less habitat for the wildlife that makes Florida great. Removing this dam will restore multiple habitats.	No, just remove the dam.	Stop spending money on pointless projects. Remove the dam means not having to spend money on repairing it anymore. If tourists can't handle fish in the springs or swampy areas when they visit then maybe one of our lovely inside attractions are better for them.
10/11/2021 11:19	Palm Beach		No	No						Restore natural flows	We've learned a lot about ecological impacts in the last several decades. Let's get on with restoration		Do the best you can
10/11/2021 11:25	Pinellas		No	No						Demolish it and allow the river to resume it's natural path	Fish and manatees are restricted in their natural migratory paths and access to food	That their populations would continue to decline and the river would slowly die	No
10/11/2021 11:26	Volusia		No	No						That both the Kilpatrick Dam be dismantled and removed and that the reservoir be drained and the natural land formations, flollage, and waterways be restored to as near original flow as possible.	That the Kilpatrick Dam is nearing the end of it's useful life and rather than devote funding for it's repair / refurbishment I would prefer to see it dismantled. The dam and reservoir were built in support of a project cancelled years ago and should have been dismantled at that time.	That as the reservoir's condition will continue to degrade and pose a hazard to the aquifer and wildlife.	No	ask that the St. Johns Water Management District set an example for the stewardship of Florida's water resources by supporting the demolition of the dam and to begine the restoration of the normal flow of the Ocklawaha River.
10/11/2021 11:29	Martin		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damage from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 11:29	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by letting the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and breaching it. We are learning that dams by humans harm the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. I am a 3rd generation Floridian and to see how our water has become sullied over the years is heartbreaking.		Not really. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	And I say "this can't wait" because as more and more people move to Florida, it is imperative we do what we can to restore what we can and keep natural all we can. The native beauty of Florida is truly what makes it livable. We do not want to be another California.
10/11/2021 11:32	Manatee		No	No					Breach the dam and drain the reservoir	Restore the natural flow of the river	Loss of natural water source and decline of wildlife		
10/11/2021 11:33	Okaloosa		No	No					Remove the dam	Opening our springs and manteas	Depletion of clean water sources and nature being harmed negatively.	Protest	
10/11/2021 11:37	Pinellas		No	No					River and wildlife habitat restoration	The dam is way past it's life and too expensive to maintain	More manatees dying and millions in wasted money repairing the dam	Not really	
10/11/2021 11:38	Pinellas		No	No					focus on interests surrounding the dam's environmental and economic impact.	The environment is a primary concern	The environment	Only if there was no negative impact on the environment	No
10/11/2021 11:42	Outside of state / other	asheville, NC	No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir.	Returning Florida's waterways to their natural, healthy state and ending environmental degradation	loss of plant and animal life	none	n/a
10/11/2021 11:43	Leon		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The Ocklawaha works best in its original natural condition.	Ecological destruction	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/11/2021 11:44	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time			Return to way natural flow of water was before dam	Return to way natural flow of water was before dam			
10/11/2021 11:46	Putnam		No	No						Restore Ocklawaha River to its natural state	Waste of funds for studies to redirect nature -hence 1960s in 1993.	Florida springs impact is not healthy	
10/11/2021 11:56	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No	No						Give more manatees a safe place to live.	I visited Crystal Springs Florida a couple of years ago and had the pleasure of swimming with the manatees. It was an incredible experience and I would love to be able to do it again. Since I had that opportunity, I have a new love for these guys.	More manatees will die.	Please save the manatees.
10/11/2021 11:56	Hillsborough		No	No									
10/11/2021 11:57	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam should be breached and the river allowed to run free to improve and restore habitat for wildlife.	* 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. * 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. * Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	A storm event could trigger a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No scenario short of fulfil achieving the stated outcomes is good enough.Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/11/2021 12:02	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Just to see it.		Tear it down.	Environmental concerns.	Continued damage to our rivers and general eco system.	Nope.	Tear it down and restore natural Florida.
10/11/2021 12:10	Bay		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other						
10/11/2021 12:14	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Observe		I want it removed.	Decline in numbers and variety of fishes, but mostly the overall degradation of the river.	The Ocklawaha River would die.	No.	It's time for the dam to come down and let the river be free. Please!
10/11/2021 12:15	Orange		No	No					Restore the free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Breach the Kirkpatick Dam.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would restore thousands of acres of forested floodplain, many freshwater springs and miles of river channel. This would permit the movement of plant and animals along the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor, benefitting many species. Acres of wetland downstream of the dam would be enhanced. The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers would experience significant environmental improvement. Migratory fish would once again have access to the Ocklawaha system. Manatees would regain access to the warm water of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Recreational fishing would be enhanced by allowing fish access to Ocklawaha spawning habitat. Millions of dollars in dam repairs would be avoided for a structure that never was needed. Potential flood damages to downstream areas in the event of a dam failure would also be avoided. Restorstion of the Ocklawaha would produce increased recreational usage and generate revenues, benefiting residents and eco-tourism industry in the area. Clearly, restoration is economically better for the state.	We would miss an opportunity to correct an ill-planned, environmentally poor human intervention in the Florida ecosystem. The restoration of habitat, improvement of water quality, enhancement of recreational usage, and improved movement of native wildlife were considered insufficient rationale by elected officials. Taxpayers would continue to foot the bill for an ill-advised dam's maintenance and repair. A waste of resources. Failure to restore the free flowing Ocklawaha River would suggest that the St Johns River Management District and other Florida officials are not following published science or listening to the input of the citizenship.	No. There is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental or economic benefits that restoration will.	
10/11/2021 12:16	Dade		No	No					Remove dam to allow free flow of water	Dam prevents free flow of water-leftover relic of Cross Florida Barge Canal	The SJRWM's complete lack of science driven policy for the good of all Floridians.	No	
10/11/2021 12:18	Volusia		No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam incrementally and allow Rodman Reservoir to empty completely.	The dam was built to support the Cross-Florida Barge Canal, which is no longer going to be completed/used.		None.	
10/11/2021 12:19	Duval		No	No					I would like to see natural spaces restored whenever possible.	Restoring the area would help manatees	That a tiny group of sport fishing/hunting advocates always seem to get their way, when public opinion favors restoring these areas to their natural state	You'd have to explain more	
10/11/2021 12:22	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Hunting	Removed	Constantly having drawdowns to control aquatic overgrowth	Continuing aquatic spraying and drawdowns	Perhaps keeping damn gates open to increase flow and lessening drawdowns and spraying	
10/11/2021 12:22	Hillsborough		No	No						yes			
10/11/2021 12:28	Lake		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Put things back to how they were in the 60's		Environment will still be impacted.	Not sure	
10/11/2021 12:32	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see the river system restored to it's natural state. Humans need to stop trying to micro-engineer nature. It ultimately does more damage than good.	Ongoing degradation of the ecosystem & decrease in the number of plants & animals.	Continued loss of habitat & the animals who depend on these areas. Continued messing with the ground water recharge cycle, as well as the natural surface flow of water & flood mitigation.	No	We have to stop sacrificing the planet for profit.
10/11/2021 12:32	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Removal of the dam.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	Waterway degradation in whole watershed.	No.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait any longer.
10/11/2021 12:34	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		The dam needs to be removed to allow the free flow of the river	Manatees are kept from navigating to the spring	Migration of manatees and fish continue to be blocked as well as the cost resigned to keep the dam operational	No	
10/11/2021 12:39	Suwannee		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Breach the dam so that migratory fish and other marine life can utilize the free flow of the Ocklawaha River the way nature intended. Especially the Manatee which need this area for future survival. Restoration of the forest and what a great time to include educational material for our native Flora & Fauna. The free flowing river would also help with the invasive aquatic weeds that are blocking various channels and boat ramps. The continued use of herbicides to correct this problem is heart breaking. I know sometimes herbicides are necessary in land areas but to be using it in aquatic situations is just plain wrong. The dam is no longer safe in it's condition and to invest in rebuilding it would make absolutely no sense. Our state's population has really proven to be devastating on our native wildlife. Please give wildlife a better chance at survival.	We need a healthy river! While I don't think it should be about economics until we put our lakes and rivers in the position to be healthy we will never win.	A continued decline in a once pristine ecosystem.	My parents owned property at Lake Hewitt in Orange Springs where I grew up enjoying not only Orange Springs which is now where a private water bottling company sits but we spent many weekends enjoying trips down the Ocklawaha River all the way up to Silver Springs. That was truly something to cherish and I hope our vision for the state can bring back some of this once thriving marine life.
10/11/2021 12:39	Dixie		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Native plant viewing, birdwatching	I would like to see the dam removed.	There is no longer any need for the dam to be there.. To maintain it for ONE group of people (fishermen) is selfish It should be removed for the benefit of all including the wildlife/fish.	Th	The trees and other vegetation that would need to be removed before the dam is removed. Water quality!	Please, it is time for the wrong of the past to be fixed and time for the dam to be removed!
10/11/2021 12:42	Okeechobee		No	No					Remove and return river to natural course.	The proposed reason for damming the river was never completed and serves no purpose	Whatever is decided should help the river and area be more environmentally pristine.		
10/11/2021 12:44	St Johns		No	No					Restoring the free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to allow Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River to be connected.	Science and studies prove that restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are far overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	
10/11/2021 12:46	Citrus		No	No					The dam should be removed, sooner rather than later.	It has been necessary to draw down the dam periodically to remove overgrowth and debris since the dam was built.	continued environmental damage to the land surrounding the reservoir	No, the dam should be removed.	This dam has done so much damage to the environment of the area, both in terms of the water but also animals and the plants. Some studies suggest that removing the dam will actually increase the fish populations and therefore will improve fishing as well.
10/11/2021 12:46	Hernando		No	No					I would love to see man's interference with nature overturned by breaching the dam and returning waters to where nature intended them to be.	Florida has for 50 years been exploited by developers and state/county planners who place profit above our natural resources. At least 15,000+ acres of lands would be returned to the Florida Wildlife Corridor when the dam is opened.	Florida will continue to suffer loss of habitat as well as loss of the return of fish and other wildlife that are mainstays of tourist industries and recreational users.	none in the least.	This is an unprecedented opportunity to do the right thing for a state that has suffered tremendous loss over this last century.
10/11/2021 12:46	Pinellas		No	No					Removal, in order to open the waterway as nature intended for fish, animals and humans !!!	The natural river flow was impeded by the man made dam - needs to be removed.	Continued disruption of natural flow by a dam that makes absolutely no sense !	No	
10/11/2021 12:53	Osceola		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Draw down the reservoir and remove the Kirkpatrick dam	The is a loss of over 20 natural clearwater springs and winter hangouts for manatees	Taxpayer expense to upkeep the dam and loss of animal habitat		Please restore natural Florida habitat and water flow.
10/11/2021 12:58	Pinellas		No	No					If it has a negative impact on the environment, it should be demolished.				It is the only thing that makes sense.
10/11/2021 13:02	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Take the dam away and let the river flow freely, like it is supposed to.	Water levels of the Silver River	The habitat for native animals and plants is not as beneficial as it should be. Water Levels of the Silver River are much lower than they should be.	Greatly reduce the size of the reservoir, to restore most of the water flow.	
10/11/2021 13:05	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 13:07	Pinellas		No	No						Harm the rivers	environmental damage	environmental damage	no
10/11/2021 13:08	St Johns		No	No	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see Rodman drained and the Ocklawaha River restored	all			no
10/11/2021 13:09	Gadsden		No	No					Restoration of the natural river system.	It is the right thing to do	A continuing degradation of the ecosystem.	Probably not, but I am always willing to listen to options.	Florida is a very special and unique ecosystem that deserves and requires diligent stewardship.
10/11/2021 13:14	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		taken down. Free the Ocklawaha!	To restore the original flow to protect them natural ecosystem in once supported and the many fish and wildlife that depend on the river flowing freely.	a failed natural ecosystem as nature created it.	no	
10/11/2021 13:16	Duval		No	No					I would like to see it removed	Hinders the natural flow of the river	That we continue to destroy native Florida plants and critters	Not at this time	
10/11/2021 13:21	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other	Removed	The drawdown.	Water quality all the way through to lake apopka.		
10/11/2021 13:22	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. It has lots of potential to be an even more amazing waterway if it were to be restored back to its former state.	3 rivers and 50 springs would be restored, habitat for manatees and many fish would be restored, the rivers will be healthier, 4-14 million dollars would be saved in dam repair and maintenance costs, and the risk of flood damage to nearby people and businesses would decrease while increasing recreation opportunities and wildlife habitat.	The continued harm to our communities, both human in the economic detriment of risking damage to nearby homes and businesses and the environmental harm of depriving fish and manatee of vital habitat that could help keep them from going extinct.	No. The dam is already well past its life expectancy and breaching it will provide many influential benefits for people and the environment.	I urge you to please fully weigh all the amazing benefits of breaching this old, dangerous, and expensive dam. The money currently used keeping it running could be used to restore the area for wildlife and people to explore. The restoration projects could give people jobs. The water quality would have a chance to improve. The benefits are numerous and wonderful, as well as economical.
10/11/2021 13:25	Escambia		No	No									
10/11/2021 13:26	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	Removal and return area to original state	Loss of aquatic life	Pro-dam people become more entrenched	Like what?	Get DeSantis moving on this
10/11/2021 13:27	Dade		No	No					Keep it ok and safe of green algae so manatees could swim with no fear	The state of disgusting horrible toxic algae nothing done by this inept governor	The toxic water is what concern me since this governor is a crook		
10/11/2021 13:28	Hillsborough		No	Yes					Remove them and restore the Ocklawaha River and springs to their historical flow.	The cross-Florida canal was a boondoggle and an environmental disaster that destroyed this segment of the Ocklawaha and drowned important springs so that they no longer flow. When the project was abandoned these waters should have been restored so that the wildlife and environmental systems could thrive.	Detrimental impact to the fish and manatees that cannot cross through the dame.	Drain the reservoir and remove at least a section of the dam to allow the Ocklawaha to flow through and the springs to run again.	
10/11/2021 13:35	Broward		No	No						All the springs it covered would return.			
10/11/2021 13:35	Levy		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River returned to its natural flow.	The St.Johns/Ocklawaha/Silver River systems have suffered comprehensive ecological decline since their natural flow was disturbed.	That the health of The St.Johns/Ocklawaha/Silver River systems will continue to decline until their are very few native fish left and the water quality and flow becomes becomes irreversibly damaged.	Probably not but I would be open to compromise depending on the arguments of all stakeholders.	The Cross Florida Barge Canal was a short sighted, ill conceived and ecologically devastating project. The Ocklawaha and Withlacoochee River systems have suffered ever sense. Historically, these rivers were considered to be the "Amazons" of North America. These rivers had some of the biodiverse populations of plants and animals on earth. They also had some of the purest water on earth. Even in my lifetime I have seen the populations of native fish, wildlife, and plants decline drastically. I have seen the quality and quantity of their flows diminished severely. I believe that the preservation and conservation value of the Ocklawaha River System will be far superior once the river is restored to its natural flow. Hopefully the Withlacoochee River System will be restored soon as well.
10/11/2021 13:36	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	I am in favor of reuniting and restoring the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, Silver Rivers and Silver Springs and 50 spring ecosystems. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam will save taxpayers $4-14 Million in repairs costs past the dams life expectancy. Creating a free-flowing river where 100s of manatees gain access to warmer water habitat during the cold winter season. Restoration of 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor creates more diverse recreation opportunities, increases local tourism and strengthens the local economy.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 13:39	Marion		No	No					Restore the waterway to it's natural state.				
10/11/2021 13:40	Alachua		No	No					Removal of the dam and restoration of the Oklawaha River's natural flow.	Restoration of approximately fifty lost springs and 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife corridor.	There have been continuous efforts over the years to remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha River, but THIS is an exceptional opportunity because state and federal monies are available.	No.	This should be an environmental issue, not a political one. We should postumously honor the resolve and wisdom of Marjorie Carr by taking this commonsense action.
10/11/2021 13:46	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam to help restore the eco system leading to and including the St. John's River.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River is mandatory. Attempts to "Build Florida" by draining the swamplands, destroying the Florida aquafor, and preventing marine life from natural migration has done devastating damage to Florida and we need to stand togethter to help heal Florida.	Sad that the fisher people who enjoy catching fish in Rodman Reservoir "sucked" will not be able to enjoy the sport of catching wild and much healthier/tastier fish.	No, please understand, the longer people abuse the land/water that provides us with food and drink, the worse our provisions will be.	
10/11/2021 13:53	Hillsborough		No	No					That damn dam should be REMOVED !	Common Sense .	FL water resources and wetlands will continue to suffer the negative impacts of the natural flow blockage created by the Rodman Dam.	NO !	

10/11/2021 14:03	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Free the river! No more dam	The detriment to wildlife, especially manatees, who are faced with so much environmentally	Restoration denied	No	This dam is a potential problem in the future! Let's get rid of it now!!! Save the manatees
10/11/2021 14:10	Volusia		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the watery of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/11/2021 14:14	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Keeping track of this decades long horrible dam and its destruction of habitats and wildlife.	Get rid of it immediately. This easily starts with a "drawdown", which already happens regularly to reduce the aquatic plant buildup. Instead of closing the dam's gates after the drawdown reaches its lowest water level, remove the dam instead, including the structural gates, the lengthy earthen portion, and the road on top of these structures.	The free flowing Oklawaha River, as present before this disastrous construction, was far better in every way to the present situation. Of course, not only the Rodman Dam must be removed. The Eureka Dam must also be removed upstream. There are also several earthen partial dams in the Rodman Pool between Rodman and Eureka dams which also must be bulldozed out of existence.	The inability of manatees, shad, sturgeon, etc. from making their historic migrations upstream into or almost into the headwaters of the Oklawaha River and the head springs of the Silver River.	No. The Cross Florida Barge Canal Project will never be completed. The Rodman Pool is the last part of this disaster to be dismantled and it is long overdue. It costs taxpayers millions to maintain Rodman Pool for a few diehard fisher people, as a direct subsidy for their personal amusement, when removal of the dams and pool will provide much better fishing for all, swimming in presently unavailable springs, and wildlife observation and hiking in some 9,000 acres of quickly restored riverine forest.	A tiny minority of Florida legislators, lobbyists, and bass fisher people have successfully stonewalled democracy for far too long in Tallahassee. The vast majority of Floridians have long tried to get rid of this monstrosity now called the George Kirkpatrick Dam, etc. and lived instead in constant frustration, approaching totally unnecessary anger. Our state government and even our federal government (part of the Rodman Pool is on federal land) have both failed the vast majority of its citizens, because politicians are so incredibly stupid about basic ecology and wildlife biology, give in over and over to local interests rather than vote for the total state interest, the needs of the vast majority of Floridians now numbering well over 20 million.
10/11/2021 14:25	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	I would like to see the dam removed, and the natural flow of the river restored.	The condition of the springs that are flooded over, and the condition of the St. Johns River downstream of the Ocklawaha.	Primarily that the quality of both the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns will continue to decline. Secondarily that the dam will eventually fail, or require millions in repairs.	I think removal is the only answer, although I suppose some sort of partial breach might help restore the flow, but then there still would be maintenance issues. I think the right answer is complete removal and try to get the river back as close to it's natural state as possible.	I have been fishing and boating on the St. Johns River for more than 50 years and have seen the degradation and salt intrusion in the lower river. Now is the time to remove this holdover from a failed project. It will still be a sportsman's paradise up the Ocklawaha.
10/11/2021 14:29	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the free-flowing Ocklawaha restored.	The damn has surpassed its useful life and it now a liability. Rather than spend money to repair obsolete infrastructure, the state needs to remove it and reconnect the hydrology of the Ocklawaha system.	I am concerned that the dam may fail due to its age resulting in dangerous conditions and that the environmental impacts of the dam will continue to worsen if it is left in place.	No	
10/11/2021 14:31	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed. I used to be a proponent of save Rodman, until I realized the detriment that monstrosity is causing to the environment from a failed project. The fishing recreational benefits are miniscule compared to the other recreational potential for eco tourism,. The dam is not in good shape, the cost to maintain far outweighs any benefits it could provide. Removing the dam and letting the river run it's natural course would benefit the wildlife and fisheries. Not to mention allowing striped bass and manatees the ability to migrate through their previous natural areas. Fishing opportunities would also be increased by giving access to the shoreline.	Environmental impact statements by Jenny Carr	Continued environmental impacts on the river and wasted tax dollars	At least partial restoration	Please realize the Rodaman resevoir/ kirkpatrick dam is a needless and wasted expense of taxpayer monies. Free the river and let ecotourism bring in more money and jobs thanis currently provided by the reservoir.
10/11/2021 14:32	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing	I would like to see it preserved and maintained.	It provides a clean pristine water source. Abundant vegetation filters water coming from upstream. Also, the St. Johns River downstream from the barge canal has been devoid of grass since Hurricane Irma.	That an outstanding waterway would be destroyed. I also do not understand the constant attacks on the reservoir by people that have never been there. It would make no more sense to destroy it than it would by destroying Lake Lanier in Georgia or TVA Lakes to the north of us.	No.	
10/11/2021 14:44	Marion		No	No					I would like to see the restoration of the Oklawaha River with the removal of the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.	I would like to see the minimizing of manatee deaths from the loss of warm water habitat and starvation from sea grass loss. I believe that it is important to restore a migratory route for fish and manatees from the Atlantic Ocean. Connecting a free-flowing Ocklawaha to the St. John's River would improve the environmental health of the entire river system.	The economics of the revenue from bass fishing and tourism income will be more important to the Florida government than the restoration of all the river flow to pre-dam conditions. Money will be more important to our state government than protecting our state environmental treasures for years to come.	If it is the only alternative, I would be forced to accept a breaching of the dam. I do believe that the reservoir should be drained and the river restored to its pre-dam levels	This is an issue that has been debated too long and has continued to lose to money interests instead of environmental concerns in the state. Climate change is real. Species are dying and our most precious resource in Florida, our beautiful water, is being traded for economic enrichment for the few. Please save our state, our world, for all.
10/11/2021 14:47	Lake		No	No					Restore the river by breaching the dam.	Restoration of native species that were displaced when the dam was built in 1958, removed of barrier to free movement of plants and animals, creation of different kinds of recreational areas, possible return of more manatees, and no more liability from possible flooding.	continued loss of native habitat	No, positive results require freeing the river	
10/11/2021 14:57	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: break from motorcycle ride	Removed of dam and river flow restored	On-line and newspaper articles about this situation since moving here 32 years ago	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River for natural florida land and water quality. Exposure of natural springs for warm havens for the manatees. River quality and flow for fish and manatee.	Breaching if complete removal of the dam is not approved.	Water quality is a major issue in Florida, especially since more people are moving here each year. I understand bass fishermen's concerns - but the big picture needs to be considered. Many forms of tourism will grow in this area once the dam is gone.
10/11/2021 15:04	Seminole		No	No					Go back to where they were all joined.	What you have provided.	I would be, yet again, extremely disappointed in our State government.	No.	
10/11/2021 15:08	Wakulla		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harhenjithia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/11/2021 15:11	Hernando		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Environmental information	Continued decline of water resources	No	
10/11/2021 15:11	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: never	Dismantle the dam. Restore the Ocklawaha River.	The cross-Florida barge canal was one of the worst ideas (for Florida) in the 20th century. We are all lucky that it was never completed.	The Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs must be restored. Our ecosystems are near collapse. We must act!	We must do everything possible to end the degradation of our natural springs. I am open to suggestions.	We must protect our springs (and aquifer). Commercial bottling of our springwater for export to all points of the globe must end!
10/11/2021 15:14	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and locks. Return the Oklawaha River to its original path and allow the ecology of the area to remain natural.	To preserve the natural beauty of the river, allow the endangered manatees to follow their natural paths and survive. Nature will heal itself. Have you looked at Google earth at the whole Oklawaha flood plane? Needs help.	Endangered manatees. It is not nice to fool mother nature. Destruction of the ecosystem. You cannot control the rivers. The cross-Florida barge canal was a bad idea to begin with.	Totally remove all man made structures along the Oklawaha and allow her to flow free.	The SFWMD has screwed up South Florida and the Everglades. Please dont screw up north/central water ways, just for profit. We need our NATURAL resources natural.
10/11/2021 15:21	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Torn. Wasting money on a dam that does not provide electricity.	The dam will only cost more and more. Cut our losses.	Continued stagnation of the rodman reservoir.	A free flowing Ock.	
10/11/2021 15:21	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam to restore 9,000 acres of the Ocala Forest to hopefully return the 20 natural springs to a natural state so the manatees, striped bass and other marine life will return as well keeping a rising sea level from returning the adjacentSt. Johns salty. Two former governors (one Democratic and the other Republican) vowed to do this. Legislators failed to provide funding.	These is not one specific piece. There are many starting as early as the '70's when it cut into the Florida acquirer, the need to drain the reservoir, the extensive development, U.S. Forest Service excess water off federal land, St. John's Water Management study about pollutants not causing irreparable damage downstream, a revitalization similar to Dead Lakes in the Panhandle per State Fisheries biologist, etc. Water is natural resource that FL needs to protect. Climate change and environmental issues are impacting Floridians lifestyle.	The impact on water, wildlife, and lifestyle.	It needs to be presented, discussed in an open forum with input from all parties. This is a challenge for the State of Florida to accomplish these days.	Thank you for giving me this opportunity.
10/11/2021 15:30	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam breached to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha.A river so it may become a winter haven for the Florida manatee.	Studies that show manatees could benefit from a natural flowing river with access to multiple springs including Silver Springs.	My concern is that the dam will eventually burst on its own due to its age and cause damages due to flash flooding from water being released all at once instead of gradually.	If the full outcome is not achieved there should be a way for manatees to pass through the dam that is safer and more reliable than the lock system that is currently in place.	All businesses affected by this change should be fairly compensated.
10/11/2021 15:30	Clay		No	No					The dam is failing. We should not spend good money after bad. Remove the dam and restore the environment!	Disney and theme parks have seen their day. The future for Florida is ecotourism. The more natural habitat we have to offer, the more economic impact we will see. Tourists come to Florida's east coast for the beautiful beaches, and to the west coast for the manatees. The rivers, lakes and springs have been largely enjoyed only by Floridians. We have the opportunity to promote the awesome ecological diversity that makes up our state and to become as much a tourist destination as Yellowstone.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline. The dam was a mistake, and we have the opportunity to set it right. Restoring the river will restore natural springs and will recharge the aquifer by filtering the water. Restoring the river will restore forest land, providing flood protection, wildlife habitat, and opportunities for timber management and recreation. It is also the most cost-effective solution.	NO! The Rodman dam is a money pit. Let nature work her healing on the land, and spend the money on other failing infrastructure, like bridges!	Thank you for asking for public opinion. Overall, I believe the St. Johns River Water Management Department does a good job protecting Florida's irreplaceable natural resources. I am sure you will lead the fight to do the right thing.
10/11/2021 15:38	Pinellas		No	No					I want the damn removed	That the damn is detrimental to the health of the river & manatees that get stuck in the locks & die.	Dumb question!! I'm a 5th generation native Floridian extremely concerned about the deteriorating environment because of failures by the bureaucrats in Tallahasee	No!	
10/11/2021 16:01	Broward		No	No					I am in support of restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored by breaching the dam. Additionally, 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored and historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 16:06	Putnam		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	When the last drawdown was in place, hundreds of fishermen crowded the banks fishing. Birders were able to access the river, and many more people were able to use the river. I took photos of them as I was boating on the river.	That the vegetation overload gets worse and fewer and fewer people can use the river	No	Please, it's time, just remove the dam and let the river resume its natural course. You will be surprised at how quickly it comes back
10/11/2021 16:12	Outside of state / other	Mansfield TX	No	No					I don't know	That manatees are getting killed	To help save manatees		
10/11/2021 16:15	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed	Wildlife	More manatees will die	Nothing	
10/11/2021 16:21	Duval		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No because it really would be a wasted opportunity to do good for the environment and the wildlife that would so greatly benefit from breaching the dam.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Manatees are wonderful creatures and one of mine and my moms favorite animals and it would break our hearts and millions of others if we didn't do everything we could to save them so please make the right decision, thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 16:23	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	leave the Reservoir as is and support maintenance to the Dam.	This is a major economic boost for our community...man people visit Putnam County to fish the reservoir.	That we will lose a great ressource for our community and $$$ to our Community from visitors that spend money on fishing and lodging.	no...base the decisions on facts not wild unfounded information	
10/11/2021 16:24	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$50+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/11/2021 16:34	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Other: Biking	It should be removed.	It is an unsustainable, artificial structure that disrupts what was and would be a large forest and historic free-flowing river. It obstructs free flow of manatees and other creatures and requires regular drawdowns just to keep the aquatic weeds from choking off boating.	Wasted money on an unnecessary artificial system that preempts free-flowing river and a vast area of ever-more-rare natural aquatic and terrestrial habitat.	Simply opening the dam and the lock system to let the river flow would be better than the status quo.	This structure was a mistake that we do not have to perpetuate. By removing the aging dam, we have a tremendous opportunity to correct that mistake.
10/11/2021 16:36	Broward		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha Rive by reaching the dam.	reaching the dam restores natural water flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St Johns River	Continued decline in water quality, harm to manatees and fish, waste of tax payers money to repair a dam that is not necessary.	No.	
10/11/2021 16:44	Pinellas		No	No									
10/11/2021 16:45	Nassau		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
10/11/2021 16:46	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Breached and natural flows restored	it will improve health of this stretch of water allowing return of fish and manatees and will, resultingly, improve the quality of user site visits	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. This should have happened decades ago.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 16:53	Citrus		No	No					I support the proposal put forth by the Florida Native Plant Society of a partial breach.	The information from FNPS regarding the positive impacts the breach would have re-instating the river to its natural state. By restoring the natural flow native species could rebound, it would cut down on salt water intrusion,it would save money,and it would increase ecotourism.	That the river and it's flora and fauna would eventually die out.	No. Partial breach appears to be the most environmentally sound approach.	
10/11/2021 16:58	Lake		No	No						N/A	N/A	N/A	None
10/11/2021 16:59	Volusia		No	No						I just want what's best for manatees and the ecosystem in general.	That this is needed for manatees normal functioning and health, according to their nature.	My biggest concern that we could lose manatees as species.	
10/11/2021 17:02	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Boating					
10/11/2021 17:03	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Three rivers -- the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers -- plus dozens of springs would be restored, allowing the return of fish and manatees in a free-flowing river.	Millions of dollars in taxpayers' money would be wasted to repair a dam that harms the environment and does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/11/2021 17:03	Broward		No	No									
10/11/2021 17:04	Dade		No	No					I would like to see the restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Having the Ocklawaha River restored will prevent additional environmental degradation. Enough damage has already been done for 53 years of this ill-fated Dam.	Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. Imperilled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harhenjithia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. Imperilled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harhenjithia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Although I am not an area resident, I am deeply committed to the preservation of our beautiful State of Florida native environment, it's diverse flora and fauna. It is a moral obligation to maintain and preserve such natural gifts of this State for our present enjoyment and the enjoyment of our future generations. Once restored, I will visit the Ocklawaha River area to enjoy its natural beauty.
10/11/2021 17:22	Volusia		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir	MyFS research	Environmental impacts	No	
10/11/2021 17:17	Alachua		No	Yes					Preservation of the natural environment.	Restored to its natural state.	A few are robbing our state of important resources.		
10/11/2021 17:24	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	It's a beautiful location, but dams are too damaging to the local environment. I'd like the dam to be breached.	Environmental studies of the Florida "river of grass" and of the local Kirkpatrick dam	The sustained mismanagement of the regions natural resources.	No. Dams are a failure of the previous generation - their ignorance of the results of the damn for local ecosystems are now our problem to solve.	None.
10/11/2021 17:27	Pinellas		No	No									
10/11/2021 17:30	Outside of state / other	MS	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 17:32	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Don't have opinion one way or another.				
10/11/2021 17:43	Volusia		No	No					Dismantle it and restore natural river flow.	The dam is killing natural Florida habitat.	We,re letting Florida continue to get sold out to special interests.	No.	Juust do the right thing and stop the politicians from continuing to sell us out.

10/11/2021 17:43	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	The Dam needs to come down.	Dams across the country have been successfully taken down to the benefit of the environment and the economy.	Toxic algae blooms behind the dam.			
10/11/2021 17:52	Wakulla		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	remove it	nature	loss of natural habitat permanently		no	
10/11/2021 17:56	Outside of state / other	Lawrenceville, GA.	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored.	I am very concerned about the dire situation of the inhabitants of this area -- the manatee are particularly in danger -- we've often viewed manatee and have been alarmed about the state of these creatures. I was born and raised in Florida and was proud of the care given to wildlife. Other species need this also.	Manatees will die...the other inhabitants (bobcats, white-tailed deer, black bears, panthers, etc.) will ultimately suffer as the result of the River not being restored.		Our planet is slowly being taken over by people who do not worry about the state of our natural areas -- constant threats are coming from commercial interests all over the world. We need to start to take seriously issues like this. No, this has to be done; and we have to start somewhere.	
10/11/2021 18:01	Pinellas		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir.	Global warming and the loss of natural wetlands in Florida.	Loss of natural habitat that cannot be recovered.			No	
10/11/2021 18:03	St Johns		No	No				Removed	Need to return Florida to its natural state. We can't continue to put water from the St. John's and hope for no impact. This is a cool fishing spot but otherwise provides no benefit having the dam.	Continued decline in river health. Continued loss in habitat.			Negative	The sportsman that are against it need to think more globally that the loss of a bass fishing hole. Very short sided.
10/11/2021 18:15	Seminole		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.		No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 18:23	Orange		No	No										
10/11/2021 18:27	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the area by eliminating the dam	Vintage photos, visible evidence of negative changes, natural river flow	Lack of water where there was sufficient water flow previous to the dam being put in.		Probably not	
10/11/2021 18:29	Charlotte		No	No					Make sure the resource is preserved to ensure any wildlife either on land or in the water survive	I don't want to see areas get to the point that they can not be enjoyed by future generations	Loss of either an land or in water wildlife		Would want to see plan before commenting	
10/11/2021 18:40	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use the dam. I do all of the above on the Oklawaha River, which has been weakened by that dam.	Breach the dam. Stop paying millions for maintenance of the supporting structure. Tear down the supporting structures and restore what you can of the natural ecosystem.	The interruption of wildlife corridors and the reduction of the flow of the Oklawaha River.	would have to live with the fact that politicians will never care about the predictable devastation brought by that 1960s boondoggle, and that they would rather continue paying millions to maintain that dam.		Just breach the dam without removing the whole boondoggle.	Rodman reservoir is a travesty. Why should taxpayers support stocking a pool for well-heeled bass fishermen?
10/11/2021 18:43	Lee		No	Yes		1 time								
10/11/2021 18:44	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river to what it used to be.	The river would be a better choice over what we created.	A continuation of a bad choice on our part(mankind)		No	
10/11/2021 18:49	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This needs to be done now. There's no good excuse not to. Vital aspects of our environment and wildlife will greatly benefit.
10/11/2021 18:50	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Keep it	Sportsmans reasure and draw for tourism	Lost of resourse		No	
10/11/2021 18:50	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural River. Take out dam.	Fish and manatees need to be able to migrate naturally.	Death of fish, manatees and wildlife eco systems being seriously damaged irreversibly. Extinction, etc.		NO. Let the waters flow please.	Headwaters of everglades is being restored. This should be too.
10/11/2021 19:11	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter spring habitats.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.		No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of sea grass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 19:17	Duval		No	No					Take down the dam and restore the Ocklawaha and return its flow back to the St Johns River.	it's the right thing to do both ecologically and economically.	Pollution of our rivers , streams, and springs will continue unabated, with disastrous results.		Any return to the natural flow of our fresh water would be an improvement.	
10/11/2021 19:18	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the river ecosystem	The manatee are dying off and breaching the dam would provide a better ecosystem for them to thrive and bring back fish species.	The extinction of the manatee		Making the manatee an endangered species until a better environment is provided for them to thrive.	
10/11/2021 19:21	Monroe		No	No					Get it back to the way it was		More devolopment.			The whole state keeps squeezing out natural areas. Then blame it on climate change.
10/11/2021 19:22	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Tear it down & free the river	Species rehab! Free the springs covered like when I was a boy! HELP FLUSH THE ST. JOHN'S!	You will see more destruction caused by man. THE RIVER WILL DIE!		Tear it down & free the river	Free the river
10/11/2021 19:25	Brevard		No	No					Remove the dam	Wildlife	Wildlife		No	
10/11/2021 19:31	Okaloosa		No	No					Let more manatees in	Manatees	Disappointed			
10/11/2021 19:48	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the flow of the River and the springs underneath the dam and reservoir.	I understand there is some loss of bass fishing. However, the flow of the river would improve fishing in the St. Johns, help provide grasses for manatees, and improve kayaking and canoeing on the river and it's side tributaries.	Wasting more money on fixing the damn, and missing an opportunity to restore wetlands and spring flows. The St Johns has so many stresses and we need to help it get healthy by letting the Rodman Dam go away.	Nothing makes sense accept letting this 1920s mistake go away.		
10/11/2021 19:50	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Demolished	Restoration of water flow to St Johns River	Further increased salinity		No	
10/11/2021 19:52	Leon		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Return to the Oklawaha, remove the locks	The river prior to the reservoir was a stunning natural resource with tremendous biodiversity that has been converted to a large lake..	A missed opportunity for millions of Floridians.		No	I grew up going to the Oklawaha and spent many days there prior to the creation of Rodman Reservoir.... What has become of it pales in comparison to what the river was...
10/11/2021 19:55	Outside of state / other	Suffolk County, New York	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat.	What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatee population has been eradicated. Please do everything in your power to protect and support these beautiful creatures from further harm and destruction. Thank you.
10/11/2021 19:58	Levy		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam on the Rodman Reservoir. The dam has impeded the river's flow for more than 50 years, blocking the movement of aquatic life and degrading water quality. Manatees in particular would benefit from breaching the dam. More than 940 manatees have died in 2021 alone due to factors such as starvation from seagrass loss. But their greatest longterm threat remains the loss of warmer-water habit such as natural springs, which they need to survive the winter. Connecting a free-flowing Ocklawaha to the St. Johns River would create a migratory route for fish and manatees from the Atlantic Ocean. Manatees would be able to travel to the Ocklawaha's "lost springs" that were submerged due to the dam and Silver Springs, and the environmental health of the whole river system would be improved. American Rivers named the Ocklawaha one of America's most endangered rivers in 2020, citing decreasing biodiversity and poor water quality due to the dam. A recent report by the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute found that blue tilapia, an invasive fish, now dominates Silver Springs. Restoring a free-flowing Ocklawaha would bring back native species that compete with tilapia and control their population. For years bass fishing enthusiasts have fought to keep the dam intact, with the backing of Putnam County officials who value the tourism it generates. But a restored Ocklawaha would attract more outdoor recreation than the reservoir's declining fishery, economists have found. The Free the Ocklawaha Coalition, which includes 50 environmental, business and community groups, proposes for the dam to at least be breached. The plan would restore the river flow and levels to pre-dam conditions while limiting the alterations needed to be made to land and structures. Gov. Ron DeSantis would burnish his environmental record by being the governor who finally drained the reservoir and restored the river. Doing so would bring environmental as well as fiscal benefits, generating tourism while ending the expense of paying for the state dam's maintenance and upkeep.	The Ocklawaga Rive is one of the most endangered rivers and breaching the dam would increase biodiversity, help protect the manatees and improve water quality	The our wildlife and water would be in jeopardy		Have the politicians sit down with the Free the Ocklawaha Coalition and negotiate what could be done that would restore the most to water quality and native wildlife.	With the real threat of climate change upon us, we can not afford to endanger our current wildlife and need to preserve our water.
10/11/2021 20:09	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.		No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 20:12	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Preservation of the Dam	Fishing	Dredging of the river and ship traffic		No	
10/11/2021 20:14	Palm Beach		No	No					Restored to the river's original condition.	The dam is not functional, so should be removed	That the wildlife along the river's path will not recover.			
10/11/2021 20:24	Broward		No	No					open the damn to let the water flow	the current state hurts the environmental health of the area	changing the ecosystem			
10/11/2021 20:33	St Johns		No	No					Get rid of it	Restoration of water flow for the springs and wildlife	Money will be wasted reobirving a useless man made structure while natural springs will suffer and wildlife will die		I don't know. Partially removing it? Enough to restore the water ways.	
10/11/2021 20:46	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Dislodge the dam and let the water flow	The Cross Barge Canal project did not happen	not enough fresh water			
10/11/2021 20:55	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the flow of the 3 rivers	Reclaiming the natural water flow that supports the springs and estuary.	Manatees and other wildlife. More springs will be lost.		No. It should be fully restored.	
10/11/2021 21:08	Lee		No	No										
10/11/2021 21:11	Lee		No	No					Dam removed, and returned to original state	Human don't usually make nature better, they destroy it	Fish, manatees,and other wildlife would be further stressed		Not sure	
10/11/2021 21:26	Pasco		No	No					Clean up	What I just read	Manatees		Na	
10/11/2021 21:29	Citrus		No	No										
10/11/2021 21:36	Pinellas		No	No					Would like to see it breached	More habitat to support manatees and provide more food for them	Continued risk of manatee deaths or injuries from the lock system and lack of crucial habitat for manatees		No	
10/11/2021 21:37	Gadsden		No	No					I would prefer that the dam be breached and the reservoir be allowed to return to its natural state before the waterway was blocked. This major remediation will greatly improve the health of Florida's water quality and wildlife habitats which disappear every day.	Historic fish and manatees will return as the breach opens creating a free-flowing river. Hundreds of manatees will rediscover essential warm water winter springs habitat. The hundred mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will become healthier. Over 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. All of this is important to me.	Florida will miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling camps, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Definitely NO. The breaching of the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 150-mile lower St. Johns River. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 21:44	Orange		No	No					Breach it to allow easy access for the manatees to travel through	No new sitings of Manatees	The well being of our states beloved Manatees		NA	
10/11/2021 21:52	Seminole		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	Of Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed riverway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklewaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/11/2021 21:56	Wakulla		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored so normal wildlife patterns can resume.	Historic fish and manatees can return to the free flowing River.	The state would continue to invest money on maintenance for a dam that is not needed and does environmental damage and threatens to increase flooding risk.		No. A drawdown alone does not provide the necessary remediation.	As a fisheries biologist, I am distressed at the reluctance of the state to breach the dam and restore the free flowing River with its unmeasurable benefit to the fish populations. It is my understanding that many of the recreational fishermen would support this action, even many of those participating in the tournaments. Most politicians, with a few notable exceptions, support the breach. Thanks you for offering this survey and considering this action.
10/11/2021 22:13	Wakulla		No	No					I support breaching the dam and restoring the free flowing River to its natural state.	I live on the St Marks River and fully the appreciate the value of a free flowing spring fed River to fish populations and manatees. This year FL has seen record breaking manatee deaths, but we have a chance with this action to restore these springs and increase the manatee habits. It has the potential for bringing more tourists than the fishermen who use the reservoir and would not use a free flowing River. I cannot believe there are many of them.	Habit destruction is already a problem in FL so it is difficult for me to understand why we would invest $$ in maintaining a dam that does more harm than good to the environment and doesn't make economical sense. Only a few state and local politicians and maybe a few fishermen who use the reservoir and would not use a free flowing river oppose this action.	I don't think so. I support compromise in many situations but a partial mitigation would not provide the desired outcomes. This project has a lot of support from a diverse group of individuals and organizations so it is the appropriate time to act.	Thanks you for offering the survey and exploring options to correct an environmental and problem.
10/11/2021 22:14	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times			Restore back to its natural beauty before the Dam. It's the right thing to do.	Look at the result of this Dam. It should not be there and never should have been built.	Continuing to lose our springs and all the critters that call it home.		No	
10/11/2021 22:15	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Visit springs during the drawdowns	Remove the dam and allow the rivet to return to its natural ecology, which includes wonderful springs.	Science! - lots of it supporting the positive ecological impact of removing the dam. And economic studies that show how ecotourism would benefit the local economy.	Continued degradation of the river, loss of habitat, wildlife, eco- tourism and economic potential.		Can't think of any.	The dam should have been removed years ago! Its an ecological disaster that can be remedied quite easily.
10/11/2021 22:34	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam removed	Springs restored	Lost flow of water to the St. JOHN'S river		No	Over 50 years, we need to get this dam removed for better water quality and fish and game habitat.
10/11/2021 22:42	Orange		No	No										
10/11/2021 22:47	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Oklawaha River	Restoration of these important waterways and springs for the environment.	Decline in water quality		No	This dam should have never been built!
10/11/2021 23:11	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the rivers and breach them! It will help our ecosystem and the manatees of that region thrive.	Based on 2021 data from the Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute, only 102 unique manatees currently use the Ocklawaha River system. To access the Ocklawaha, and the Silver River beyond, manatees must navigate through the Buckman Lock, which has to be manually opened for them by a human operator. While the lock tender recorded 437 manatee sightings in 2018 (the most recent available verified statistic), many of these were repeat sightings of the same 100 or so manatees who have learned to navigate the lock system. Breaching the dam will give many more manatees open and safe access to the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers without the gauntlet of the lock system; experts estimate that a restored river would be able to support hundreds of manatees and provide restored springs for winter refuge and restored vegetation diversity for the food that they need.	Making/keeping it difficult for manatees to not just survive but thrive! Our Floridian waterways are to be enjoyed by not just people but for the wildlife!	Anything that gives manatees easier access through the waterways. Lets stop being barriers for other species!	
10/11/2021 23:13	Orange		No	No					Reunite the river to original flow!	Animals depend on a united river, as well as people having capacity to fish, travel, and enjoy the beauty of the river	It will continue to stagnate and deteriorate the ecosystem.		No	Restore the ecosystem of the entire river and life in it
10/11/2021 23:51	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Other: Camping	Leave it alone. It's great just the way it is.	I come there from Milford Ohio. I have been doing this for over twenty years. Rodman is the only thing that gets me there. I fish at the Dam as I don't have a boat. Its one of the few places you can fish fresh water without a boat.	I suposa i will not be back in Fl . I will have to find someplace to spend my winters.		No.	
10/12/2021 0:15	Bradford		No	Yes	1 time		2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawaha needs to be set free to restore the springs and rivers it has always fed. The river is sick because of the damn Dam.	You simply have to go and look at the rivers and springs to see what a horrible debacle the dam was to our environment.	The river will keep getting sicker and so with the St. Johns, and the springs.		Not really.	This has gone on too long. The District needs to restore the Ocklawaha and remove the dam so future generations can enjoy the river and our springs.
10/12/2021 1:39	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Iff possible more boat ramps but most important the lake remain as is except for removal of logs etc that endanger vessels.	My many,many visits to the lake since it was created including guide trips when I was younger (now 80) and my knowledge of the lake including having been accepted as an expert witness by USDistrict Court on the fishing there in one of the first cases in an effort to remove the dam. Luckily that judge used his wisdom to keep the lake from the bottomsies given as he was from out of state.	That all the desired eco systems would be destroyed including the loss of life for many wild creatures such as the manatees which are in danger of extinction. The loss of inclome for the communities surrounding the lake including Putnam County which is one of if not the poorest counties in the state. The loss of all the water being stored which could be used by humans in the event of a disaster.		No.	It might have not been a good idea to build the reservoir in the first place but now that it has been there for so many years and supporting so many things it would be an even worse idea to destroy it. It would leave nothing but mud flats for many, many years and the local and federal courts tied up with law suits over land grabbing etc. It would be a was of so much money and time for so many reasones.
10/12/2021 2:07	Brevard		No	No										
10/12/2021 4:47	Osceola		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick dam completely removed in order for the river to run naturally. The reservoir is an eyesore and an unnatural ecological mess.	All of the destruction to the river system this dam and reservoir has done for many, many years.	My biggest concern is that my state of Florida is not committed to the environment and cannot admit when a decades long mistake needs to be made right.	No there is not.		I am a wildlife viewer and would love to visit the Ocklawaha river basin more often but the dam and the Rodman reservoir is such an unnatural site it is hard to look at.
10/12/2021 5:01	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam safely removed	the stunning river prior to the dam with the fish and mammals that could be experienced using the river	that it might never happen		no	

10/12/2021 5:31	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Exploring	Maintenance, keep it open.	Family fun and recreation, it's a beautiful place	Fishing and recreation would be ruined, the place would be ugly also.	Not that I'm aware of.		Please keep Rodman the way it currently is. Great fishing, boating, exploring. Fantastic family recreation and it brings a lot of fishermen from all over the U.S.
10/12/2021 5:37	Polk		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	±5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		Please do the right thing for Florida.
10/12/2021 6:05	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing		Open it up	That it will help restore the river and grass	The river is dying there is no eel grass and more silt mud bottoms than usual sand area	No		
10/12/2021 6:23	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced bio-filtration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/12/2021 7:06	Seminole		No	No					Breach the dam for the manatees please. Thank you.	The relatively low number of manatees that have learned to navigate the lock system	Restriction of manatee freedom of movement and habitat	No		
10/12/2021 7:17	Orange		No	No					Removal for safe passage of manatees.	Hundreds of manatees have died this year due to lack of food source and with winter upon us they could use more safe access to warm waters than the over crowded blue and three sisters springs. Cold stress is another main cause of death for manatees so this combined with the vegetation should be enough reason to remove the dam.	The fate of the manatee population in Florida.	No.		Please do the right thing, especially this year when we've lost so many manatees already.
10/12/2021 7:31	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing		Dam removed to allow free flow of the river.	Restore area for manatees and fish to thrive as previously available. End spending money on a useless dam. Take advantage of the opportunity to restore a "free flowing" river as nature intended.	Health of the St. John's river and adjoining waterways.	No		
10/12/2021 8:01	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would love to see a full restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Manatees and fish desperately need it to continue their survival in Florida.	Manatees continue a march towards extinction, and historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase.	No. It is urgent that we breach the dam and return Florida waterways to a more natural flow.		Please breach this dam, and thank you for considering my comments.
10/12/2021 8:01	Polk		No	No					Protection for the plants, animals, and natural habitat	Loss of manatee population being recorded	Loss of another beautiful species			
10/12/2021 8:21	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	Boating		I would like to see the original flow of the Ocklawaha restored.	I live on the St. Johns River and am deeply concerned about the health of our river and springs. Restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha would improve the health of that river, the Silver River, and the St. Johns and the springs that feed them.	Water quality due to overpopulation, nutrient runoff, waste, and dredging will continue to cause decline in the St. Johns River system. Habitats for manatees and other wildlife will continue to shrink. Money will be poured into maintaining a pointless and failing piece of infrastructure that was never needed.	No, the dam impacts river ecology and serves no purpose.		
10/12/2021 8:45	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I have only observed it while starting a kayak trip down the Ocklawaha.	I would like to see the dam removed or breached so that water can flow freely from the submerged springs and to improve the flow of water in the St. Johns River.	Information presented by the St. Johns Riverkeeper and recently an article by Dr. Quinton White in the Florida Times-Union (Oct. 5).https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/environment/2021/10/05/ocklawaha-river-rentar-it-consider-kirkpatrick-rodman-dam/5984682001/	We continue to suffer from the ecological damage caused by the dam, including reduced flow to the St. Johns that is exacerbating the algae problems in the summer.	Perhaps partially demolishing the dam would work, but it's not clear to me that this would restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha.		
10/12/2021 8:49	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Have visited to look at it, but do not use it		The ecological and economic value of the Silver Springs, Silver River, Ocklawaha River are greater than that of the Rodman Reservoir. Uncovering and restoring springs would be of great value to future generations.	Right now there is a lot of restoration funding available. This funding may not always be available, so lets take the opportunity now.				The water management districts have been proving their ability to restore ecosystems in the work being done on Kissimmee River, the Everglades, Lake Apopka and other locations. I am very optimistic that the Ocklawaha and its springs could be restored. Springs are very popular, and as Florida's population grows, the demand for springs and ecotourism will continue to grow. This would be a wonderful legacy project that our children and grandchildren will thank us for.
10/12/2021 8:50	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		remove the dam	It would be wonderful to canoe up to the covered springs.	Waste of money!!!!			
10/12/2021 9:00	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	As a member of American Rivers for many years, I've learned a lot about the negative impact made by dams installed along freshwater rivers throughout the U.S.. The Kirkpatrick Dam ruined 15,000 acres of precious forest floodplain. It also degraded habitat for threatened migratory fish and native plants.	Manatees are dying at an alarming rate. We need more spaces for them that are not constantly being destroyed. Their main food sources are dwindling so we need to allow them to move into greater areas to forage. There is no public benefit to the dam, but there are detriments to having it!	No, this is an extremely overdue ask. The dam should've been breached a long time ago.		The greatest threat to manatees is losing their winter-time refuge warm waters. With major seagrass die-offs in the last year, we are seeing major population decline. This change would help reduce another great threat to their existence.
10/12/2021 9:02	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time			Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/12/2021 9:04	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		
10/12/2021 9:05	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		I would like to see the dam permanently removed.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.		Please consider restoring and protecting the precious springs along the river.
10/12/2021 9:13	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Changes to help better support the local wildlife .	Manatee access to maintaining and living in the river	Destroying natural habitats if the manatee	Continued live support assisting manatee up and down the river way		Please help our environment and wildlife to maintains gods natural ecosystem and beauty
10/12/2021 9:18	Orange		No	No					Return to natural function.	Media	Further misuse.	Any suggestions?		
10/12/2021 9:27	Martin		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach of dam and restoration of Ocklawaha River	Restoration of Silver Springs ecosystem	Loss of natural springs, failure to reunite spring system and rivers	No		
10/12/2021 9:29	Hernando		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and free the river!	Research from the Springs Institute and advocacy for the habitat as a warm water refuge for manatees!	The continued effects of the dam on the flora and fauna of the ecosystem.	Nope.		
10/12/2021 9:30	Brevard		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	removed	nature	endless costly maintenace for a man made fishing area	no		After dam is removed set aside the funding to improve fishing and fishing acess in the area.
10/12/2021 9:34	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/12/2021 9:36	Sarasota		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/12/2021 9:36	Osceola		No	No					I'd love to see this unwanted. un-needed, reservoir and dam turned back to how it used to be.	the need of use for native wildlife.	but disappointment at local. regional and state politicians.	no		
10/12/2021 9:37	Pinellas		No	No					Removal of the existing dam and complete restoration of the free flowing Ocklawaha River.	The dam was built for a project which was later abandoned. The existing dam is in very poor condition and is not worth investing any money to rebuild. Most importantly, the need is to restore the area to its natural state! The restored areas would allow our state's native plants the opportunity to revive in the area, including some imperiled and listed plants. Also animal movement would benefit from the restored river systems and land in the area of the dam and southward.	My biggest concern is the overall detrimental impact on the land, rivers, plants and animals. The lost opportunities for reviving the natural state of the affected area, including native plants and aquatic plants would be vast. Plus the estimated costs for restoring the area to its natural state is far less than the dam rebuild costs. Rebuilding the dam would be a waste of money.	No, the removal of the dam is 100% the right thing for the state of Florida. It's a waste of money to rebuild it and the impact of this dam has been detrimental for our land, animals and plants for over 50 years. It's time to get it right and remove the dam forever!		
10/12/2021 9:40	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam to be removed and to see the river go back to it's natural state.	Rodman Dam should never have been built. It serves no purpose in and of itself. Without it, you could still fish, canoe, watch wildlife. It simply interferes with the natural flow of a beautiful river.	That taxpayers continue to have to support an outdated, useless dam that is destructive to a natural waterway. The effects of habitat destruction continue on the Ocklawaha.	Not really. What is the benefit of maintaining an out of date, environmentally damaging dam. When are we going to learn from our mistakes and try to fix them?		I see environmental destruction every day. Most people do. Trash on the side of the road, dumping tires, vehicles, and every king of junk. I worked on a river clean-up once and someone had thrown a TV in there. We need to demonstrate to people the importance of taking care of nature by correcting our past mistakes and doing all we can to keep natural places natural for all to enjoy.
10/12/2021 9:43	Leon		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/12/2021 9:44	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Please breach the dam for manatee welfare.	The data shows we can help this basically endangered species so we should. It is not our place to contribute to species extinction.	I don't want to live in a world without manatees. We can't let them keep declining. They're the reason I live Florida.	No		
10/12/2021 9:49	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	As a member of American Rivers for many years, I've learned a lot about the negative impact made by dams installed along freshwater rivers throughout the U.S.. The Kirkpatrick Dam ruined 15,000 acres of precious forest floodplain. It also degraded habitat for threatened migratory fish and native plants.	That a lot of money would be spent to repair this unnecessary dam.	Breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam to allow for drainage of Rodman Reservoir would be acceptable.	Any effort to restore and preserve Florida's natural resources is welcome and needed.	
10/12/2021 9:53	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Florida's manatees would regain a necessary warm water habitat, for their winter migration.	The continued decline in water quality begins a vicious cycle of algal blooms. Every algal bloom that occurs makes it more likely for another, larger one to occur. These not only kill the local flora and fauna, but stink up the entire area and decrease the quality of resident's life.	Absolutely not. For Florida's water management system to have any chance of lasting our lifetimes, rivers must be restored to their natural flow and level. This must be done.		
10/12/2021 9:57	Duval		No	No					I don't want the dam to stay.	Save the other wildlife and river	Destruction of wildlife	Not really.		
10/12/2021 10:02	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is.	Personal use and observation and reading multiple studies that indicate the environment is long stabilized and healthy.	Loss of a great environmental and recreational resource.	NO - the dam is either there and functioning or not.		
10/12/2021 10:04	Putnam		No	No					Return the environment to pre 1960.	Nature.	Extinction of species and resources like drinking water.	Doubtful.		
10/12/2021 10:06	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.		Please do the right thing and protect wild florida! We're seeing it slip away with new development and thoughtless growth every day, Florida needs our help.
10/12/2021 10:08	Osceola		No	No					Remove the dam.	Our children deserve to see and enjoy the outdoors," from sea to shining sea".	Fifty years and the dam has not provided a great benefit, get rid of it and allow nature to take it's course.	Draw down, study and remove the dam.		
10/12/2021 10:09	Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No.		Let's do this.
10/12/2021 10:11	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached to restore the natural habitat.	The fish and manatees would be able to return.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.			
10/12/2021 10:12	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Decades ago research was undertaken by Dr. George Reid that made clear the damage by this dam. It is time to listen to what has been known for so long. 1. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 2. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored 3. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 4. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 5. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 6. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 7. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 8. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy 9. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. 10. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	1. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. 2. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. 3. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. 4. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. 5. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. 6. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. 7. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. 8. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. 9. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. 10. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		Again, we must take seriously our responsibility to land stewardship and the environmental future for all Florida citizens.
10/12/2021 10:19	Outside of state / other	Tennessee	No	No					Removal of this 50-year-old dam would present an outstanding opportunity to recover not only a river but many large springs currently buried under a reservoir.	I want to kayak from Silver Springs to Jacksonville. Unfortunately, this dam blocks the migration of Endangered Manatees, Atlantic Sturgeon, Endangered Shortnose Sturgeon, several species of shad (Genus Alosa), and other native aquatic species.	That time is running out to help the at-risk species.	Yes, dam removal!		
10/12/2021 10:22	Broward		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the COO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.		This is a historic moment for our great State. Let's make the right decision to restore the Ocklawaha by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. Thank you.

10/12/2021 10:25	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Access to hiking trails	Please remove them	Restoration of down river geology, geography, and habitat.	That Florida will continue to be unnecessarily damaged by the restrictions caused by the dams. The costs to properly maintain the dams will never properly be allocated or utilized. Future Floridians will never know what these water ways would look like or how they should operate as nature intended.	Not that I can think of	I think it unfair and counter productive that a small group of people who support the damn for their personal economic gain should hold sway over all of the Floridians and tourists who would benefit from their removal. The dams' original purposes were long ago changed and they should no longer be used for their past or present purposes. It is a change that is long overdue.
10/12/2021 10:25	Outside of state / other	Louisville, KY	No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is, do not remove the dam.	The Reservoir is helping save the manatees because it is one of the few places that still has vegetation.	Removing the dam would do harm to the current ecosystem in place.		
10/12/2021 10:30	St Johns		No	No					Please breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 350+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	My biggest concern is the loss of more manatee lives. Manatees are dying in alarming numbers and we need to do all we can to protect this gentle giant. People visit Florida for our beaches and tourist areas. People live in Florida for all of the amazing natural resources we have. Manatees, pelicans and the abundant fishing are the reasons my family is here. We need to do what we can to protect it. The dam provides no public benefit. It needs to go to give manatees a chance.	No, there have been too many compromises on our ecosystem already (Nestle raping us for water for example). The wildlife and ecosystem can't handle much more. The dam has to go. No more compromises.	My vacations revolve around the manatees. In the summers we visit southwest Florida. In the winters I make frequent trips to Blue Springs or Crystal River. The rest of the year, we go boating and are thrilled with the sight of a manatee swimming by. No, breaching the dam is not the only solution to the problems we have, but it's a start. Do something now before it's too late. The environment and protecting it is my single most important decision factor in how I vote.
10/12/2021 10:30	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					More wildlife thriving. Remove the dam to let the biodiversity return				
10/12/2021 10:31	Outside of state / other	Louisville, Kentucky	No	No					Yes				
10/12/2021 10:34	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	
10/12/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No					It is critical that the dam be breached and the Rodman Reservoir drained, for the health of the ecosystem.	In 1999, SJRWMD deems that additional water quality studies are needed. Studies were completed showing that restoration benefits outweighed any short-term water quality impacts related to restoration.	Damage to floridjdam hydrology has negative consequences for the people of Florida. Completing this project shows care for the community, which is much larger than the vocal bass fishing folk. Make the right choice for the great state of Florida.	Breach the dam and restore the river system.	Thank you for asking for input.
10/12/2021 10:43	Outside of state / other	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	No	No					We would like to see the Dam dismantled and open up the Rodman Reservoir.	I have a great concern for the Manatees and att other wildlife that could use free flowing water. To get more natural movement of water would bring in better plants and oxygen without having to rely on any man made solutions going forward. My husband and I plan to visit the area in the coming years to check on and volunteer with Manatees. This would be a great environmental success story for everyone to come and enjoy!	More invasive species of plants clogging the water. Possibly an unusable area.	None that would have a truly desired result.	Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.
10/12/2021 10:43	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Disassemble it & let the Ocklawaha River flow freely for the benefit of springs, wildlife and people .	Allowing regained access to manatees & migratory fish. Increased water flow to the Lower St. Johns River, will improve water quality and increase resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the COD Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No. This is a time when we should be supporting everything to do with putting the natural world back in place to lengthen our possibility of continued survival on the planet.	Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.
10/12/2021 10:54	Orange		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Persevere nature	Mother Earth must be protected	The planet is dying	No	The
10/12/2021 10:55	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Habitat Restoration	Dam costs $$ and provides no benefit	Riparian health	Not really, either the dam is there or it isn't	
10/12/2021 11:05	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					Remove the Dam! I want to see the natural ecology of this area revitalized.	This dam significantly impacts the livelihood of wildlife and native aquatic species that bring major ecological benefit to region	the 50 springs whose water quality is directly impacted by the dams existence... This removal is 50 years overdue!!!	No! the dam needs to be removed and is 50 years overdue!!!	
10/12/2021 11:19	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Breach the Dam.	20 drowned springs will be restored from this project as well as giving manatees more room for refuge in a time when they are in danger.	Manatees could become an endangered species with less places to refuge in the winter as well as the taxpayers paying to repair a dam that is harming the ecosystem.	No, breaching the dam is way overdue.	2021 has been the deadline year for manatees on record. If this dam is breached so many manatees could have warm water refuge during the winter. Breaching the dam will uncover 20 springs that will help with the restoration of Silver Springs, this bringing even more money to the conservation of our Florida parks and springs as well as the need to preserve the precious aquifer that lies beneath us.
10/12/2021 11:23	Citrus		No	No					Protecting manatees should be priority.	Manatees are dying at high rates. They will be endangered again soon.	Fate of the manatees.	No	
10/12/2021 11:30	Pinellas		No	No					Removal of the dam and the restoration of the area to a Florida native wilderness		The land is sold to a developer and apartments or storefronts are built on the site.	A park is built around the wilderness, resembling what was done at Lettuce Lake Park in Hillsborough County	
10/12/2021 11:31	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like for the dam to be removed and the river basin restored.	Benefits to wildlife are by far the most compelling reason to remove the dam.	The continued cost to the state to maintain a useless dam and the continued harm to wildlife.	Not really. You can't remove a dam part way	
10/12/2021 11:33	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking	Complete restoration to the natural state of the waterway. Until I had seen the area on a kayaking trip, I had not appreciated the actual issue.	Florida is losing so much in natural and water resources, preservation and restoration of the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River is essential for future health of the natural habitats in that area.	Not completing the restoration of the Oklawaha River would result in continued degradation of the wild natural assets that still exist.	No. Full restoration is essential to reversing the damage that has already been done.	
10/12/2021 11:34	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Allow it to disintegrate and system to return to its natural condition.	The historical flows and systems which would help protect Silver Springs, Harris Chain of Lakes and even St. Johns River.	We will poor millions of taxpayers $$$ into maintaining a failing dam system that doesn't function. Even fishing has deteriorated on this system.	No	
10/12/2021 11:41	Lee		Yes	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural flow of the river to help wildlife and ecotourism. The dam has created environmental harm in the Florida Riverway.	the potential flood issue downriver will cause property damage as well as inhibit migration of animals that rely on the river flow. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed riverway.	Ecotourism is one of the largest growing industries as people who desire more natural spaces. Covid has shown that Florida residents, as well as tourists, wish to see the beautiful aspects of wild Florida. Manatees are being considered as a candidate for the endangered list again and other local wildlife need places to migrate and call home. If the dam fails there will be massive property damage downstream, as a Floridian I would not like to see million spent in making repairs to a structure that goes against what makes Florida so special.
10/12/2021 11:42	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Other: camping	Continue to maintain it , it is the best lake in the southeast USA.	Look at the true history it out their of all to read.	The lost of your civilization as we know it !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	NO !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Look at the water quality in rodman as to the rest of the state.
10/12/2021 11:43	Marion		No	No					Dismantle the dam and restore the original flow.	It would benefit manatees and countless other wildlife/local ecosystems.			
10/12/2021 11:54	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the free flow of the Ocklawaha River				
10/12/2021 12:11	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam and reservoir and let the Oklawaha River return to its original, unfettered, flow.	The dam was built as a component of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal, which was never completed. It is not performing as originally planned (as a component of the canal) and should accordingly be removed.	The continued erosion of the natural habitat along and around the river.	A partial restoration of the river's flow.	
10/12/2021 12:13	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the flow to the Ocklawaha River.	The site can so much more than just a fishing spot. The natural flow of the river will be restored and with that will come improved movement of aquatic animals and a regeneration of the natural aquatic system. Any money spent on maintaining the dam is money wasted.	If the dam is not removed the County and Silver Springs would lose out on the economic benefits of restoration. Furthermore, water quality would continue to decline and ecological services would continue to be denied to wildlife and downstream communities.	The only satisfactory scenario is removing the 50 year-old dam.	
10/12/2021 12:20	Hernando		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like the maintenance provided on it it is necessary to make it sustainable. It is a valuable asset to the area environmentally but also economically. As typical of government agencies and government they do not spend the money to do maintenance on their facilities. This facility should be upgraded and maintained to provide for the amazing environmental impact it has but also the economic impact	Rodman Reservoir is not a dying, weed-choked reservoir; it is a complex ecosystem that supports a wide variety of native plants and wildlife, including many species that are currently threatened in Florida. St. Johns River Water Management District documented over 12 different habitat types within the Rodman Reservoir Complex, more habitats than the Oklawaha River. The Rodman Reservoir Complex includes over a mile of river and flood plain swamp and there is now a greater number of species inhabiting the Rodman Reservoir area than before impoundment. St. Johns River Water Management District also found that it is highly unlikely that sediment inflows are a significant problem in retaining Rodman reservoir. It is estimated that it would take about 8,000 years to fill in the reservoir. (St. Johns River Water Management District Environmental Studies Concerning Four Alternatives for Rodman reservoir and The Oklawaha River, Volume 20 - Pages 17,18,19,77,94 & Appendix A; Volume 1D Page 137) Rodman Reservoir supports over twice as many bird species and greater densities of birds than the Oklawaha River. St. Johns River Water Management District documented 115 bird species at the Rodman Reservoir Complex versus 45 bird species on the Oklawaha River. Of the 45 species found along the river only 8 species had a higher relative abundance on the river than the reservoir complex and only 4 species were found only on the Oklawaha River. Of the 115 species found at the Rodman reservoir Complex, 74 species were observed only at the Rodman Reservoir Complex. (St. Johns River Water Management District Environmental Studies Concerning Four Alternatives for Rodman Reservoir and The Oklawaha River Volume a 1-0 - Pages 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, & 38) Rodman Reservoir does not block the upstream movement of manatees and could be used more safely by manatees than a restored Oklawaha River. St. Johns River Water Management District documented in 1994 the upstream and downstream movement of manatees through Buckman Lock studies have repeatedly reported upstream and downstream movement of manatees through the locks, but a bubble device is now used in the lock to discourage manatee use. Rodman Reservoir with its aquatic plants offers manatees excellent habitat, but some are concerned that the lock and dam pose unacceptable risk. Since 1976 there have been 1 0 manatee mortalities recorded in the Rodman area but only 7 of the deaths were attributed to the operation of either Rodman	The environmental impact it will have on the many species that rely on the reservoir.	No there's not you can't partially take the damn hold obviously I called myself a true environmentalist because my folks on the resort and a restaurant and we relied on the environment for our survival. These individuals that want to rip these dams out and tear down other structures have a personal Agenda that isn't back by the true facts. The damn needs to remain intact.	The bottom line is the reservoir creates a sanctuary for many species of fish,birds and other wildlife. Also has a great impact for the environmental uses that it provides for individuals. The economic impact is also great for the area.
10/12/2021 12:26	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha river, breach the Rodman dam. The dam is damaging the water quality and wildlife of the area.	Need to restore manatee and fish populations, and give manatees access to warm waters. And the cost of maintaining this old dam is much too high.	Water quality declines further /more issues with blue green algae /more loss of fish. Plus taxpayers money wasted in maintaining the old dam, which cannot hold up against the way storms are now (stronger, faster).	Possibly a temporary drawdown, until dam can be breached fully. Something better than nothing. Some fish species and manatees saved at least.	
10/12/2021 12:26	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Take the dam down and let natural flow happen as it was intended. Fill in the canal.cross Florida canal was cancelled.	Cross Florida canal was canned. Return the Oklawaha to its complete natural state. Better for all and manatees too.	Extinction of the Manatees and our natural river flow. Lets get the man made stuff out of the scope for a true natural Florida.	No. People will still be able to fish only naturally and not by having a man made fishing hole or trapped area.	Try doing the right course of action for a change and return our natural resources back to nature.
10/12/2021 12:28	Hillsborough		No	No					restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir.	Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the COD Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/12/2021 12:30	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam and let the river run freely.	Other local rivers have been restored and are doing much better.	continuing pollution and algae growth, invasives, lack of free passage for manatees	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/12/2021 12:33	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Ta see the remains of the infamous Cross Florida Barge Canal infrastructure.	I would like to see it permanently removed.	information that dam is covering up springs and obstructing movement of water and wildlife	More fish will die, more manatees lose habitat, further degradation of water resources	No.	Doesn't look too well maintained
10/12/2021 12:35	Flagler		No	No					Save the Manatees by clearing up these places.	Over abundance of Manatee deaths.	Higher levels of Manatee deaths.	No!	Please institute a plan for saving the Manatees and other aquatic wildlife.
10/12/2021 12:38	Martin		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	I am generally in favor of removing dams, but in particular dams that impede migration of endangered species and change natural flowways for critical natural systems water supply should be removed and conditions that preceded their mistaken installation should be reestablished.	The Florida barge canal was a mistake, and the engineering done to establish that effort must be removed in order to reestablish natural and beneficial natural systems hydrology.	That development and agriculture will be too well established and the flow-ways will never be reconnected.	no	
10/12/2021 12:38	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be removed. Either open the doors so the river can go to normal levels, or reroute the river so it can flow normally.	As a fisherman, I can tell you first hand that the variety and sizes of fish above the dam have GREATLY decreased. I can't even get my boat on the river due to all of the water lettuce! Pesticides that are used to kill aquatics Cost an unhealthy amount of money - its just not sustainable, and only needed when the dam is closed. I'm sure it's soaking into our ground water...into my well. Yo will see 20ks the amount of people enjoying the river during draw downs than any other time. This dam is crippling our outdoor lifestyle.	have read scientific reports that the structure is compromised due to its age and not being maintained. I am very concerned about this, as I drive over it everyday. I am pretty upset that my boat can't get through the water lettuce right outside my house. This is such a waste. I cant even shore fish due to the loss of bank and the muck. The fish we do catch are not the same as even 10 years ago. The variety loss is astounding, as is the size - we have a treasure here that we have been killing for no good reason at all.	Just open the dam. Let the water levels return to normal and let the river run free.	The dam is a complete waste of taxes and resources.
10/12/2021 12:41	Dade		No	No					Remove all obstacles to the restored flow of the Ocklawaha River.	Sierra Club emails.	The river route for fish, manatees, and boaters will remain unnecessarily blocked.	No, although I recognize that river restoration cannot be done overnight.	
10/12/2021 12:48	Orange		No	No					Remove it- let the water flow as it should	Here are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	This is a critical time with our environment and 2021 we had record numbers of manatee deaths. We need to reconnect the springs and take care of the environment for the fish and manatees	No	
10/12/2021 12:53	Palm Beach		No	No					restore the natural water ways	The natural course was always the proper decision, how can uninformed lawmakers think they know more than good ole mother nature. It's happening all over the world. If this project can be reversed, the by all means correct the wrong. Learn from our mistakes.	same as above, uninformed lawmakers think they know more than they actually do, leave nature alone	as stated earlier, the natural world is irreplaceable, why screw with it. We are already seeing huge mistakes made by man, dead coral, algae blooms, climate extremes. It's in our face, why does no one see it?	Think before we bulldoze for gods sake
10/12/2021 12:58	Seminole		No	No					Breaching of the Kirkman Dam and draining of the Rodman Reservoir to restore the free flow of the Ocklawaha River.	Restoration of the floodplain and corresponding return of native plant and animal life. Allow movement of plants and animals along the Ocoseka to Ocala Wildlife Corridor. Millions of dollars that will be saved by not having to do repairs to the dam.	The environmental benefits from restoration and removal would not be realized continuing the issues that are being fixed now.	No, there is no compromise would achieve the environmental and economic benefits breaching the dam and draining the reservoir.	
10/12/2021 12:59	Orange		No	No					I'd like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha to a free-flowing river by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Each day we delay results in additional environmental damage.	There would be immense benefit to countless animal and plant species. There are endangered plant species which would gain new areas in which to expand. Animal species such as the manatee, striped bass, American shad, and others, would regain open access to historic migratory routes. Terrestrial animals would benefit from the resulting connectivity of an intact wildlife corridor. Also, as much as some people hate to admit it, we are a part of the environment and depend on fresh water and air for our survival. With so much of the state falling under development pressure, we need to restore and preserve as much of the natural systems as possible. The restoration of the Ocklawaha is also supported by economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida which demonstrate the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, and annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been on a downward trend since records began in 2004 as water quality and fish production have continued to decline each year. The restoration of the Ocklawaha to a free-flowing river system is the best thing to do for the environment which we all depend upon for our survival and the quality of life we desire.	Climate change is the biggest threat to life as we know it. We must begin immediately to reverse the course we are on and restore the natural systems that ameliorate the effects of over-development and subsequent loss of canopy. The restoration of 7500 acres of floodplain forest is an opportunity not to be missed.	No. The dam should never have been built and there is no way to justify the $14 million price tag (estimated over 15 years ago) for repairing it. There is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration of the Ocklawaha River to a free-flowing system.	
10/12/2021 12:59	Outside of state / other	Virginia Beach, VA	No	No					Make a safe place for the manatees.	They are endangered	We will lose them	N/a	N/a
10/12/2021 13:11	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed or breached so water can flow	Barge canal was aborted dam no longer needed Free the several springs that are made inert by dam Bring wildlife bio diversity back and gives manatees and native species routes for traveling SO some environmental groups in Florida agree. I belong to several of these group Money is wasted on repairs that will only cause further damage to our delicate Florida environment	The reverse of the above and degradation of our water	Breaching instead of removing	Thank for your concern
10/12/2021 13:12	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Tear dot the dam !	Bring the environment back to the way God created it.	Wildlife will suffer	No	
10/12/2021 13:19	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, restore historic Ocklawaha channel.	50 years observation of river becoming an increasingly degraded, snag-filled, weedy pool.	Continued degrading of the river, more chemical "management" of vegetation.	Not likely	

10/12/2021 13:32	Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration
10/12/2021 13:39	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is.	The fishing, hunting, wildlife, camping and recreation available.	That it would disappear amid shopping centers and housing developments and you wouldn't be able to have access to it.	None	If it isn't broken don't try to fix it!
10/12/2021 14:06	Dade		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	For it to be taken away.	Wildlife and the ecosystem suffer from this unnatural infrastructure. It was a big mistake to begin with.	That the rivers does not flow freely and the surrounding people are disappointed with leadership.	No.	
10/12/2021 14:07	Hernando		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam just as it is. No sense destroying the ecosystem that was created when the dam was built.	No sense destroying the ecosystem that was created when the dam was built, plus it would be a huge waste of money.	Removing the dam would be a Colossal waste of money and wildlife habitat.	Nope.	
10/12/2021 14:09	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Annual birding field trips	Restored to pre Florida Barge Canal days	Aging and upkeep of maintaining that pre historic relic and opening up the springs that feed the St Joshn's River	Diverting state funds to "benefit" a few	No, not really, considering it is long past time to put this issue to bed. I rallied in early 90's, and here we are hashing the same thing, pointing out the environmentally destructive project, ill conceived a half century ago and beyond foolish then and now.	
10/12/2021 14:16	Outside of state / other	Utah	No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/12/2021 14:17	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/12/2021 14:21	Palm Beach		No	No					Yes	The work was never completed and it's not in our environments best interest to work against nature	Who is responsible for the damage done in order for it to be restored to it original form n	Hold people responsible	
10/12/2021 14:41	Duval		No	No					knock down dam to restore water to river and hopefully decrease salinization.				
10/12/2021 14:48	Dade		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	In this state we rely on a healthy eco-system and natural environment for our livlihood, drinking water and storm damage mitigation
10/12/2021 15:01	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the reservoir drained, the dam removed and the Oklawaha River and its historic floodplain restored to its natural condition.	The dam and reservoir never fulfilled their original mission, supporting the Cross Florida Barge Canal. All taxpayers in the District have been paying for a dam that doesn't improve water quality or availability and benefits only a small group (would this small group still call for repairing the dam and maintaining the reservoir if a special taxing district was created and they had to pay 100% of the cost of repair and maintenance as well as maintaining flood damage liability should the dam fail). In addition the restoration of the free-flowing river, the largest tributary of the St. Johns, would immensely benefit the environment and wildlife (manatees, fish, birds, animals and plants) and the quality and quantity of the water of the St. Johns River and Water Management District. The dam has exceeded its lifespan and is a threat to life and property of those living downstream.	The continued economic burden to the District, the continued damage to the environment, the continued degradation of the water quality and quantity of the Oklawaha and St. Johns rivers and the threat to life and property downstream should the aged dam fail.	NO!	For the greater good of the St. Johns Water Management District and the environment the Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir must be removed and the Oklawaha River be restored to its natural, free-flowing state. Manatees, Sturgeon, shad, bass, eels... need unfettered unimpeded open access to the Oklawaha and its springs. The taxpayers of the St. Johns River Water Management District should no longer be burdened financially with the cost of repairing and maintaining this obsolete structure as well as having the liability hanging over our heads should the dam fail. The benefit to the environment goes far beyond the flooded lands drowning under the reservoir as the restoration of the river, springs, forest, floodplain... will restore critical habitats and wildlife corridors for plants and animals throughout the state.
10/12/2021 15:08	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Botanizing	I would like to see the system restored to a more natural ecosystem reflective of the historic lower Ocklawaha River , which includes removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The current Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam system is not only expensive to maintain, from both a financial and ecological perspective, but it is not a sustainable system. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will require initial input of finances and expertise, but that work will result in a sustainable and resilient riverine ecosystem.	My primary concern is that a realistic restoration opportunity that would be beneficial to the St Johns River ecosystem would again be overlooked. One major concern is increasing negative ecological impact due to herbicide treatment necessary to "maintain" this artificial waterway. This kills native species (in addition to the invasive exotic species), impacting the myriad species that are dependent upon those primary producers, increases the detrital load to the system which results in a higher nutrient level, and sets up the system for increased cover by invasive species.	Various analyses and scenarios have been considered through the years, including those in an application from FDEP in the 1990's for the removal of the dam. One of those scenarios was a partial removal of the dam which would allow for some water flow management, should it be necessary under severe storm conditions. However, I do not know if that scenario is still viable given what we have learned of climate change since then, the structural condition of the dam, and the increasing pressure on aquatic species including the West Indian manatee.	Please do the right thing - RESTORE THE OKLAWAHA!
10/12/2021 15:09	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: hiking trails					
10/12/2021 15:15	Palm Beach		No	No					Yes I think it's extremely important to preserve natural spaces & riverine hydrology in Florida & throughout the planet.	Comparable case studies and best learned practices from all stakeholders perspectives with the focus on maintaining natures integrity	NA	NA	NA
10/12/2021 15:22	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times		More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Keep it the same	All of the wildlife is thriving	Significant loss of habitat for wildlife	No	
10/12/2021 15:23	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	The need for Clean water, clean air and savings are my three concerns. As our population increases, the need for clean air and water increases. Removing the dam is a cost effective measure to help restore a damaged eco system to support our staggering environmental quality needs. Thousands of acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel would be restored. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. The cost of and environmental hazards of herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct ongoing maintenance needs in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir would end. $57 million in potential flood damage costs for downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure.	Keeping the dam means loss of fresh water, native plants and animals. It would lead to increased pollution. Increased recreational use would not occur. The state would continue to pour good money into a failed system missing an opportunity to improve quality of life and environment at an affordable price. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir.	No. There is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration. We see all around us the effects of climate change. Here is an opportunity for us to make a difference.	
10/12/2021 15:30	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No					I would like to see a breach in the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River, providing more water space for manatees.	I spend about 3 months in Florida every year to see wildlife, primarily kayaking. I have seen so much damage in the Keys to manatee habitat that I believe that as much as possible should be restored.	Continued reduction of manatee population.	Yes, but it's hardly likely to happen.	As kayaking and paddleboarding increase in popularity, preserving natural areas for wildlife viewing can only help in bringing in more visitors and their cash.
10/12/2021 15:30	Bradford		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam and the raceway. Dredge it out to the level of the bottom of the river, make islands with the tailings	When I was a kid I went to Silver Springs, it was full of all kinds of fish. Went there a year ago and didn't see hardly any. They migrate up the river but now they can't.	I wouldn't be surprised.		
10/12/2021 15:37	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the continuation of the buckman locks and the kirkpatrick dam. I would like to see the repairs that are needed for the damn to be done and kept in place to continue the Rodman Reservoir at its current state. I would like to see the boat ramps fixed and the road to Kenwood Landing paved with the camp ground at kenwood landing reopened.	I own a bait and tackle shop up the road from kenwood landing as the narvsir is my primary source of income for my business. I meet hundreds of visitors from out of state coming down to fish rodman reservoir. and hundreds of florida locals that stop by my shop going to go fishing at rodman.	I have 2 big concerns if the dam was removed. my biggest concern would be the wild life loss. the habitat that has been created that so many animals now call home would be gone in turn would be the loss of wildlife in the area. if it was removed I would lose my bussiness I would lose everything that I have worked hard to get. im not sure what I would do I would lose everything!!!!! it would be a total loss of revenue for me and this community	I personally do not see any good outcome by removing the dam.	
10/12/2021 16:05	Bradford		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	let the manatees and migratory fish back in!				
10/12/2021 16:09	St Johns		No	Yes				Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Haven't visited in 20+ years	I would like to see the dam eliminated in order to provide unlimited access for manatees and other wildlife.	Current data suggests that the manatee population is dwindling and the main cause is starvation. Removing the dam would provide more possibility for survival by allowing the manatees access to vegetation.	I'm concerned that the manatee population will be unable to recover and we may not have these creatures in the future.		vegetation restoration efforts in the waterways might help or eliminating the use of all lawn and agricultural fertilizers because they runoff into the waterways and cause harmful algae blooms, which cover the surface, consume oxygen, and make it impossible for sunlight to reach grasses.
10/12/2021 16:14	Hernando		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!!!!				
10/12/2021 16:16	Sumter		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is now. Beautiful wild life, great fishing and a lot more manatees than in the past.	The manatees need the food sources that are now available in Rodman.	There would be a loss of manatee and other wildlife habitats and the animals themselves.	I would have to know what that alternative is.	Rodman is a beautiful resource as it is now. Please don't change it's character.
10/12/2021 16:22	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Please leave as is. Rodman Reservoir provides life sustaining vegetation to help the manatee population.	Seeing the manatees thrive	Devastation of the manatee population	No	Rodman Reservoir is vital to the ecology of the ST John's river
10/12/2021 16:23	St Johns		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Do nothing. It supports a huge eco system of wildlife and serves as a place for manatees to feed since all the grass is not available in the Saint Johns river.	All the wildlife that will be destroyed as well as all the water that is filtered by the negotiation in the lake will pollute the Saint Johns river	Changing the waterway and all the structure and recreation it orovides	No leave the dam alone	
10/12/2021 16:25	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Leave it as is. It has been there so long that the environment has settled and is comfortable with what is currently there. By changing rodman and tearing down the dam would cause a huge environmental impact on vegetation, wildlife, and humid ability to use this area. Please leave the area as is.	I have read about some old Florida GFC studies, I have also read about some new FWC studies that support what I said above, though at this time I cannot cite them chapter and verse for you. I'll answer your question with a question, how long has The rodman dam been in place? I know that it has been there for as far back as I can remember and I moved to Northeast Florida in 1981. I know that there have been bass tournaments as well as other recreational doings on the rodman reservoir yearly for a very very long time. I also know and currently have friends that use the area substantially more than I do on a monthly and yearly basis. Again by changing the dam, there will be a huge environmental impact including impacts to vegetation, wildlife, and human use. What would be the impact of fish that uses reservoir as a safe haven?	My biggest concern? Definitely to the environment! I personally think that if the state of Florida is seriously considering doing this, that a current environmental impact study of at least a minimum of 24 months should be conducted regardless of what the court of public opinion says. But honestly think that you will find with an environmental impact study that removal of the dam will cause a great environmental impact to the area and definitely not in a good way.	I'm not sure of any other scenario that could be achieved. According to some of those that are very very loud and voicress about removing the dam that is the only way to go. If there is another scenario please present it.	
10/12/2021 16:30	Seminole		No	No									
10/12/2021 16:33	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam gone so that rivers can be restored and water can move where it's supposed to move. This will help connect springs and ecosystems that have been greatly changed for the worse since this dam has been in place.	So much supports my position on getting rid of this dam. The manatees can find more springs to go to in the winter! Our manatee population is decreasing at an alarming rate and the cold winters don't help. Springs are SO IMPORTANT to manatees. Having the natural flow and restoration of water through the St. John's river and to springs is also extremely important. For plants, animals, and for people. It will create healthier water and healthier habitats.	That so many plants and animals continue to suffer from a dam that is purposeless and blocking the natural flow of water. That people too will suffer from a breach of the dam when it happens, cause it very will could given its state of disrepair.	No just freakin do it already. You have the ability to do so. We're currently restoring natural water flow in the Everglades why the heck can't we do this too? It's a dam that's old, that's dangerous, that is purposeless, that does nothing but harm to every living thing. It needs to go.	Please remove this dam! Help the manatees. Thank you
10/12/2021 16:35	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Keep it open		Lots of people fish it and I love fishing it when on the St. John's river.	It would keep lots of people out of rodman	
10/12/2021 16:36	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	I would like for it to stay the same	It is a great fishery may be the best in the state	It would be an devistating loss of an awesome Florida water way	No! No! No!	This reservoir is a very established ecosystem for eagles and all other type of animals. Save Rodman
10/12/2021 16:39	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam opened and let the rivers flow as they should.	The water is needed downstream.	That we would lose our chance to restore the rivers for water and for recreational use. But it has to be done in the best environmental ways.	I don't know.	
10/12/2021 16:41	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river restored	The negative effects of the dam on critical wildlife species and a fragile ecosystem should be enough to convince anyone but add to that the actual benefits to these animals and landscapes by removing a very expensive and dangerously outdated dam, it's a no-brainer. If you think fishing is the most important piece of this issue then consider the benefits to the Ocklawaha, the springs, and other river systems that are impacted by the dam. Lots of wonderful places to fish sure sounds better than one place in my opinion.	The continued economic burden to the District, the continued damage to the environment, the continued degradation of the water quality and quantity of the Oklawaha and St. Johns rivers and the threat to life and property downstream should the aged dam fail.	Our manatee population would be at risk, the health and safety of our waterways would be at risk, we'd be throwing more money at a defunct dam system, and it sends a terrible message to the citizens of Florida who care very deeply about the legacy we leave future generations.	
10/12/2021 16:44	Outside of state / other	Saint Louis, Missouri	No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	It's a great fishery and a wildlife sanctuary. The many birds and manatees are a sight to behold. To me, although smaller, it's in the same class as Okeechobee and The Everglades.	Where will the hundreds of manatees go to survive?	Aside from the impact on the wildlife, the impact on the businesses and individuals whose livelihoods depend in large measure on Rodman.	None I can think of.	How can it be possible that the benefits of losing the lake are comparable in any way to a person with a rational point of view?
10/12/2021 16:48	Outside of state / other	Kingsland Georgia	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing					
10/12/2021 16:56	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Please leave it alone. It's a wonderful natural resource for all the creatures that live there.	Anyone who spends any time on the reservoir understands all of the diverse wildlife that lives there. Anything disturbing the environment that currently exists is doing a great disservice.	Destruction of a beautiful ecosystem.	No	
10/12/2021 17:04	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I support restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored.	Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/12/2021 17:14	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it as it is. Great fishing and nature preserve.	Flow from Oklawaha helps prevent pollution.	Wildlife decline, injury to natural resources and conservation.	It needs to be left alone.	I hope to be fishing there for years to come.
10/12/2021 17:14	Clay		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Remain in tact	Wildlife attraction	Lots of natural wild life disappearing including the many manatees-large mouth bass fishing which supports the local economy would fade big time-I have fished the lake since inception in 1969	Shut down lock usage	Many small businesses involved in fishing/camping activities would go out of business
10/12/2021 17:14	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone.	It supports multiple species of terrestrial and aquatic flora/fauna including manatees, black bear, and bald eagles, just to name a few important species. Of course, it has also become one of the premier large mouth bass fisheries in the nation. Recreational opportunities on Rodman Lake abound.	Damn removal will create environmental problems--it will not remedy anything.	My scenario costs the taxpayers nothing. My scenario will not potentially create an environmental disaster for years to come. Rodman Reservoir is one of the great environmental sanctuaries in the state of Florida. The best thing that can be done to protect this sanctuary is both the easiest and the cheapest (no costs to taxpayers) solution. LEAVE IT ALONE. Please don't try to fix something that's not broken.	
10/12/2021 17:15	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Nothing, I love it just the way it is	Growing up going there to fish and hunt with my dad	The entire ecosystem is destroyed by draining it and killing the only source of water hyacinths for manatees from south of Lake Georgia to Mayport	No	

10/12/2021 17:18	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm-water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/12/2021 17:24	St Johns		No	Yes	More than 5 times		Fishing Boating		Nothing, I would like to see it left as is.	Its one of the premier bass fishing lakes in country.	Continued loss of our fisheries; especially with the continued over-spraying of grass in the St Johns for private gain.	No	
10/12/2021 17:52	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep it !!! It's a great resource for the area. It brings in lots of money to the local economy and quite a few people fish Rodman to feed their family	Lots of wildlife including nesting Bald Eagles Great fishing and Kayaking	With all the issues Florida is having with invasive vegetation it would be a terrible loss of a waterway that is manageable because of the dam . Rodman is also a great source of water if it was ever needed in an emergency.	No. Keep the reservoir as is !!!	It is sad that Rodman is still a political issue rather than standing on its own as a very established ecosystem. It's a great source of water during droughts and over 60 times the useable water recreational area.
10/12/2021 18:09	Polk		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I want to see the restoration of free-flowing water from the Ocklawaha River flowing through the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam become reality by breaching the outdated unsafe Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	A restored natural river channel, many fresh water springs, floodplain wetlands and forested floodplains all brought back to an environmentally positive equilibrium with taxpayer savings and economic advantages.	Water quality. Water is life for people, plants, animals and our well being. The natural flow of this resource would suffer without supporting this restoration. Maintaining the Rodman/Kirkman Dam as a barrier restricts the flow of plants and animals and allows salt water intrusion from the sea.	No, the environmental and economic benefits of restoring the dam by breaching it clearly override and out weigh any alternatives.	
10/12/2021 18:28	Seminole		No	No									
10/12/2021 18:31	Outside of state / other	Louisville, KY	No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep them as they are!	While it can be debated about the merits of damming the river in the first place, there is no doubt that Rodman provides a vast new ecosystem for all kinds of wildlife, as well as an incredible place for fishing and recreation. I have seen golden eagles, bald eagles, sand hill crane and many other animals on my annual visits to Rodman.	That we would lose this amazing resource that so many birds, reptiles and fish have come to call home.	No, we must save the dam and lake.	My family and I come to north central Florida a couple of times a year from Kentucky to enjoy freshwater fishing and the outdoors in general. We love the incredibly unique ecosystem that is Rodman Reservoir! There is no good reason to take this comparatively tiny piece of land back to its original state when something new and amazing was created as a byproduct of man's folly.
10/12/2021 18:35	Seminole		No	No					repair the dam and make necessary upgrades	the decline of natural resources if the issue is not dealt with in the near future	more destruction of Florida's natural resources which can be averted	no, not really.	other than the financial considerations, this should not even be up for debate.
10/12/2021 18:49	Outside of state / other	Portland, Maine 04104	No	No					RESTORE the Ocklawaha River for the manatees!!!!! Protection for manatees by providing the warm water habitat that is essential to their survival!!!!! Preferably totally REMOVE the dam's destructive blockage!!!! Or at minimum breach it so as to provide plenty of water flowing through the river system. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow MANATEES to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam!!! Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees!!!	RESTORING rivers and essential warm water winter habitat for manatees!!! Restoring the Ocklawaha River which is at the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide that essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, Florida WILL CAUSE more die-offs in the future!!! 2021's manatee crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees!! The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. The 217-mile Great Florida Riverway system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit manatees and also communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway!!! MOST IMPORTANTLY it will RESTORE MANATEE WINTER HABITAT!!!! This restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife!!!	MANATEE EXTINCTION!!!!! The UNCONSCIONABLE EXPLOSIVE INCREASE IN DEATHS OF MANATEES (JUST AS SEEN IN 2021) LEADING TO THEIR INEVITABLE EXTINCTION caused entirely by the detestable human arrogance of Floridians that is due to the state of Florida's CONTINUED SEVERE destruction of manatee habitat with dams, destroying land for agriculture and development and Florida's poisonous discharges from agriculture waste, including pesticides, and from you badly planned and managed waste treatment plants!!!!!!!	NO!!!! I want the manatees' habitat restored AND PROTECTED!!!!! If that dam is not breached manatees will DIE!!!!!!! Manatees are MORE IMPORTANT than whatever "humans" gain from dams!!!!	1 fight for Florida's MANATEES against their human enemies in Florida and Florida's government, just like I fight FOR TOTAL PROTECTION FOR NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALES in Maine and New England!!!!!!!!!! I fight FOR MANATEES IN FLORIDA, just like I fight AGAINST the arrogant whale killing Maine lobstermen (who have had three decades, 30 years, to go line-free and STOP using old style lobster traps with lines) and who LIE thru their teeth, just like TRUMP LIES!!!! Lobstermen's BIG LIE is that they claim they don't cause right whale deaths---THOUSANDS OF WHALE DEATHS which they HAVE CAUSED FOR DECADES!!!!!! I fight AGAINST Maine's entire congressional delegation and Maine's state government who have ALL WRONGLY sided with the LOATHSOME WHALE KILLING LOBSTERMEN in trying to WEAKEN new NOAA protections!!!!! AND THOSE NEW NOAA PROTECTIONS ARE NOT EVEN STRONG ENOUGH TO SAVE THE FEWER THAN 360 REMAINING RIGHT WHALES FROM EXTINCTION---NEW "PROTECTIONS" ONLY PROPOSING CUTTING BACK THE WHALE DEATHS BY 60%!!!!!!! My motto for Right Whales is SAVE THE WHALES!!! DON'T EAT LOBSTER!!!!! That's right do NOT eat ANY Maine lobster AT ALL until ALL RIGHT WHALES ARE TOTALLY PROTECTED!!!! For Florida I would say, SAVE THE MANATEES, NO MATTER what it costs the humans!!!!!!!!
10/12/2021 19:15	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	it's thriving and beautiful the way it is	Go give it a look and it's self explanatory.	Animals lacking food dew to changes of the water way or chemical spraying plants	Yes	
10/12/2021 19:33	Clay		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing					
10/12/2021 19:41	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	The dam removed and the ocklawaha returned to it's natural beauty.	The harm that the man made intrusion has created for the ecological well being of the river.	Returning the river back to it's original state should not be an option. My biggest concern is for the manatees being able to navigate the river freely	No. The Fed's built the dam and tax dollars should be made available to remove it at the very least. Please return the river back to it's original state.	Thank you to all of the people behind returning a very important part of Florida back to it's original state.
10/12/2021 20:02	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam. Open the water way. Restore the fresh water to the area.	The facts. The pure obvious effects the last of fresh water has had on the states water and fishery. I've seen it first hand and it is devastating.	Continued decline in the water quality	If there is an option that restores the flow of freshwater.	
10/12/2021 20:06	Marion		No	No					Save the manatee!	They are dying!	Extinction!	Maybe	
10/12/2021 20:17	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Was in the area for a family reunion		Remove the dam and let the Ocklawaha flow freely again. Until the pandemic closed down our bed and breakfast of 16 years, many of our guests were eco-tourists who came to Florida to experience the Real Florida. Many came from outside the USA. They did not come to see a dammed up river with an unhealthy lake behind it. Removing the dam would also help ameliorate the damage caused by the new dredging of the St. Johns at Jacksonville.	Info from the Florida Times-Union and the St. Johns Riverkeeper	In addition to the continuing environmental degradation, I am worried that we might have to spend serious money on ongoing maintenance/repair of the dam itself.	Can't really think of such a scenario.	While the Rodman has a reputation for being a good bass fishing spot, remember (if you are old enough!) that the free flowing Ocklawaha was long famous for bass fishing and canoeing.
10/12/2021 20:28	Bradford		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the area become a Wildlife Management area or preserve for protection of all wildlife species and fisheries.	The Rodman Dam and Lake Ocklawaha have provided years of evolved ecosystem in N Central Florida. This Ecosystem supports life cycles for fish, reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds and provides a vast area to allow all to enjoy these in a natural habitat. Reduction or elimination of the area known as Rodman Reservoir would eliminate hundreds of acres of habitat as well as accessible areas for outdoors enthusiasts to enjoy.	My biggest concern is that reduction of flooded areas and current wildlife habitat would be sought out as developable land and expansion of human inhabitation.	I could support leaving the reservoir and keeping the area as a natural ecosystem without becoming a fully protected wildlife management area.	
10/12/2021 20:33	Seminole		No	No					It is my belief that as much as possible, we need to restore our rivers and streams to their natural state, this would include the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.	Natural movement of water benefits our ecology and as a result benefits the public.	Degradation of our waterways will continue.	Is there any scenario short of breathing?	I am not familiar with all the history of this area, but I grew up in Palatka, and remember the beginning of this Soondoggle then touted as a cross-state mi-ami. We know so much more now about the importance of our water resources, and I believe we should rethink and reverse these bad ideas.
10/12/2021 20:43	Alachua		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is	Provides one of the largest clean, clear pools of water in Florida. One day soon we will need all the clean water we can get.	Seriously reduced opportunities for anglers.	No	The vast majority of "Free the Ocklawaha" people are only repeating what they are told to say. Very few have ever visited --- or will ever visit --- the river or Rodman Reservoir. They are votes without minds of their own. Rodman is as important as any other Florida lake...
10/12/2021 20:45	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see it go away so that the Ocklawaha River can be returned to it's original free flowing state.	I'm a big naturalist. I believe removing the dam and reservoir would provide better habitats for native plants and animals, including manatees who have seen a record amount of deaths this year.	Loss of vital species and the continued expense to tax payers for infrastructure that could cause huge environmental and economical losses if it isn't kept up properly.	no	
10/12/2021 20:54	Gilchrist		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintaining for optimal performance	Keep damn in place	Jobs for locals and fishing would tank	No	Love coming to fish and enjoy the wildlife
10/12/2021 21:03	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Camped nearby with my family.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	Wouldn't it be wonderful to restore many natural 50 springs and improve the Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns Rivers! Good for nature, recreation and the economy! Big improvements to water flow for fish, aquatic plants and wildlife! Limits flooding downstream. No more dam to keep repairing.	Now is the time. We wait, we lose federal funds. People want this and its critical for water quality, fish and plant life. We would have many acres of forest restored . . . . Let's not miss this opportunity.	I don't think so. We've waited 50 years. We need to restore nature. We don't need the expense of keeping up a dam that is now aging and harmful for our ecosystem.	Please bring back a great Florida river system and its many springs. This will be a gift to future generations providing clean water at the proper level and lessening salt water intrusion at the coast which will support important estuaries for fish and shellfish. Plus it will improve the wildlife corridor and provide healthy recreation for Floridians and visitors, which will strengthen local economies. Thank you for taking our concerns seriously. This a great opportunity now for Florida to do right by the environment and our citizens.
10/12/2021 21:14	Duval		No						Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/12/2021 21:25	Levy		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	to see a complete removal	Pre-white intervention	Too many people	Question about the Eaton/Mud Creek connection to Mud Lake; was it there before the dam? Or was there no connection or swamp between the two originally; hence the separate names? In answering your ques.- A complete drawdown of the Oke may sever this connection thereby making it impossible to see some of the last unlogged cypress. That is all.	
10/12/2021 21:36	St Johns		Yes	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing	Leave it alone.	it's great for wildlife and fishing for thousands.	That the wildlife would be at risk including but not limited to eagles and recreational fishing would be ruined for us. LEAVE THE DANG RESOVIOR ALONE.	NO	Remember we are taxpayers and Voters.
10/12/2021 21:50	Outside of state / other	Middletown NAu	No	No					Keep it clean and save the wildlife		Loss of life		
10/12/2021 21:54	Orange		No	Yes	1 time				Protect the damn and the nature				
10/12/2021 21:55	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like for the dam to remain, due to the ecosystems that live there now that way their home won't be destroyed!!!!!!	Opening up everything to the river puts all the wild life at risk	The wildlife		
10/12/2021 22:05	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Wildlife viewing	Left alone. Displacing wildlife and destroying land is ridiculous.	Common sense	Loss of a Florida Landmark as well as what little wild land is left	Leave it alone	Put forth your efforts farther South where over fertilizing and mass water consumption is creating the Bloody algae blooms
10/12/2021 22:36	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times		I would like to see it destroyed so the river can run free.	The drowning of springs and cypress trees	It will never get get to see the springs of the Ocklawaha.	No	
10/12/2021 22:55	Sumter		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	leave it just the way it is	the amount of time spent fishing those waters especially for bass and crappie	if the dam is taken out then the recreation of sport fishing will be gone	no leave the dam in place	
10/12/2021 23:16	Seminole		No	No					Restore its natural ability to sustain what is how it was)				
10/12/2021 23:20	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Preserve the reservoir as it is. This is an important wildlife refuge, which has taken years for nature to make as refuge for many important Florida species. Also, it is now a well known refuge for the close to endangered Florida Manatee. This is a place of beauty. The dam serves to preserve the wildlife, allow it flourish, whilst allowing the water systems to become more healthy. Better maintenance of the dam would also help to preserve this natural wilderness.	Just observing the magnitude of the wildlife at the reservoir proves to me that this is nothing short of a nature reserve and as such should be preserved and allowed to flourish.	Removal of the dam would be detrimental to the wildlife sustained by the waters of the reservoir. This would have devastating consequences for the local area - the water would be gone, as would the trees and the wildlife.	Never. The dam should remain in place for the good of the wider community, the locals, the wildlife and the folk who make a living off the reservoir, and have done for generations.	
10/12/2021 23:39	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/13/2021 0:05	Seminole		No	No									
10/13/2021 1:27	Outside of state / other	Albany, California	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	
10/13/2021 5:13	Seminole		No	No					BREACH THE DAM!!!!	Fewer and fewer manatees are passing through and a free flowing system would provide a more natural habitat and provide a vast amount of vegetation for them to feed on.	The loss of manatees accessing that area all together.	Finding a way to give them better access to that area.	
10/13/2021 6:10	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see better boat ramps built and better infrastructure including camping areas for the public added	It's one of the best wildlife habitats in the entire country, and the bass fishing is world-class	That it would be drained and not used	No	Save Rodman!!!!!!!!!
10/13/2021 6:22	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing		It was built for a purpose that no longer exists		No	
10/13/2021 6:30	Gilchrist		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam to restore natural water flow	The dam has impaded the river's flow for more than 50 years, blocking the movement of aquatic life and degrading water quality. Manatees in particular would benefit from breaching the dam. More than 940 manatees have died in 2021 alone due to factors such as starvation from seagrass loss. But their greatest long-term threat remains the loss of warmer-water habit such as natural springs, which they need to survive the winter. Connecting a free-flowing Ocklawaha to the St. Johns River would create a migratory route for fish and manatees from the Atlantic Ocean. Manatees would be able to travel to the Ocklawaha's "lost springs" that were submerged due to the dam and Silver Springs, and the environmental health of the whole river system would be improved.	Continued death of ecosystem including plants, birds, fish, and manatees.	Possibly	
10/13/2021 6:31	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Demolish the dam and "rehabilitate" the river	Decline of the river environment	Further damage to the environment	No	
10/13/2021 6:50	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times		Free the Ocklawaha river	Numerous environmental studies and cost to maintain aging structure	Further degradation of the environment	No	The time is NOW.
10/13/2021 7:12	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Geocaching	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. In addition, springs are a major tourist draw in Florida, as we have more springs than anywhere else. Restoring the Ocklawaha would restore a bit of that Old Florida, drawing ecotourism to the area.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Whatever out of town tourism the dam brings for fishing would be supplanted by those seeking to view the restored wilderness.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	The dam is a relic of an age where Florida's environment was an afterthought. There is no cross Florida barge canal and therefore no need for the dam. There are plenty of places in Florida to fish, and there is no reason to continue to cause harm to the natural environment because of it. A restored ecosystem would bring other tourists seeking to escape our increasingly urbanized state for a bit of the wilderness.
10/13/2021 7:13	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Remove the dam.	We benefit to nature. The continual degradation.	the continued degredation of the river system. No		
10/13/2021 7:18	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Other: outing into nature walk	FREE the river/ restore it to it's natural state of being	Nature's God given right to flow unimpeded. It serves no purpose.	Manatees lives	no	Stop wasting tax dollars on this extinct project
10/13/2021 7:20	Seminole		No	No					Breach the damn	Restore natural water flow supporting the rehabbing of 20 springs	Continued destruction of natural habitat including manatee habitat	No, it was a mistake from the beginning	Economically also the best use of tax payer money instead of continued maintenance
10/13/2021 7:20	Orange		No	No					Remove it and let nature do its thing!	Florida just keeps taking more open, green land and building more infrastructure on it. Bring some balance to this lovely place we call home - there seems to be no benefit to the dam anyway. Look at what we've done with the Kissimmee - a bad idea then has cost us billions to fix. Let's move on from this project	Another loss for Florida's natural resources and beauty. Give something back!	Not particularly.	
10/13/2021 7:24	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time			Breached	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.		Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam
10/13/2021 7:27	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I'd like to see the dam breached.	The breach could restore a number of springs, all of which contribute to Florida's outdoor recreation and tourism base.	The loss of up to 20 natural springs.	No, the only solution to spring renewal is a breach.	
10/13/2021 7:58	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be removed	The overall cost of maintaining the dam	increasing costs and damage to the river	no	
10/13/2021 7:59	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam to return the river to it's original state.	The Cross Florida Barge Canal project is dead. This dam was built to provide a section of that canal. Continuing to maintain and repair this vestage of a dead project is a waste of money. If you are going to spend money here, spend it to return the land and water flow to it's original state.	The wildlife which once used this river for survival will continue to be blocked from using it.	Just knock a big hole in the dam. Don't remove it completely. Just remove enough to return the original water flow.	
10/13/2021 8:00	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove the dam and restore the river to it's natural, historic state.	The purpose of this dam was for a barge canal project that was abandoned fifty years ago. The existence of the reservoir and dam is killing Silver Springs and has buried twenty others.	Florida will lose a beautiful and significant treasure. The pumping of water from the aquifer by Big Water is bad enough, but the existence of the dam exacerbates the decline in fish populations and water quality even more.	No! Remove the dam. Restore the river. Compensate economically impacted business for their lost revenue and relocation costs.	As a boy in the 1960's, I spent many days on the Ocklawaha, camping canoeing, fishing, and boating. I earning my Scouting Merit badges in canoeing and motorboating on the river. I hiked along it's banks and fished it's winding turns. I imagined seeing paddlewheelers from 120 years ago, carrying passengers up and down the river from Palatka. The reservoir is killing the river and it's largest spring, Silver Spring. The benefits of breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha to it's natural course are many, and the cost-to-benefit ratio is much lower than other environmental projects. As we move further into the 21st Century, climate change and population growth will place a premium on a supply of clean fresh Florida water. Removing the dam will only help meet that demand. Restoration of the Ocklawaha will return the river to it's "belle epoque".
10/13/2021 8:06	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Nothing, leave it in place to keep the beautiful reservoir in place.	Protecting the wildlife and lake.	Losing the wildlife and great fishery for myself, my kids, and grandchildren.	No	Removing the Damn shouldn't even be a question, it's in place doing it's job.
10/13/2021 8:17	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	I would like to see the dam removed and the river returned to its natural state.	The natural flows supports native fish and manatee protection.	Further damages to our native Florida environment. The water mgt districts are too political and hand picked by the republican governor. So very sad that people close their eyes to science!	No. Mistakes were made when it was permitted. Stand up and help protect Florida.	
10/13/2021 8:18	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Manatees would gain access to much needed habitat at a time when they are experiencing the deadliest year on record. There are also 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in FL	Millions of taxpayer's money are unnecessarily spent to repair the dam, hundreds of manatees loose access to warm water habitat	No, breaching this dam is overdue	
10/13/2021 8:19	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/13/2021 8:26	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the damn to allow the Ocklawaha to flow freely again.	Manatees and other endangered flora and fauna would once again have access to the Ocklawaha system and the benefits of natural flow. By protecting natural habitats such as this, we also protect Florida's eco-tourism industry.	The reduced quality of natural systems will economically impact surrounding communities and tourism. Reduced tourism affects the lives of all Florida residents.	No compromise would achieve the same impact and benefit of restoration of the natural system.	
10/13/2021 8:29	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Torn down	The damage the reservoir has done to the environment	More environmental damage	No	
10/13/2021 8:32	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I have long believed that the dam should be taken down and the river restored to its previous condition. I believe this now more than ever.	Restoration of the river would be advantageous to wildlife and water supply, and ultimately add opportunities for recreation and tourism, including hiking, wildlife viewing, boating, kayaking/canoeing.	Continued stagnation of the reservoir, further limitations on Florida's clean water supply.	No.	

10/13/2021 8:33	Outside of state / other	Eighty four Pennsylvania	No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: We stayed at Rodman campground	The dam should remain. The vast area provides habitat for a huge population of wildlife. To lose it would displace the wildlife and wildlife viewers.	Spending just one day on the reservoir we were able to observe manatees gliding freely in the waters and watching the numerous birds including bald eagles was spectacular. Losing such beauty would be a crime.	Loss of habitat for the wildlife. Also the recover time of the entire would take decades. The complete drainage basin would be inaccessible as it will be a muddy swamp for 50 years	Don't know if there is any middle ground.	
10/13/2021 8:34	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	The reports by St. Johns Water Management and environmentalists over the YEARS.	Reduction of natural habitat and decrease in community participation.	No	
10/13/2021 8:34	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: We only use it during drawdowns. It's just a big toilet when the water is high!	Remove it	It's preventing us from enjoying the river and springs . It prevents the natural cleansing of the river and springs.	The river will continue to degrade, our children will never know what the river is supposed to be like.	Open the dam and do a complete draw down then leave it down for five, or 10 years to give people a chance to see what it would be like. then redo this survey.	Doing those things would improve the economy of the small towns along the river by drawing more people to camp canoe and enjoy a natural river experience. Fishing would be better too.
10/13/2021 8:37	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it thriving just the way it is	The manatees	You'll be killing the ecosystem	Leaving it alone	
10/13/2021 8:38	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Clean it up to its natural state God gave us these waters for nature & enjoyment & the beauty Don't take that away	Manatees & other sea life dying	We are losing all our natural springs & wildlife. We need to start now to keep the natural state of the river & beauty for the future. People are destroying what God gave us!		Make Florida beautiful & natural again
10/13/2021 8:40	Leon		No	No					Please breach the dam to help restore the waterway and aid Florida wildlife.	Breaching the dam will help restore habitat for manatees and aid with the quality of Florida springs. As a lifelong Florida resident, visiting a spring (#1) and trying to observe a manatee (#2) are my top recommendations to out-of-state visitors.	Taxpayer money should not be spent to maintain an environmental disaster.	No, breaching the dam should have been done long ago. Please remove the dam to help wildlife, improve water quality, and in the long-term, save money.	Florida springs need help , and breaching the dam will help some of them. Uncovering just the springs that have been covered by the existence of the dam would be worth it. We have just had one of the deadliest years on record for manatees, this will help some manatees. Florida has been having terrible algae blooms, restoring the flow of fresh water will help prevent some of those blooms. These reasons alone make breaching the dam seem like an obvious choice.
10/13/2021 8:42	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		The dam should be removed.	Environment of the river	Continued environmental destruction.		
10/13/2021 8:46	Orange		No	No					remove the dam and let nature return to normal!!!	i care deeply about the environment overall and as a Floridian, care about our wonderful springs.	drying up springs, hurting flora and fauna	take away the dam!!!	take away the dam!!!
10/13/2021 8:56	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Nothing	If it returns the Ocklawaha to a navigable condition tear it down.	No	No	No	
10/13/2021 9:02	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	It is time to dismantle it and let the river flow naturally.	Robert Knight's Florida Springs Institute reports on the benefits of restoring the river flow.	That this fetid reservoir was allowed to fester for all time. It is truly gross.	No. The dam and reservoir deserve to die.	That stretch of water would be truly magnificent. It is wide, it is clean, and restoring the river flow would provide many opportunities to boat, kayak, paddle board, canoe, etc thus making up the lost revenue from bass fishing. There is plenty of bass fishing elsewhere but the last time I went, there were weeds and logs choking up the spillway. My fishing friends tell me they rarely eat the fish they catch from the reservoir!
10/13/2021 9:06	Orange		No	No					Have the dam removed	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Environmental stagnation	No	
10/13/2021 9:21	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam and the restoration of the area that has been covered by the impoundment of the water.	It is the right thing to do. It would allow the Ocklawaha River to flow naturally to give us the natural beauty and benefits the Potano people of long ago enjoyed. This restored area would be a shinning example of how the state of Florida can do something beneficial for the Earth as well as being of huge benefit to its citizens and wildlife.	That destruction of nature wins again.	No	Simply put: Everywhere in open countryside, in farmland, in urban regions, and in cities and towns, the tasks are the same: protect what survives; repair what's been damaged; connect places that have been severed; collaborate as never before; and make the whole effort personal by bringing the natural world back into peoples lives wherever they are.
10/13/2021 9:22	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing		Remove it & restore the Ocklawaha	I love to fish the Ocklawaha & St Johns. I have a place in Welaka. Return it to it's natural beauty so we can all enjoy the river & let the Striper + other fish species return to their natural spawning grounds. Save $$ operating the Dam / Locks & The Welaka fish nurseries	More salt water in the St Johns river	Just open to river flow 1st. Remove dam & lock system	
10/13/2021 9:26	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam and allow the natural flow to return.	I have lived in central FL for my entire life and have seen the decline of our springs. Changes must be made immediately before it becomes to late and to expensive to fix.	My children will not be able to experience the natural experiences of FL the way I did growing up. Irreversible damage to our state is inexcusable.		
10/13/2021 9:27	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River,	My memory of the beautiful river before the dam was constructed. I wish my experiences on the original Ocklawaha River could be shared with my grandchildren in my lifetime.	Continued cost to maintain the dam and the reservoir.	No. I never considered the barge canal or the reservoir needed nor necessary.	
10/13/2021 9:30	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Listen to the advice of our river and spring advocates. This dam should be removed and leave the river unfampered with.	Advocates and scientists, from what I've read, seem to all agree on the removal of the dam	If the state waits to long to fix this issue, the springs may never heal	NO	
10/13/2021 9:31	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing	Leave it alone.	Wonderful place to fish.	Loosing the wildlife.	Take out the stumps in the barge canal as well as removing floating logs.	
10/13/2021 9:33	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Wildlife viewing	Tear it down! Restore the Ocklawaha to its natural flow! I am a native Floridian and have spent the last 40 years boating on the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers. I have a small cabin I lease from the National Forest in Ocklawaha and my family loves taking our bay boat the "Bay Dreamer" down the Ocklawaha. We put in at Moss Bluff and run North to the Silver River multiple times each year. Over the last 40 years I watched the color of the Ocklawaha turn from a semi brackish color to a dark brown like a pot of dark coffee. I've watched the fishing deteriorate and much of the wildlife vanish. Don't get me wrong this is still one of the most biodiverse rivers I have boated in the entire state and on any given day you can see more wildlife than you would believe like gators, eagles, otters, manatees, snakes, herons, egrets, turtles, and more. From the intersection of the Ocklawaha River and Silver River North to Rodman Dam used to be semi clear for miles, now at that intersection the water goes from Crystal Clear Silver River to Dark Brown Ocklawaha. There is no benefit to the Rodman Reservoir/KirkPatrick Dam. It needs to be removed. I invite you to join me one day on a boat ride at my expense down the Ocklawaha. I can pick you up at the Moss Bluff boat ramp. I promise you it will be one of the most memorable boat rides of your life. I would wait another month of two as I was just up there and the mosquitos have been horrendous but by mid-November through March it will be perfect boating season. I invite Ron Desantis to join us.	I have personally witnessed this river get darker and darker every year for 4 decades. Restore the flow!	Further darkening of the water and loss of habitat.	NO, restore the flow. Man cannot fix what nature was intended to do. Let nature do its work. This is Gods country, let the land heal itself.	I am being serious about taking you for a boat ride, call or text me at 321.795.5162. I love the Ocklawaha and its my favorite boat ride in the entire state. Better than the Keys, Crystal River, St. Johns, or Mosquito Lagoon. I spend most of my winters in Ocklawaha and am a valuable resource on the river and local flora and fauna.
10/13/2021 9:34	Orange		No	No					To remove the dam.	Manatee habitat and restore drowned springs.	The benefit of the dam is almost nonexistent while the damage is causes is significant.	No--removing the dam is necessary.	The natural environment for native species is needed for future generations. We need to protect it now in order to have a chance to save many that are dying unnecessarily. The dam does not serve any vital need.
10/13/2021 9:36	St Lucie		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Restore Florida to a more natural state!
10/13/2021 9:41	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Free	manatees	continuing ecological issues		
10/13/2021 9:43	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see it breached.	As an avid portfisher I have seen the declines in fishing, not to mention the unprecedented amount of manatee deaths in the state this year.	More spring die off, more fishing decline, more manatee deaths.	No. It's been past due. Breach the dam.	I'm a fourth generation Floridian and I'm so tired of the state turning a blind eye to environmental missteps. The dam is one of them. It's time for it to go.
10/13/2021 9:47	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other	Removal of dam	The preservation of springs and the possibility for more manatee habitats.	The unnatural stifling of natural springs	No	
10/13/2021 9:56	Broward		No	No									
10/13/2021 9:58	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	- No.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/13/2021 10:01	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		The dam should be removed to restore proper flow to the Oklawaha river	Environmental studies have shown over and over the negative impact the dam has on the river and the wildlife that depend on it for survival.	The river continues to degrade until it is an environmental wasteland and becomes just another chapter in the large book of mistakes Florida has made regarding our environment	Partial removal of tge dam to increase flow of the river	While removing the dam and the resulting affect on the Rodman reservoir may have short term impacts on sport fishing, the longterm benefits to the river, wildlife and properties abutting the river are too important to not support taking the dam out.
10/13/2021 10:16	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Other	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam	Environmental impact reports	Negative impact to environment	No	This should have been done years ago.
10/13/2021 10:17	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get it free and let nature regenerate				
10/13/2021 10:20	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	I would like to see the dam and related locks removed to allow a more natural flow of the River	The waste of resources to maintain the facilities, the expected surge in visits to the area for hiking biking canoeing and paddling and the restoration of a previously natural setting.	Continued drain of resources and reinforcement of a backward looking public policy making.	None that I am familiar with or heard about.	Thank you.
10/13/2021 10:20	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman dam removed/altered to allow the natural flow of the river. This will allow the once thriving wetlands to rejuvenate from 50 years of degradation.	The reports generated by the scientific community.	The continued loss of wetlands.	No	
10/13/2021 10:21	Marion		No	No					I would like for the Dam to be removed and the River restored to it's original condition as much as possible.	I remember the pristine state of Silver Springs in my youth and I believe it's current deterioration is in large part because of the Dam obstructing the natural flow of the river.	Continued deterioration of Silver Springs and the Ocklawaha.	I cannot think of any.	
10/13/2021 10:23	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	There is a broad array of environmental and economic benefits that would result from restoration i.e 1. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor creating a restored floodplain forest that would benefit many native plant species - including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat; 2. Manatees would regain open access to the warm-water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. 3. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American Shad, American Eel, and the critically endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system; 4. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. 5. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality. 6. An estimated $14 million in dam repairs (2006 dollars) would be saved by avoiding repairs to an obsolete dam. 7. The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control aquatic weeds and other maintenance would be unnecessary. 8. The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, which would more than compensate for the loss of the reservoir.	Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repairs and maintenance of the dam and reservoir instead of reaping environmental and economic benefits outlined in response to previous question.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise that would achieve the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	The benefits outlined in previous responses are not limited to residents local to the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam.
10/13/2021 10:25	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the dam	Help recover damage to flora and fauna	Continued degradation of the environment.	No	
10/13/2021 10:28	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Free flowing . improving water flow and quality on complete run.	water flow decreases stagnant water. Also fights salt water incursion.	Everything below restrictions will deteriorate and possibly never recover.	Not at this time.	
10/13/2021 10:37	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced to a more natural and sustainable state for the benefit of people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits, and most important to humans, natural flood protection.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. to meet sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	The time is now for draw down and restoration to begin.
10/13/2021 10:37	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	increase in water flow back to its natural state	continued poor water quality		
10/13/2021 10:40	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha.	Loss and extruction of the natural flow of the river and disruption of springs and aquifer.	Removal will never occur because funding may never be available again.	NO.	Experience and history have shown that such massive alterations of the environment have always had massive unexpected impact, and are always more expensive to repair the longer we wait.
10/13/2021 10:43	Hamilton		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I think the dam needs to be removed and the river allowed to return to its natural course. This will allow water and land wildlife free and more natural movement which is a healthier ecosystem.			Not sure	
10/13/2021 10:46	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Breach it, take it down	It serves no useful purpose and would restore the Oklawaha and Cannon Springs	Continued abuse of our waterways and springs, especially by big-money corporate interests	Nope	
10/13/2021 10:46	Santa Rosa		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural flow	Dam not needed	Don't have any	None	Return to natural Florida
10/13/2021 10:47	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Other	let the water flow free for nature's sake	Allow the wildlife to thrive	Death of the manatee	not really	I drove t the dam this weekend. It is time to let the area return to nature.
10/13/2021 10:52	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam	Why did man mess with nature.	Man messed up again when he/she had a chance to undo his/her mess.	No	
10/13/2021 11:02	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Take down the dam and let the river and springs flow as nature intended.	I have seen the river before it was destroyed	degraded conditions for wildlife and springs.	Open the locks and let the water flow.	
10/13/2021 11:04	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	none	SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/13/2021 11:13	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam to restore the river	restore the river to natural environment	The need to support the dam and provide additional resources to reach the preferred outcome	no	
10/13/2021 11:18	Lake		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Wildlife viewing	Open or remove the dam and let the river flow free again.	The canal project is obsolete; costly to maintain for a few fisher people and few residents that live on the lake. Consider the great good for nature and the tax payer. Opening the river again would allow free flow and movement of fauna and flora that once depended on migration up and down the river.	More wasted money on constant maintenance forever for nothing. Why keep a pink elephant perpetually? Migratory animals would return to Silver Springs and Lake County, like before.	The dam must be either opened for a normal free flow, or remove the dam.	I know there will be plans to plant back species of native plants. That is nice, but just walk away, leave it along and the entire drained lake will re generate native species, as nature does very well on its own.
10/13/2021 11:31	Alachua		No	No					I want to see the dam removed!!	Restoring the natural beauty and water quality of the region impacted by the dam resulting in the restoration of 20 drowned springs, fish populations and migratory routes, and manatee habitat	Continued losses of animal habitats and deterioration of water quality. Continued waste of funds on a structure that never should have been built in the first place.	No. Removing the dam is the only acceptable outcome.	Florida must do what it can to reverse environmental destruction, especially in the face of the climate crisis. The horrible deterioration of our state's waters is unacceptable!
10/13/2021 11:45	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time		Breach / remove the dam	It would provide restoration of much-needed manatee habitat	millions of taxpayer dollars are spent repairing this unneeded dam, and it endangers the outlook for manatees	no, the dam has to be breached	its the right thing here, for the environment, for animal life, and for the state's people
10/13/2021 11:46	Palm Beach		No	No					Dismantle the dam and initiate projects to restore impacted ecosystems to their former state.	We are facing imminent ecological crises in this state due to anthropogenic activities, which will bleed into human well-being and quality of life for Florida residents and visitors alike.	Further and irreversible degradation of natural habitats and the species contained within.	Unlikely.	As the Florida population continues growing, we must champion, protect and restore damaged natural areas to ensure our continued reliance on the state's crucial , and interconnected , ecosystems!
10/13/2021 11:54	Lake		No	No					Restore the Oklahowah River	Environmental history	That lawmakers are not serving the interests of their constituency.	No	Oklahawa River was a lifeline throughout Florida History. Riverboats, teeming wildlife and amazing network of springs that keep our aquifer healthy. Only bass live in the dam now; the sport fishing would be so much more diverse without the dam. Restore the river.
10/13/2021 12:02	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the waterways restored to their original condition.	I think that the population pressures on our State require us to do our best to be stewards of our beautiful natural resources. The "Real Florida" is disappearing at an alarming rate, which is a trend that needs to be reversed.	That the natural habitat for wildlife and flora will be gone forever.	Not really, even though the cost may seem prohibitive, the alternative is way more costly in the long run.	
10/13/2021 12:04	Lake		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Wildlife viewing	* Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/13/2021 12:04	Jefferson		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the natural flow of the river.	Restoring the river will bring back 20 lost springs and restore habitat for manatees and fish. In addition the new springs will create recreation and ecotourism opportunities.	The state would continue to maintain an aging dam that is harming the environment.	No.	It's a good idea to breach the dam and restore the flow of the river.
10/13/2021 12:09	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Please leave it as it is! One of the few great bass fishing areas in FLORIDA	The Kirkpatrick dams and Lake Rousses dams were built at about the same time. Why is it so important to some to have only one dam done away with? Seems like the squeakie wheel syndrome is in play got to ask why is it ? I'm 72 years old and hope my grandchildren will be able to experience the satisfaction of being on that body of water as much as I have the last 40yrs. Thank you for your consideration.	Where is every boater going to go?	No	
10/13/2021 12:12	Lake		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	Remove dam and restore natural river flow	Restoration enables fish and wildlife more natural migration	Loss of fish and wildlife viability and degradation of watery quality	No, the river must be restored	
10/13/2021 12:16	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	A place that would support manatees & other water creatures. A place that folks could kayak, canoe & have a picnic. I would it to be a sanctuary for all of nature & human kind. C	Columnists in The Gainesville Sun. I would like the Ocklawaha River to flow naturally & free the springs (20) & allow migration of fish & manatees.	It will cause more deaths of manatees. Also there will be further destruction of the natural habitat. We need to be more cognizant of the environment around us & this is degrading the environment. I	I am not sure how to answer this question...sorry.	We need to be more respectful of nature/environment in general. I think in FL power & greed have taken over all systems in FL including environmental issues & public health.
10/13/2021 12:17	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	The environment needs to open up and breath by removing the dam!	We need to protect the manatees and the migration of fish.	The increasing volume of manatee deaths.	No. We have to stop choking a wonderful Florida River.	
10/13/2021 12:22	Citrus		No	No					Whatever it takes to preserve the wildlife of the region	Deoxygenation of water, killing of fish and manatees, expense of upkeep	Environmental	Not that I've heard of	
10/13/2021 12:23	Alachua		No	No					The Dam should be tor down to allow the restoration of the Ocklawaha River and many springs.	It was determined in the early 70's that there were grave environmental concerns related to the ridiculous idea of a cross-Florida canal. Even Richard Nixon was smart enough to see the potential damage when he shut down the construction.	Water quality will continue to decline. Restoration of conservation lands would not proceed.	No. We have already waited far to long to fix this mess. We need to stop procrastinating and get going on restoration of the environment.	
10/13/2021 12:24	Levy		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restored to its natural flow.	Florida waterways had developed themselves as they needed throughout history. Man's tampering with waterflow has been very detrimental to every single plant and animal that touches it throughout the state. Consequently, many places and species have suffered from this damage to the natural state. Restoration of every natural spot would go a long way toward helping the state survive the onslaught of humanity.	Decimation of species who rely on this type of waterway.	Can't imagine what they could do other than restore the natural flow. Nature is powerful. Nature is necessary for the health of our planet. The healthier the natural areas, the healthier the planet.	
10/13/2021 12:25	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Leave it alone	Thriving wildlife	Loss of essential habitat	None	
10/13/2021 12:36	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river and 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits and the 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/13/2021 12:42	Okaloosa		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

10/13/2021 12:51	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Take it down and restore the river to origins	Watching the springs suffer through the years	Continuing destruction of our waters in the state and the expensive of maintaining a mistake	No	
10/13/2021 12:58	Santa Rosa		No	No					Simply put, REMOVED Completely!	Water Quality and habitat restoration to the river system.	The continued loss of endangered species and water quality and the continued growth of algae.	None.	No.
10/13/2021 13:01	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and allow fish to spawn freely. Restore the native natural habitat. Increase boating and fishing by canoe and kayak. Improve manatee habitat and safety.	Cost of maintaining Dam is not worth it and is never ending. Much more valuable recreation would be available with restored river. Striped bass, sturgeon and other fish could once again spawn and migrate.	Loss of ecological health and opportunity to restore. Waste taxpayers money on futile efforts to maintain dam.	No.	
10/13/2021 13:03	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove that damn dam!	Nature had it right in the first place.	Ruination of our beautiful world class aquifer, among other concerns.	No	
10/13/2021 13:15	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	The sooner the better..	Great fishing. Habitat to wildlife			
10/13/2021 13:20	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting	It is best said in a Quote from freetheocklawaha.com: Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Florida of all places on earth has been devastated by so-called development. Most of it planned out before WWII. Here are many items that this addresses: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-$14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Florida suffers from so much over development that WE cannot accept anything less than RESTORATIONS OF OUR WETLANDS.	NONE	A Floridian born and bred in Tarpon Springs I only see this as a first step to saving what is left of my Home State.
10/13/2021 13:22	Sarasota		No	No					Returning the water way to it's natural state.	Allow wildlife to live and multiply in natural surrounding with proper natural food source and environments.	Continue decrease in manatee population.	No, waters need to flow naturally, unpolluted at best, provoding a location for wildlife to exist.	Old dams are issues for leakage, breaking and flooding as they deteriorate. A costly danger to humans and wildlife.
10/13/2021 13:26	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please remove this dam. It was never meant to be in place once the canal was stopped. Bass Fisherman are important, but bass are everywhere and we can grow bass anywhere. Please restore this River and all of the Springs.	The history of the politics and the environment for decades...the studies have been done...do not waste any more money.	Continue to waste money on new dam, new public meetings, etc...This is a no brainer and has been for many FL Governors		
10/13/2021 13:42	Miami-Dade		No	No					I would like to see the reservoir be kept as natural as possible.	Wildlife depends on this natural reservoir.	The only man made changes should be if there is something wrong and we can improve the problem.	No	
10/13/2021 13:45	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	remove the dam	Freeing up the oklawaha	reduced flow to lower basin	don't know	thank you for your consideration
10/13/2021 13:48	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it immediately	Studies by Mr Knight	Continued deterioration of one of nature's jewels the ocklawaha River	No, all or nothing	
10/13/2021 13:56	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Inspecting the damage caused by the flooding, aquatic weed control, etc. Mostly during the drawdowns to observe wildlife returning to the floodplain, visit the uncovered springs, and the revegetated floodplain	I would like to see the dam removed (partial restoration). Blue Springs (in Ocala NF) should be restored and developed for public recreation. Other natural springs impacted by the Rodman impoundment should be restored as needed for public use. Deep Creek should be reconnected to the original Ocklawaha channel. Buckman canal east of the lock should be developed for fishing/boating access to the StR, and perhaps a tournament fishing facility developed there.	The fact that the dam/lock is degrading the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Ocklawaha River (above and below the dam), Silver Springs state park, the St Johns River, the flooded swamp forest and springs. The impoundment also denies public access to significant portions of the ONF and other public lands that were purchased for the CFBC for paying, hunting and othe public recreation. The impoundment also negatively impacts significant Native American archaeological sites.	The partial restoration option is already a compromise position. The Eureka lock and dam are not causing any ongoing ecological damage, and should remain because the restoration costs are not justified. The partial removal of Rodman Dam should be the minimal amount needed to restore River flows back to the original channel and which will restore the historical movement of manatees, fish and other species to the upper River and springs complex. Any other scenario that would accomplish this result could be considered, buy I have followed this issue for decades, and I am not aware of any scenarios that would restore River flows to the original channel, and thereby allow for unfettered access of manatees, fish and other species to the upper River and springs.	We have made great progress in successfully restoring other River and aquatic ecosystems in Florida, such as the Kissimmee River and the "River of Grass," the Everglades. We know that we can also successfully repair the other major Corps of Engineers ecological disaster that was the CFBC. The economic and ecological benefits of restoring the Ocklawaha River have been well documented. The cost of restoring the Ocklawaha would be a bargin when compared to what has been spent on Everglades restoration. I have heard estimates of $10-25 million to restore the Ocklawaha. You can't put a culvert in the Everglades for that amount! Considering the amount that would need to be spent upgrading the dam and lock for structural integrity, added to the annual costs of operation, maintenance and inspections, aquatic weed control, drawdown expenses - all of which would need to be spent in perpetuity - makes the cost of restoration a real bargain. Because once the Ocklawaha is free to run, it is virtually free to run ...
10/13/2021 14:01	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam so that the free flow of the Oklawaha will resume.	There are 20 drowned springs will be restored to their formel glory. The dam has deferred maintenance and repair costs that can be better used to remove the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish will make Silver Springs more healthy.	Water quality will continue to decline fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae blooms and fis kills.	No. The dam provides no public benefits, it is obsolete, and this should have been done 40 years ago.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Oklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project that we could do in Florida today that would have the single biggest impact because it would uncover 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is fey to restoring Silver Springs. Also, with the alarming number of manatee deaths, restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Oklawaha's drowned springs and allow them access to Silver Springs. Please take this step forward to restore Florida's natural beauty and viability.
10/13/2021 14:04	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Boating	Remove it	There is no reason for it to be there. No barge canal was ever built	The river would not flow naturally	No	
10/13/2021 14:05	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay the same. It's a thriving ecosystem	Amazing quality fishery	It is one of the best fisheries I have ever seen. Produces some of the biggest bass in the nation	None- don't touch it.	
10/13/2021 14:06	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Letting the river go back to nature.	History of damage to the ecosystem.	Sadness	Not that I'm aware of at this time.	
10/13/2021 14:07	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Free the Ocklawaha. Restore it back to it's natural state.	The Kissimmee River is an example of the harm man does when he tries to out smart Nature and what can happen when you restore waters to their original state. It will save the taxpayers millions of dollars too.	The decline and total loss of Florida's springs.	No	
10/13/2021 14:09	Bay		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration.	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/13/2021 14:18	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the Rodman dam and restoration of the Oklawa river.	Millions of dollars of taxpayers monies spent on an aging dam. Loss of springs and river ecosystem.	Continued and increased expenditure on an aging dam. Continued loss of Florida springs and river ecosystem that diminishes the economic value to the state.	Not really, even drawdown do not provide unobstructed waterway and subsequent ecosystem recovery of plant and animal diversity.	The dam removal is long overdue and has even created federal and state agency discord.
10/13/2021 14:22	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	We have a serious problem with cass pools and contaminated water supply. This dam was halted in 1971. It kills Manatees and prevents fish migration, it scars the landscape and state. It is long past the time to eliminate this antiquated idea and let the water flow freely as nature intended.				
10/13/2021 14:33	Indian River		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habita	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/13/2021 14:42	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	For us, for our children, for our grandchildren, please do the right thing and breach the Dam - thank you!
10/13/2021 14:46	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Leave it like it is.		A premier fishing destination would be destroyed.		
10/13/2021 14:48	Jefferson		No	No					Breach the Dam.	Historic fish and Manatees return.	We miss the best opportunity to do this.	No, the Dam must be breached.	Breach the Dam
10/13/2021 14:49	Hartford		Yes	No		2-5 times		Fishing	Take out the dam and the locks and anything that keeps the Ocklawaha River from flooring naturally and restore the springs	The land was altered by man. It is not in a natural state.	Continuing to allow freshwater springs to be reversed and not flowing freely and having an altered ecosystem	No	
10/13/2021 14:56	Alachua		No	No					Take the dam down and free the Ocklawaha River	Environmental damage	Continued environmental damage and further loss of fish species and manatees	No	
10/13/2021 15:13	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the damn.	The obvious scar on the landscape that is the reservoir.	Continued deterioration of the dam requiring repair or replacement at great taxpayer expense.	I am concerned about the agricultural chemicals that may be contained or mitigated by the reservoir & think a comprehensive plan includes looking at & limits to those contaminants as part of the removal.	
10/13/2021 15:17	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep the Dam	I have see. Manatees while fishing and its a very good habitat .	Will loose the best fisheries in Florida and habitat		
10/13/2021 15:17	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Other: river passage	It needs to be removed	It should have been removed in 1971 when the construction of the Cross- Florida barge canal was halted.	Rodman Reservoir will continue to be choked with weeds and suffer from oxygen depletion causing the death of manatees and bass while preventing fish migration which is expensive to maintain .	NO	YES ..... Stop issuing cheap permits to water companies so they can rape our valuable Florida springs. If any of you are not willing to save our environment, feel free to resign before Governor DeSantis fires you.
10/13/2021 15:23	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other: I don't use it. Just want to see what it consists of	Return river to natural state as I remember it from my youth. A beautiful river.	Pictures of it before it was dammed and pictures sod it now.	That more good money would be wasted.	No. Just remove it	
10/13/2021 15:28	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat - this is absolutely essential as manatees are dying in record numbers due to habitat loss.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized and subvert the eventual dam failure or overtopping that will cause long-term damage.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/13/2021 15:35	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	So many species will not have their needs met and therefore will freeze and starve--whichever comes first. Manatees already suffer enough habitat destruction and have few and far between options. This issue affects everyone and I would hate for the world to realize that there needed to be action when it is too late.	No. This project is overdue and without it, there will be chaos and death. I do not support such things. The species at risk are at risk because of the dam; therefore, the solution is removing it from the equation.	I want to see humanity do right by the world. It has been a while since I have.
10/13/2021 15:45	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River run free, offering connectivity for both the freshwater communities and the wildlife corridor up the Florida peninsula.	The dam and its reservoir no longer serve the now defunct Cross Florida Barge Canal, so let's restore the natural environment while still offering abundant recreational activities.	That the citizens of Florida would be deprived of seeing how magnificent the natural environment of our state is and can be.	I think the compromise proposed would serve everybody well.	
10/13/2021 15:55	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.	No time to waste
10/13/2021 16:03	Outside of state / other	South carolina	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	leave it alone	leave it alone. it's a thriving ecosystem that supports tons of animals and tons of manatees. It also purifies the polluted ocklawa River. It saves the starving manatees, so much vegetatoofee them in that area	Habitat destruction of the manatees, and a recreational area for kayaks, fishing and boats g	No	
10/13/2021 16:12	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Maintain as a fishery, manage for wildlife	Global warming, native species dying	Global warming	No	Stop taking wildlife habitat for corporations
10/13/2021 16:16	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I've helped in cleanups.	I want it removed.	Wildlife habitat.	Less fresh water & less wildlife ecosystem balance between the waterways.	Greater flow of water thru the dam.	
10/13/2021 16:17	Pinellas		No	No									
10/13/2021 16:18	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam, drain the reservoir, and restore the river	The blocking of migratory fish and other river life from accessing the river	Continued flooding of forest land and lack of access by river life	Partial breaching, if it will accomplish all of the above. This plan has been approved for far too many years without action!	
10/13/2021 16:19	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Removoed & river restored.	To allow manatees, mullet, catfish, striped bass & other species to freely swim up the ocklawaha again. Have lived near Silver Springs all my life and witnessed the river & springs before the dam and after. The amount of species we have lost is alarming. Restoration is much more critical than bass fishing in Putnam Cty.	That the whole eco system along the ocklawaha will continue to degrade every decade that goes by. Even the bass fishing in the reservoir isn't the same quality as 40 years ago.	No the dam should have never been built in the first place.	
10/13/2021 16:19	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it left alone. It provides a lush, thriving habitat for so many different animals.	Rodman's Reservoir provides a nutrient rich environment for our manatees. I saw 6 manatees my last trip to Rodman's and they were eating healthy.	My biggest concern would be the manatees that would lose this safe haven with plenty of food.		
10/13/2021 16:21	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it alone	It is a beautiful place the way it is and I pay to fish there because of the beauty and quality of fish	That we decide we can do something better and it creates bigger problems. See big sugar and Everglades for an example	See answer above	
10/13/2021 16:25	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs will be reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Sincerely Sandra Chiappetta
10/13/2021 16:27	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like for the Reservoir to be left alone. I saw so much wildlife fish jumping, manatees, numerous different waterfowl, alligators, otters. It is teeming with wildlife.	The habitat was full of nutrient rich vegetation for the surrounding wildlife. That's why we could observe so much nature.	I'd be concerned for the animals that would lose all this habitat.	No	
10/13/2021 16:30	Charlotte		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration to the natural river flow	Personal observation and experience paddling on the river	Continued deterioration of the natural river channel		The canal may have been a good idea at the time, but since its objective was not achieved, it's time to restore nature to its original state. I believe the local and state economy will benefit from increased tourism attracted by the natural restoration of the entire Ocklawaha River corridor. Let's do this!
10/13/2021 16:38	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam left alone.	It is a thriving ecosystem that supports a wide-variety of animals. We see very lively wildlife there and it is a joy to see fish with fat bellies. We fish other lakes in Florida like Lake Santa Fe, Alligator Lake, Crescent Lake, and the fish in Rodman's Reservoir seem to be so much healthier.	The wildlife wouldn't have sufficient food supply.	No	Please, leave it alone.
10/13/2021 16:42	Outside of state / other	Lexington, KY	No	No					Breach the dam and restore the river!	The dam blocks many species from completing their migrations. This is especially unsafe because it threatens many species' survival. The manatee may not be on the endangered species list, but that incorrectly represents their current situation. By not allowing these animals to migrate, they cannot get to the proper environment for the time being where they can be inhabitable temperatures and have access to food. Also, by cutting off the fish and other aquatic prey, predators who are expecting their food to make it to one place will have a more scarce availability. The dam is also causing a saltwater intrusion, making it undrinkable for humans and unlivable for freshwater species. As humans, we have caused devastating pain and suffering to the environment. So, we should be doing all that we can to support what is left and help it replenish. If making steps towards a safer world for all living things is not of concern to whomever it concerns, then maybe saving taxpayers will be. It has been calculated to be more costly to fix the dam than to breach it.	So many species will not have their needs met and therefore will freeze and starve--whichever comes first. Manatees already suffer enough habitat destruction and have few and far between options. This issue affects everyone and I would hate for the world to realize that there needed to be action when it is too late.	No. This project is overdue and without it, there will be chaos and death. I do not support such things. The species at risk are at risk because of the dam; therefore, the solution is removing it from the equation.	I want to see humanity do right by the world. It has been a while since I have.
10/13/2021 16:43	Marion		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the most fatal year on record. Also, there are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this project.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklwaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs (one of largest artesian springs in the world) are not united and restored. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your time and consideration.
10/13/2021 16:52	Lake		No	No					It should be dismantled and the natural river allowed to return, allowing fish to migrate and eliminating a mucky lake full of weeds.	The reservoir is the last vestige of a disastrous environmental idea that should've been eliminated 50 years ago.	The state will have to waste precious funds to maintain the reservoir and probably have to rebuild the dam.	No	
10/13/2021 16:57	Alachua		No	No									
10/13/2021 16:58	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	leave as is	it is already there !	loss of fishing	no	
10/13/2021 17:03	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Manatee research	Leave it as ia	Manatee food surce	Manatee and wildlife death	No	This is a fine area pls leave alone

10/13/2021 17:03	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as it is. It is absolutely a wildlife sanctuary for both aquatic and terrestrial species of all types. Amazing bio diversity and bio mass. It would be difficult to produce such ecological diversity under any other management strategy	Water purity and water quality are the only things that would support such a cross section of wildlife and vegetation. We frequently see all sorts of fish species i. High abundance, manatees are migrating through the system through big on the vegetation which does not exist in other areas of the region. They are actually starving in adjacent systems and are moving to the sadowa system for the forage abundance. Eagles are commonly seen along with many other birds of prey. They do no thrive in impure systems they go as their prey goes, they are effected by pollution that they consume. There are many many eagles and ospreys good indicators of environmental health.	All of these species could no longer be supported. What is a perfect system for ecological diversity would no longer be supported.	I don't think so. In addition to the environmental devastation of species. The costs to begin any sort of mitigation or change would not serve the community or tax payers of Florida with a beneficial return only costs.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
10/13/2021 17:06	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the Rodman reservoir and Dam stay as they are and maintain them. It is a wonderful piece of the North Florida area that is home to many water birds numerous Manatees as well as a great fishery for Floridians as well as tourism. Rodman is one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen and the area it is in could use the added tourism to help local businesses with tourist dollars.	The most important fact of my opinion is that the manatees are living in the reservoir because there is forage for them and the numbers are stunning. It is also a fact that the reservoir helps clean polluted waters from nearby rivers	Loss of wildlife habitat as well as tourism dollars for the area.	None	Save Rodman Reservoir
10/13/2021 17:09	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the reservoir and dam removed so the river could get back to its natural state.	I cross the river most every day and it is now a sluggish, murky relic of the clear, swift moving river it once was when I was a kid.	The environmental damage to the river would continue and animals such as manatees, stripped bass, and others will continue to be blocked from entering areas where they use to roam free.	No.	Just before the river was dammed, I went fishing with a friend where the reservoir is today. I inadvertently dropped my dad's rod into the river. Fortunately, the river was running free and crystal clear and we were able to locate the rod and retrieve it in about ten feet of water. If a kid dropped his dad's rod in the water today, he would be in big trouble.
10/13/2021 17:11	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing	Leave it alone	Tons of wildlife will be displaced and the natural filtering of the river will be damaged. Just as they are doing in SOuth Florida!	Loss of wildlife and increase in damage from pollutants	No	
10/13/2021 17:12	Charlotte		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Save the resource as it is	The resource is alive and well and flourishing	No	No	Save what little of Florida's wildlife we have left. This place is being decimated daily.
10/13/2021 17:12	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it to protect wildlife	The lush vegetation is supporting the manatee population	The manatee population dying out	Nk	
10/13/2021 17:14	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Geocaching	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. In addition, springs are a major tourist draw in Florida, as we have more springs than anywhere else. Restoring the Oklawaha would restore a bit of that Old Florida, drawing ecotourism to the area.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Whatever out of town tourism the dam brings for fishing would be supplanted by those seeking to view the restored wilderness.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	The dam is a relic of an age where Florida's environment was an afterthought. There is no cross Florida barge canal and therefore no need for the dam. There are plenty of places in Florida to fish, and there is no reason to continue to cause harm to the natural environment because of it. A restored ecosystem would bring other tourists seeking to escape our increasingly urbanized state for a bit of the wilderness.
10/13/2021 17:15	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it alone	Leave it alonenless of natural habitat for Manatee and bass			
10/13/2021 17:15	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Torn down	Waste of taxes.	Wasting taxes	No	
10/13/2021 17:16	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing					
10/13/2021 17:25	Clay		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	To see it go back to it's natural form.	Stressing the natural resources.	No	
10/13/2021 17:26	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and let the river flow again.	Seeing the damage to the environment this dam has caused.	Further damage to environment	no	The fact the this dam has been held hostage by a few short sighted business people/politicians is a disgrace. The State of Florida should be looking at eco-tourism with this restored area as a show piece. Look at what the Greenway has done especially in Marion County with the bike paths, etc.
10/13/2021 17:29	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	leave it alone	my personal observation	destruction of manatee habitat	no	leave this area alone. it is perfect the way it is
10/13/2021 17:31	Lee		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today.
10/13/2021 17:33	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Attracting friends and relatives to tour or live and experience the wildlife at this special waterway!	I want the damn left as is !! Keep it in place! Do Not Destroy this Special Lake!	This is one of the most beautiful animal preserves in all of Florida and an important safe haven for the survival of many fish, gators and more than 700 Manatee alone! Anyone who has not been on this huge beautiful lake has no idea what awesome nature exists in Florida! If you remove that dam you are going to kill hundreds of thousands of fish, birds and other wildlife species that depend on this lake for their survival and that chain of events will be devastating! I have properties in several states and can tell you that on one of my farms I have over 200 acres and cannot and will not disturb a 1/4 acre wetland in my property... let alone destroy a 27,000 acre "Live Waterway"!	The death of so many species and individual animals that rely on the lake to survive! Myself and others would stop visiting and supporting Florida's wildlife and tourism sectors because people with no idea of true conservation are running the show! Also many I know would Not vacation in Florida anymore because of the loss of a major fishery that has even set state records in the past.	Actually, No	VISIT THE WATERWAY AND EXPERIENCE IT WITH YOUR FAMILY BEFORE YOU VOTE TO DESTROY MORE OF AMERICA!
10/13/2021 17:35	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Boating Fishing	Leave it alone!!!!	Fishing, sanctuary, jobs	No concern if it stays	No	
10/13/2021 17:39	Flagler		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Leave it alone so our children can enjoy the fishing and wildlife in the future.				
10/13/2021 17:41	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Just checking out a raggedy old relic with no useful purpose	Get rid of the dam. It's fifty years old and is in rough shape. Putting money into it for upkeep is like buying oats for a dead horse. I know that the bass people are going to cry but this is Florida. You can catch bass anywhere. Rodman is an artificial lake with no useful purpose other than to mess up the natural course and flood plane of a major tributary to the St. Johns river.	Just go to the useless reservoir during a drawdown. Helen Keller and Stevie Wonder could see what is beneath that stagnant pond that the dam creates.	Water will be one of the most important concerns for man in the future. Might as well keep screwing up everything.	Absolutely not. There is a fishing tournament held on every mud puddle in this state. Eco tourism will support the surrounding counties as well as Tribeno or Red Man. Economic impact arguments on this subject is moot. Putting dollars into the upkeep of the dam is stupid. Letting it fail when fully charged will be a disaster and heads will roll. Draw it down. Get rid of the antique. Move forward.	
10/13/2021 17:49	Hillsborough		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	To continue being a thriving ecosystem. Stricter pollution fines.	At least 700 manatees alone this year have found safe haven in these waterways. Where high number of manatees are dying they find refuge in Rodman Reservoir.	Destruction of another beautiful Florida waterway.		Please keep Florida wildlife and waters safe for us Floridians who love our state.
10/13/2021 17:51	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to see the Oklawaha River restored to its orginal condition as much as possible.	Environmental concerns.	The environment in the area would be negatively impacted.	Make sure that the dam is functioning properly.	
10/13/2021 18:03	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	blow it up. take it down. open up the rivers.	drought. diminishing river flow.	continue to communicate how bad the dam is.	no	
10/13/2021 18:11	Volusia		No	No					I would like the River restored to its natural state and remove the dam.	The manatees are again having a rough time surviving in the current state of the waterways in Florida. Let's bring it back to the natural state to give them a chance.	That the manatee becomes extinct.		
10/13/2021 18:24	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed and the river restored to its natural flow.	The reservoir serves no purpose beyond a few fishermans' enjoyment. Reclamation of the river would result in a dramatic increase in the diversity and health of wildlife in the area as well as dramatically increased ecotourism which can be very very profitable for the State.	The reservoir will continue to be,essentially, a large cesspool.	No. It is clear that the removal of the dam is the correct solution.	
10/13/2021 18:36	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing	a more consistent water level	the variation of up to 4 feet keeps the water dirty	the spawn will suffer greatly	not really	I guided and fished Rodman since 1984 and have had many great days there when it is taken care of it may be the best fresh water fishery in the state
10/13/2021 18:38	Santa Rosa		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave alone				Leave Rodman alone
10/13/2021 18:44	Lee		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Not to mention the colossal waste of tax payer money to repair a dam that is not needed.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I'm relatively new to FL and seeing manatees suffering is heartbreaking. I'm a registered republican, but it disgusts me that disregard humans have shown for both manatees and other native wildlife for...I'm not sure what reason. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/13/2021 18:45	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	LEAVE IT ALONE! IF IT AIN'T BROKE, HOPING YOU KNOW THE REST!				
10/13/2021 18:48	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam/reservoir removed, so the Ocklawaha River can be restored to its original, natural, healthier ever-flowing version of itself.	I saw the Rodman reservoir, it the best place I have been to in FloridaWe	We could lose this beautiful place as it is.	NO	
10/13/2021 18:49	Outside of state / other		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	In any amount of research, there lies true, key elements to validate the reality of things. To you, it may not matter, but to the environment, the wildlife, the activists, the advocates, nature, the continued efforts to protect and preserve the land that once was, it matters. To Earth, our gracious life force, it matters a great deal.	My biggest concern is for the continued detrimental damage that is being forced upon the environment. In no way has life been this cruel to our forgiving planet than it has been in the past 100 years or so, there is no more time to waste, we are the ones who need to change how we act upon the outside world that we plunge ourselves into on a daily basis. Today, we can change a little area of the world for the better (dam/reservoir), tomorrow we can tackle bigger, more widespread issues that hinder all ways of life.	I mean, there are always going to be the exceptional few that feel like the go-getters are beating a dead horse. In recent discussions, yes, there is a lot that stands in the way of accomplishing things that will eradicate and erase the hardships that the government implements to kill off any natural beauty that is left to experience. It really is a pitiful thing to witness. The more you educate yourself on the problem, the more willingness you desire to become a part of the solution.	
10/13/2021 18:50	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Visiting Rodman is like catching a preview of what Heaven is like	Leave it alone	My opinion!	I WOULD BE VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT I WOULD NO LONGER HAVE A PLACE OF SOLACE,CONTINTMENT AND PEACE IN THIS F...UP WORLD	No	You morons should crawl back in your hole.Manatees are dying because they have nothing to eat thanks to the state and FWC with their spraying assault on the natural vegitation which along with the St Johns dredging will kill this river basin forever.Tearing down this dam will create a "black hole" and destroy a beautiful estuary.Once and for all you people need to find another source of entertainment and leave Rodman alone
10/13/2021 18:54	Marion		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting	Leave it standing.	By taking down the dam, only the main river channel would be left meaning less area for fish to repopulate, marsh and swamplands would be ruined because they rely on the reservoir.	Fish repopulation would drop. Businesses would be harmed.	No. It needs to stand.	
10/13/2021 19:00	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No					Conservation	Wildlife conservation	Conservation		
10/13/2021 19:07	Nassau		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I'd like to see Rodman Dam removed. It is a yearly drain of taxpayer money to keep it functional. It serves no purpose. It would be a boon for river traffic. It would free a magnificent body of water to be and do what God created it to do.				
10/13/2021 19:11	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restore,remove dam	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	e miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	This is long overdue.
10/13/2021 19:14	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: I used to visit it often, to hopefully see, this thing sprung for a leak and then a torrent. since 1980 when I moved to the Ocala 'M', I'd say I'd visited it occasionally for recreation-kayaking, mostly for due to job duties, i.e. to draft to fill engine, at least 100 times	tear it down	waste of water through evaporation, water volume into St John's River is not what it used to be so not as fresh as it should be for wildlife and fisheries	continued denial of what is right environmentally	nope	the dam should have been tore out 20+ years ago. the Forest Service took way to long to decide to say it should be removed. perhaps some of the buried springs might one day start flowing again, if not at the same spot where they were but somewhere close. let the bass fisherman find somewhere else to go. this "money pit-Rodman Reservoir" needs to go.
10/13/2021 19:18	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. The cross-FL barge canal failed 50 years ago.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River will provide free flowing water for fish, manatees, wildlife and recreation.	Another 50 years of inaction.	No	
10/13/2021 19:22	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Open it to provide a resource for manatees.	Saving manatees	How to save manatees.		I will be mowing to Martin County in January and have visited Florida numerous times. Please save these beautiful creatures.
10/13/2021 19:27	Alachua		No	No					Return to pre dam days.	Climate change is here and everything will help.	Action will no longer be worked for to solve problem.	No, I don't see one.	
10/13/2021 19:39	Brevard		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I strongly support the partial restoration of the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River. So often, when humans alter nature , undesirable consequences result. The Rodman Dam clearly has created many such consequences. Blocking the manatees from freely swimming to Silver Springs is just one of thos. I have brought friends and paddled the Ocluwaha during the past three drawdowns. I love the natural beauty of Cannon Springs exposed only during the drawdowns. If the river could be retored to natural conditions, this and other springs would be paddling destinations throughout the year.	Many scientists have indicated that restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River will benefit the ecososystems from Silver Springs to Jacksonville. I strongly support this position.	I understand that the Rodman Dam is showing signs of aging and could fail in a severe storm. Spending the money to rebuild a stronger dam seems senseless because the harm to nature connivus.	I want to see a free flowint Ocklawaha that can be traveled by manatees and other wildlife. Perhaps the initial restoration could be less complete that the proposed plan.	So much science indicates that the Ocklawaha will benefit greatly from the dam removal. Let's follow the recommendations of the scientists and start the dam removal as soon as possible.
10/13/2021 19:42	Volvsia		No	No						Environmental impact	Money wasted	No	
10/13/2021 19:43	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Maintain status quo.	Contrary to some of the "nature lovers" and "environmentalists" out there wanting to remove the dam, removing the dam would do mare harm to our environment than leaving it in place. A whole new natural environment has evolved around the reservoir and it in itself should be maintained. Those who claim that the dam prevents manatees from using the reservoir are also mistaken in that manatees regularly enter the reservoir through the locks and, occasionally, congregate in the reservoir in great numbers. Additionally, Rodman reservoir helps to clean the water that enters it from upstream before it ultimately enters the St. Johns river.	Harm to the current environment.	None	
10/13/2021 19:50	Lee		No	No					I would love to fish your dam and catch giants	That this dam is the land of the giants	Nothing just move on	No sir !	Invite me out to stay basi pleasesee!!!!
10/13/2021 19:50	Pinellas		No	No					Take it down, there are not any good dams anywhere; rivers are designed to flow to the sea, it is part of the natural cycle of the life of continents. Wildlife need the water near them to flow, not stagnate.	I am from Oregon originally and dams out west are making Pacific salmon extinct; fish ladders do not work and there is no way to keep the fingerlings out of the turbines that generate power. Dams eventually silt up and have to be taken down. Do it now.	The damn dam is going to silt up, be over topped in a big hurricane and those down stream will not have adequate warning to evacuate before such an event. This & Lake Okachobee are disaster waiting for a Cat 5 cyclone to set their waters free.	NO	Give it a rest! No dam in Florida benefits the public; only privileged minorities benefit and they do not care about those that will be flooded out in the next Cat 5.
10/13/2021 19:53	Putnam		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	It is beautiful as it is. Can not imagine changing anything.	Have been fishing, boating, canoeing and enjoying the wildlife for 50 years. Absolutely one of the most beautiful places in the state of Florida.	Destroying the dam would in effect totally devastate Lake Rodman, the wildlife, birds, fish and everything that it represents.	Hydroelectric	Lake Rodman has been such a vital part of my childhood as well as adulthood. I can not imagine the devastation that removing the dam would create!
10/13/2021 19:56	Outside of state / other	Charlotte NC	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see them preserved.	It is one of the most beautiful places on earth, teaming with wildlife	Lost Opportunities for generations to come.	No	
10/13/2021 20:09	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Observation	Please remove the Dam and return the Ocklawaha to its natural state.	Natural flow	The continued degradation of the Ocklawaha and especially Silver Springs.	No	The barge canal has been defunded, there is no need to spend money to preserve part of that defunct project. The Ocklawaha river in its natural state is much more valuable an asset to the entire state of Florida, it's residents and visitors.
10/13/2021 20:17	Citrus		No	No						Restoration of the 20 springs currently unable to flow naturally.	Further decline of water quality and the effects on the environment.	No.	This is the most cost effective springs restoration project. Repairing or upgrading the dam will cost millions that could be better spent elsewhere.
10/13/2021 20:49	Outside of state / other	Frederick, Maryland	No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain Rodman Reservoir,KirkPatrick Dam in its current state	Thriving ecosystem that supports amazing wildlife, including Manatees. Maintaining the dam provides for filtering of pollutants flowing in the Oklawaha. Worried, that existing wildlife will not survive if dam is removed	Worried that Manatees will not survive and displacing existing wildlife including endangered birds	No	Maintain the dam in its current state. Tourism willbe impacted. If the dam is removed, I would have no reason to visit the area. I spend approximately 30 days each year on Rodman Reservoir.
10/13/2021 20:54	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Wildlife viewing	I plan on continuing to visit the Ocala area which means I will continue to visit the Rodman reservoir. The fishing and beautiful landscape brings us back each time we visit. I pray the Rodman reservoir continues to stay in its natural state so the wildlife can thrive in their natural habitat, so the men and women that work so hard to bring locals and visitors on scenic/fishing tours can stay in business and so it's one less thing that has to change because god knows so much has changed over the last 2 years. We have been through enough please don't take the peaceful serene beauty of the reservoir away!!	That I am from the other side of the country and I visit the small town of Ocala so I can fish the reservoir. Just me alone supports many small businesses such as car rental, hotels, restaurants, fishing tours and many other places. Why risk the tourism aspect of the reservoir for other reasons. I didn't come to Ocala and stumble upon the Rodman reservoir, I came to Ocala because of the Rodman reservoir.	The wildlife!!!!!! I can find other places to fish and see wildlife but where will the wildlife go?! The reservoir is enormous and from what I saw when I was there in July the wildlife wouldn't survive if it were displaced.	No	Please don't drain the reservoir it a a gem and i would never take it for granted if i lived there or the reservoir was in my hometown. In these days the next generation can learn so much from our generation and visiting a place like the reservoir is exactly what we need to help our kids understand how important places like the reservoir are. It teaches them so much about life, habitats, tourism, engineering, ecosystems and so much more. Don't take that away from the next generation especially when they live in such a technology driven world.
10/13/2021 20:54	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 150-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/13/2021 20:56	Hillsborough		No	No					Removal of the Dam and restoration of Ocklawaha River.	Ocklawaha River restoration would increase freshwater flows in the Lower Ocklawaha and St. John Rivers by millions of gallons a day due to less evaporation off the artificial pool and uncovering of more than 20 springs flooded by the Rodman Dam.	I'm concerned for the fish, manatees, and the health of the water in that area if this is not achieved. It seems like this is the best time for following through on this.		
10/13/2021 21:06	Outside of state / other	Dayton, OH	No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	It's absolutely beautiful the way it is now.	I traveled to Florida specifically to fish Rodman with a friend. It's so beautiful that we are bringing our dads back with us next spring to experience it with us. I'm not sure what it would look like if the dam was removed, but we saw an incredible amount of wildlife and the fishing was amazing. I was blown away when I saw manatees off the back of the boat. I vacation in SC and saw a manatee there - which was apparently happening more and more as they search for safe places that have available food (away from Florida). Maybe the river system would provide a similar refuge, but Rodman seems like a great place for them to live (but I'm no expert). I would travel to Florida annually to fish this spot if it remains the same. Relaxing the dam would probably "ruin" that piece. I don't live in Florida, so it's not "my fight", but I absolutely fell in love with it as it is. If I had to choose one place in the US to fish for bass - Rodman is it. Not your other more southern lakes, but Rodman. It's that special. Just my two cents. I wouldn't mess with it. I know the initial canal project was driven by greed and put a dam on a river (which technically isn't cool) - but the "lake" is absolutely gorgeous and the wildlife seems to have a thriving safe space.	That the real motivation behind getting rid of the dam is driven by money...	No - keep it like it is. I want to bring my sons there when they are old enough.	I can't wait to visit Rodman in April!
10/13/2021 21:20	Flagler		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	take it down. don't repair it. restore the Ocklawaha river	how much it would cost to repair how the springs, and lower Ocklawaha river as well as the St. Johns river will have their natural flows restored.	water quality will continue to degrade. diverse recreational activity will not occur,	No. The dam should be removed.	We need so much about the impact of intense development on Florida's waters. - manatees starving to death, algae killing natural habitats, etc. Here is an opportunity to restore waterways to their natural state, benefitting wildlife and aquatic life.

10/13/2021 21:40	Clay		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	1. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 2. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 3. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 4. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	1. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. 2. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. 3. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. Thank you for your consideration. Karen D. Meyer
10/13/2021 21:42	Outside of state / other	5 N. 43rd Place Cave Creek, Arizona 8	No	No					Whatever is wrong with Rodman Reservoir should be fixed immediately, and area's in both the dam and reservoir should have signs and be roped off so boats with motors can't injure or kill the Manatee's while grazing or playing with their young.	I read an article about a past Governor by the name of bush who wouldn't lift a finger to help these harmless animal's even when the boats were running over them and creating much damage or even killing these harmless animals.	I haven't thought about that yet.	no 1None	NONE
10/13/2021 21:54	Outside of state / other	Zachary, Louisiana	No	No					Please break the dam so manatee and fish can migrate more easily.	Newspaper	A fifty year old project that should have never been started continues to cause problems for fish.	Perhaps work with bass fisherwomen if their desires as well as the needs of migratory fish can both be met.	
10/13/2021 21:55	Alachua		No	No					Take down the dam so the river can flow freely	The springs and overall water quality has been greatly harmed	My grandchildren will not get to see and enjoy the beautiful springs	The dam needs to come down	Please save our springs
10/13/2021 22:04	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/13/2021 22:06	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Rivers are a gift to humanity. This masterpiece should be restored.	Paddling thru ancient cypress trees remnants -when the water is low- inspires a sense of awe in how beautiful the river was.	Future generations are impoverished without this beauty	Sure	
10/13/2021 22:19	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir left alone & the agenda driven politicians disguised as conservists to pack up and leave.	The fact that the locals are not split on this issue.	An imminent death to wildlife.	More investments into the reservoir and surrounding communities.	N/A
10/13/2021 23:13	Broward		No	No					Save our Springs	Decline in Springs	Over crowding at other Springs	No	The Springs are one of the last good things of interior Florida. Disney is a disappointing money pit.
10/13/2021 23:14	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the dam	Information from the Florida Springs Council	Loss of needed manatee habitat	No	Please don't spend any funds to repair the dam. Open it up and restore the natural flow of water
10/14/2021 0:05	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Clean it up	That it will help restore the river and grass	The river is dying there is no eel grass and more silt mud bottoms than usual sand area	No	
10/14/2021 1:43	Citrus		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of ocklawawa river	Information from Audubon society	Wildlife	No	
10/14/2021 1:51	Alachua		Yes	Yes			1 time	Other: never	Removed to alow the natural flow to the river.	Seasonal fish migrations have been tremendously reduced as a result of the dam.	Further degredation of the system will will occur.	That's like asking a blind person, what part of blindness could you support?	
10/14/2021 4:43	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove,immediately	It has killed Silver Springs	Same shit as last 50 years	No	I grew up in Ocala in the 1960 s ,at that time you could swim at Silver Springs ?We would ride our bikes there and spend the day it was beautiful.About 2 years ago I took my 36 year old daughter & and her son there to ride the World Famous Glass bottom boats to see the beautiful fish that had always been there,there were only a few and they were small.I was sadden and sickened by what had happened to the Beautiful Springs .The consensus was Rodman Adam I have never been an environmental nerd ,but the older I get the more I appreciate nature.I don't know if removing the dam will eventually restore the Springs but I'm damn sure leaving it there wont
10/14/2021 5:26	Volusia		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. If the dam is not breached, Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.
10/14/2021 5:36	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Removed	Save or springs research	Springs are dying	No	
10/14/2021 5:43	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam or remove the obstructions to the natural flow of the waterway.	The level of devastation the dams have caused to the environment and wildlife. Manatees, fish, springs, wetlands, pollution, have all been impacted by these dams.	More deterioration of the things mentioned above.	No. Remove the dam.	I have been a Florida resident since 1969 and have enjoyed the many things that the environment of Florida has to offer. I hate to see them decline so the future residents and visitors won't get to share the same experience.
10/14/2021 6:15	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other:	Maintained and allowed to continue to be a very viable wildlife sanctuary.	Having worked as a National Park Ranger for many years, I was blessed to be able to live in our country's National treasures. Rodman reservoir is a very important area to wildlife. It is vital that Kirkpatrick dam is maintained and left in place to insure that native wildlife continues to have this beautiful area to be used as a nursery.	The loss of a very important wildlife / bird nursery.	No. The removal of Kirkpatrick dam will devestate this wonderful bird sanctuary.	The maintenance of Kirkpatrick dam and allowing Rodman reservoir to remain as it is also insures that future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy this great area.
10/14/2021 6:36	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the Rodman Dam	The money is available and the Oklawaha River is vital to our springs.	I'm very concerned about the increase in manatee deaths this year. We need to do everything we can to restore our waters and habitats for manatees and the rest of Florida wildlife.	No	
10/14/2021 6:51	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Restoring the river	Many studys that have been done.	The death of mutible springs	Not really	
10/14/2021 6:57	Orange		No	No					Success in this endeavor.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	continual loss, destruction of habitat...	Saving/preserving what is LEFT of our environment in Florida and other communities.	We can do this!
10/14/2021 7:10	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam, restore our springs. Spring are a naturally filtering freshwater source and should be considered a lifeline in the state and have continually been overlooked when it comes to preservation. I am no scientist but I have lived here 30 years and am increasingly disheartened by the state of our springs. There are plenty of naturally occurring bodies of water to fish, do business and recreate around. This dam is one of the few remaining remnants of one of the worst environmental project (ft barge canal) proposed in Florida history.	I grew up in marion county, silver springs, rainbow springs, juniper, Scott spring, all beautiful once, all getting lower or over contaminated. I worked in seminole/ orange county for years. Welkwa springs sad & disappearing	The state will continue to waste tax dollars on solutions that don't really work and don't equate in terms of cost. Those that argue to keep a dam that should have never been there in the first place for the benefit of maybe a few hundred or few thousand even though we as a state voted in droves to have our environment protected and restored. Getting a bit tired of the putting of politics and profits over people and our environment	Look at California. Look out west. Do you want to start rationing your freshwater? Those selfishly opposing the removal of the dam are not concerned with Florida's future	
10/14/2021 7:10	Duval		No	No					Complete restoration of natural flow reconnecting the three rivers as nature intended.	Loss of habitat for wildlife loss of diversity in fish the healthy influx of clean water to reduce salt water incursion restoration of habitat for our beleaguered manatees also economic benefits but really ecologically sound to restore health of our beloved Florida waterways.	Continued decimation of manatees shore line destruction more algae blooms blocked flow continues to damage the rivers	No	I see no benefit to maintaining this obstruction to the natural flow. My beloved native home this beautiful Florida is being destroyed by developers loss of habitat and greed. Please restore this wonderful waterway for the benefit of wildlife and Florida folk who care about our greatest natural resource...clean water.
10/14/2021 7:10	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing	I would like to see the damn removed and the natural flow restored because the ocklawaha is the single most source of fresh water to the St. John's which then feeds into the saltwater estuaries that I fish inshore. The water flow is crucial to the survival and future of the spartina grass as well as other native grasses along the St. John's. We have already seen such a decline due to all the building and nutrient run off from development, if the dam can be removed and restore more of that natural flow it would help flush the system of those nutrients.	Captains for clean water flow of restoration plan. St John's River keeper various studies. Personal observation from being on the water over 250+ days a year.	That with the development occurring and run off taking place without the proper grass and water flow in place we will begin to experience major algae blooms just like in Tampa and other various parts of the state. Those chemicals from lawn fertilizer and such are a super charger to the algae blooms and have significant impact on the fishery from the plant life to the actual fish. It's happening all around the state and we have a chance to fix it in this area! People come to Florida for the water, period. It's what brings revenue to this state, if we ruin the water quality there is no reason for people to want this to be their travel destination	I don't see another logical option that has been presented at this point	
10/14/2021 7:21	Orange		No	No					I would like to see it removed in order to restore the springs and surrounding wetlands.	This landscape is not native. River flows have been interrupted for years along with the fish, manatee, birds and other wildlife movement in and along the river. The springs in this area are suffering. The wildlife populations are suffering. Replacing/maintaining the reservoir is expensive compared to the cost of removing it.	Money that could be better spent on other infrastructure projects within our state is spent to repair a "reservoir" that does not offer benefits typically associated with the use of the word: flood protection, power, or water supply.	No. My hope is that those fishing this lake will be equally passionate about fishing the restored Ocklawaha river and protecting said fishery.	I love my state and in particular its natural places. When friends visit me from out of state they cherish the glimpses I provide of "natural Florida" I provide along with the "Disney Florida" they well enjoy. My goal for my grandchildren is a growing system of greenways in and around the state that allows our native wildlife to move and thrive around us. Removing this man made structure would be a step toward that dream.
10/14/2021 7:21	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach	It is not useful, it is the greatest environmental impact for the dollars spent, provide manatee habitat	Loss of more habitat for wildlife	No	
10/14/2021 7:40	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. Great ecosystem along with future needed water shed.	Over 35 years of usage. My eyes, ears and senses can see that this ecosystem is working. Plenty of manatee thought the system.	You will create a bog mud bog that will take another 50 years if ever to correct itself. Mother nature repaired it once. Leave it be!	No!!	
10/14/2021 7:40	Manatee		No	No					Keep it natural, do not alter for mankinds benefit, be mindful of other species living in and around area that will be negatively affected/effected by mankinds selfish interference.	Love, care, and protection of the Natural environment from mankind.	Minimizing the harm to the life sustained by the Natural environment.	No.	Educate mankind on the overwhelming damage caused by their actions PRIOR to them taking action.
10/14/2021 7:46	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing	Breach it	save money in repairing the dam plus open up habitat for the manatees	more wasted money	i do not think so	
10/14/2021 7:47	Pinellas		No	No					I'd like to see it opened.	It would support an enhanced ecological habitat downstream, with multiple benefits to the environment	We would continue to starve and deplete resources that are already dying.	No. Let industry figure out how to 'innovate' a solution that does not deplete the environment in the process.	
10/14/2021 7:49	Seminole		No	No					Removal of the dams and natural restoration of the river and springs environments.	Published articles on the project that state improved river habitats.	Continued decline of springs.	No.	
10/14/2021 7:59	Lake		No	No					Remove it .	It will restore the Ocklawaha River , which is drying up in Lake County, and restore 20 springs.	The death of the Ocklawaha River and 20 springs.	Removing the dam. Which single county does DeSantis need that will be getting the new wastewater plant? That county, like my own, should not be receiving funds that were designated to protect our environment. The state would be charged with misuse of funds.	Use the voter approved funds for the purpose given in the amendment, not as a pet project for the Governor to stay in office
10/14/2021 8:01	Duval		No	No									
10/14/2021 8:16	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other: Happened upon it by accident looking for a alternative route to Gainesville.	Remove the dam and restore natural flow of the river.	It would restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River, revive badly needed wetlands and expose 20 hidden springs.	Continued degradation of the wetlands and springs affected by the dam.	No.	Removing the dam is a simple solution that will allow nature to do the remaining work of restoring the natural state of the river.
10/14/2021 8:16	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam.	The dam doesn't help, it hurts. The money is available to breach.	The dam doesn't help, it hurts. The money is available to breach.	No.	
10/14/2021 8:18	Flagler		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Remove the Dam	Nature is natural state as much as possible.	Decrease in available water with detrimental effect on the environment.	Of course, good science can lead to a reasonable compromise.	
10/14/2021 8:20	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	Other: Driven by it many times in last 25 years		I'd like to see this area restored back to its natural beauty	The restoration will allow the rivers, streams, etc to flow the way they should and that will benefit nature and people who want to enjoy nature.	That we will lose out on the benefits for the environment by the restoration.		
10/14/2021 8:20	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing		Remove any and all sections that inhibit the natural flow rate	The obvious damage to down stream wetlands and streams.	The wet lands continued decline. They are part of the filtration system that clean the water which supports the wildlife in Florida	They may be able to keep parts of the dam for future use if needed.	We made a mistake building the dam. It's now recognized . Just to to fix the mistake , it's not that hard .
10/14/2021 8:25	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman Dam	It would help restore springs and wetlands	Continued degradation of Florida's natural resources and quality of life.	No. This is 50 years late.	
10/14/2021 8:33	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Please leave it alone. Several hundred manatee are known to use the water way as is as well as other wildlife.	Florida game and freshwater fish division.	Government intervention ruins another Florida gem.	What are you suggesting?	
10/14/2021 8:38	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Enjoying Florida's natural scenery	I would think that we should remove the dam, opening up the real possibility to allow nature to restore itself, giving us Floridians even more natural habitat to enjoy.	Living in Miami and fishing the Everglades for twenty years between 1980-1995 taught me how much damage we can do via good-intentioned structural change, (South Fla's canal system), and how we can get out of the way of nature to restore our beautiful state.	Like the previously voted for restoration of the land south of lake Ockechobee (which still hasn't happened); I don't wish to see another area doomed to pollution and lack of habitat because of our previous actions, and now, our inaction.	If there is a cheaper and better use of our fund, I would support that. It is my understanding that the money to purchase the land south of lake ockechobee is already in an account. Let's use it, and use the money it would take for the Ocklawaha, too.	
10/14/2021 8:39	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the damn dam.	Mother nature has proven to know best.	The poor Manatees!		
10/14/2021 8:56	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	remove the dam	restore natural water flow to help restore wetlan preservation	My grandchildren	No bad idea originally. The legislation had the guts to accept and stopped the canal, We should do so now. Comlete removal	There will still be sufficient fish in the area for the local fisherman when the dam is removed
10/14/2021 8:59	Marion		No	No					Torn down	Seeing the Ocklawaha that I grew up fishing in and boating on virtually being destroyed.	The river and springs would eventually die.	Only if we had an authentic plan to restore the river and springs.	My Friends and neighbors, led by Rock Goldaway and his Save Silver Springs groups, fought for one year to do this until we were sold out and the state took over.
10/14/2021 9:00	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We'll miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/14/2021 9:08	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring historic habitats for fish which in turn supports other wildlife.	Further degradation of wildlife habitat and water quality.	I don't think modifying the dam is necessary, the best solution is removal.	"Let nature takes its course." Remove the man-made structure and let nature repair the damage that has been done to the fish, the springs, and the surrounding area.
10/14/2021 9:12	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Walking, picnicking	Dam removal	Dam removal will result in river restoration and estuary restoration. Benefits to wildlife and people recreation.	Continued degradation to aras rivers , water quality and wildlife. FWC is looking for ways to increase manatee habitats - golden opportunity here.	People are quite adaptable and clever, but we can't beat Mother Nature . The natural system should be restored for the greatest benefits tithe greatest number of systems and people.	
10/14/2021 9:12	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River. It's the right thing to do; it's the smart thing to do; it's the most cost-effective thing to do.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, not to mention increasing fish, manatee and other wildlife habitat, and making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue and continues to be a shining example of the ineptitude, ignorance and foolhardiness of legislators in Tallahassee. Be smart, do the right thing for Florida.	
10/14/2021 9:17	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Complete removal and freedom for the Ocklawaha river!	The dam serves absolutely no purpose seeing as it was constructed for a project that was never completed.	Nature and the natural order of ecology continue to suffer.	Not really.	
10/14/2021 9:25	Orange		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it like it is	If is a great fi. treasure			
10/14/2021 9:35	Escambia		No	No									
10/14/2021 9:36	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam and restore to its Natural habitat.	Loss of fish and gaining manatee habitat	Collapse of the ecosystem	No	
10/14/2021 9:40	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Was only able to do this during drawdow.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. This is the first, highly essential step in the restoration fo the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. My understanding is that this has been approved, and just needs funding. Doing this now, will reduce economic , environmental and human costs later on.	My early experience of Nature was one of overflowing abundance of Life. It was rich and powerful. Nature was never "other". I retired to Florida for the blue skies…the clear, blue water of the springs, lush, green foliage year round, the always amazing wildlife. In the short time I have been here, I have witnessed silence at various springs and on the Ocklawaha where I should have been greeted by a delightful cacophony of wildlife songs. An observation platform has been closed to the public, and possibly dismantled. Florida and its Great Riverway have so much to offer its citizens….the nation….and the world. Without restoring the Great Florida Riverway, we will only have postcards, memories, and deadzones to leave our children, and our children's children. Perhaps when we long for our carefree youth, what we really long for is the feeling of flow, we experience when we are surrounded by Nature. The feeling of unconditional belonging, of being part of something magical, miraculous, that is greater than ourselves. Sheer joy, deep gratitude,Peace, serenity, renewal, connectedness and awe…. Life celebrating itself; this is the gift that Florida can give the world.
10/14/2021 9:51	Orange		No	Yes			1 time		Remove it.	Natural environment restoration.	Continued environmental dagradation.	No	
10/14/2021 9:56	Polk		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam to restore the upstream springs and to enhance wildlife habitat restoration.	Destruction of habitat.	Continued degradation of the local environment as human population pressure increases.	Not that I can think of.	Natural Florida has continued to give up ground at a high rate. The Florida Wildlife Corridor Act was a small step in the right direction, but our states health is in severe decline.
10/14/2021 10:01	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etoniah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/14/2021 10:08	Alachua		No	No					The dam should be removed and the river restored.	The dam needs extensive and expensive repairs and ongoing maintenance. The cost of maintaining the dam is not good use of taxpayer dollars.	Loss of bio diversity and loss of many fish species. Continuing expense of maintaining the dam.	Breach dam and drain lake even if dam is not fully removed.	
10/14/2021 10:11	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the restoration of Rodman Reservoir begin.	The reservoir is not needed for it's original purpose of the Cross Florida Barge Canal and it is going to become very expensive to maintain the locks and the dam as they have not received regular and needed maintenance for many years.	My biggest concern is the funding that will be necessary to maintain the dam and locks for a very limited number of users.	Just breach the dam and abandon the locks and let nature take it's course in the restoration of the reservoir.	
10/14/2021 10:18	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Left alone	The amount of manatees that reside here an the large amount of fish haven	Wildlife and fish damage	Not really	I think the whole river system should be left alone
10/14/2021 10:20	Orange		No	No					Do whatever is needed to make it beautiful and help the manatees.	Every breathing individual deserves a good life. Let's help those who are unable to help themselves.	No more manatees in this world and a break and downward spiral in the ecosystem.	Whatever it takes to save the manatees and provide them with a happy life.	SAVE THE MANATEES!!!! NOW!!!

10/14/2021 10:22	Lake		No	No					Breach the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick dam.	It would restore 20 drowned springs, help fish, manatees and other wildlife gain more of their natural habitats and food sources.	We would miss our best opportunity to do this; we have the funds to do it; current environmental needs are critical; the dam is unsafe, and it is ridiculous to spend millions to repair a dam that its useless.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue, and the situation is dire.	It should be a complete no-brainer to breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam, a useless, costly environmental hazard. We need to do all we can to preserve our beautiful and valuable Florida environment. PLEASE breach the dam, and thank you so much for your consideration in this important matter.
10/14/2021 10:26	Orange		No	No					remove it to restore the natural flow of waters to save our springs.	This just in the Orlando Sentinel: Tearing down Rodman Dam an excellent investment in the environment	Commentary https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/guest-commentary/os-op-ocklawaha-dam-rodman-breach-springs-20211013-s3fbdaxqkfcjpnjt3ctrqzq4ie-story.html	Further degradation of FL waters, esp Silver Springs	
10/14/2021 10:28	Alachua		No	No					Would like to see the dam go.	The fact that the dam is stopping the movement of fish and manatees up the river.	That our Florida legislature is ignoring the environment and the views of the residents.	NO	
10/14/2021 10:29	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Way past Time for the Rodman dam to go. I'd much rather fish and boat down a healthy river than a basin	There are many springs that no longer have a connection with the dammed river. Manatees need access to these springs. A free flowing Ocklawaha river would be the best choice environmentally for many species and people.	Spending more money to repair the Rodman dam than the cost to remove it. The Rodman reservoir is useless	No absolutely not! Getting rid of the Rodman dam is 50 years overdue	Please use the money earmarked for something actually environmentally useful
10/14/2021 10:29	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removal (breaching) of the dam and return of the Ocklawaha River to its unimpeded, natural flow.	I keep a boat in Palatka on the St. Johns. Restoration of closer-to-natural flow Welaka north to Jacksonville would be a crucial improvement in maintaining the river's health in the face of multiple environmental threats.	We, as taxpayers, would end up paying for the maintenance of a dam that doesn't generate power, provide flood control, or aid commercial navigation. Instead, as it ages, it increasingly becomes a safety threat. Concern about dislocation of fishing businesses that have grown up on the reservoir could be addressed by systematic buyout, which would be much cheaper.	Not really. Drawdowns are temporary, leading to uncertainty for all concerned.	Beginning in 1973, I have sailed on the St. Johns, as far south as just north of Deland and as far north as the entry to the Atlantic Ocean. I know the river very well. I have canoed on most of the streams in the Palatka - Ocala region. The Rodman Dam was a bad idea from the start, but once the barge navigation purpose was eliminated, the dam lost any real purpose. Improvement of St. Johns flow is important, especially in the face of sea-level rise and resulting salinity. The sport fishery on the reservoir easily will be sustained if the Ocklawaha is restored to natural flow and the improvement for manatees as well as canoing and kayaking will be a real benefit.
10/14/2021 10:29	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Left alone. maintain current operations.	The failure of any organization to demonstrate that that there will be no unintended consequences of placing the Ocklawaha back in the state it was in in say, 1960.	Bureaucrats backed by politicians using the removal of the Rodman dam to further an environmental agenda.	Opening the flood gates of the Rodman Dam to the usual drawdown levels and leaving there and monitoring the area for adverse affects both economic and environmental for at least two years.	
10/14/2021 10:30	Seminole		No	No					Removal or opening of the dam to allow the natural return of the water course.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/14/2021 10:33	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman Dam and restore the flow of the Ocklawaha River	The health of our Florida springs is getting worse and worse. A free-flowing Ocklawaha could naturally restore many endangered springs. Florida's springs are one of our finest natural resources; it's important to save them.	Dead and dying springs and loss of wildlife such as manatees. Waste of taxpayer dollars trying to clean up the mess when nature can do it if allowed.	Nope	This problem started MANY years ago with the "Ditch of Dreams," the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Many people, including Marjorie Harris Carr, worked tirelessly to halt that "economic boondoggle." She would likely be surprised it has taken so long to remove the last vestiges of the dam and restore the Ocklawaha. Let's finally get it done!
10/14/2021 10:33	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Animals and other wildlife will suffer as will plant life	Leave the wild places wild	
10/14/2021 10:33	Leon		No	No					In the interest of restoring the Ocklawaha River, which would be best for the environment, I would like to see the dam removed.	Removing the dam would restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. The dam should have been breached decades ago.	
10/14/2021 10:34	Monroe		No	No					Removed and the waterway restored		The loss of mor species, animals and plants, degradation of habitat and loss of fresh water	No	
10/14/2021 10:35	Outside of state / other	Nevada	No	No									
10/14/2021 10:35	Orange		No	No									The Great Florida Riverway needs to be restored to help manatees survive. It will help manatees and other wildlife who need the habitat to survive
10/14/2021 10:36	Leon		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Help the manatees and other wildlife to thrive!
10/14/2021 10:36	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No							All animals including manatees are going to die		
10/14/2021 10:36	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:36	Pinellas		No	No					preservation of wetlands and wildlife				
10/14/2021 10:36	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:36	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					That they do not harm wildlife				
10/14/2021 10:36	Outside of state / other	Cleveland, Ohio	No	No					That they preserve the manatee.	The death toll of the species.	That a safe haven is created elsewhere for them.	Better educational instruction regarding the manatees importance to the environment, the raising of funds to support the protection of adults and calves, and the designation of the manatee as a Florida natural resource.	
10/14/2021 10:36	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/14/2021 10:37	Outside of state / other	MO	No	No					I'm very concerned for the manatees. We have lost a record number recently. We have to ensure that the manatees can access the river	Manatees	Loss of manatees		
10/14/2021 10:37	Outside of state / other	New Bern NC	No	No									
10/14/2021 10:37	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: walking	Restored, revived, preserved and kept pristine in a "forever wild" status (with appropriate use, of course).				
10/14/2021 10:38	Outside of state / other	Pgh, PA	No	Yes	2-5 times		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River.	It will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The needless loss of life of an already vulnerable species.	Saving the manatees is the desired outcome.	Consider the outcomes, don't be heartless, don't continue to participate in the decimation of the environment and a peaceful marine species
10/14/2021 10:38	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					It must not move forward. The habitat is too fragile.	There are dying manatees and other animals in danger of losing habitat from the creation of the damn	Yet again, habitat is destroyed and the ecosystem is wounded.	No.	
10/14/2021 10:39	Outside of state / other	Ely, MN…but I visit Florida	No	No					Please protect the Manatees.	Save and protect the Manatees.	Manatee population declines.	NO!	
10/14/2021 10:39	Orange		No	No					Keep it safe for the Manatees & other water creatures.	Manatees are dying in record number!	Manatees will becomne extinct.	No.	Manatees are a gentle species that eat underwater greenery & contribute to the environment. Please keep them safe!!
10/14/2021 10:39	St Johns		No	No									
10/14/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other	United States	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other	Mount Vernon, OH	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other	Dayton, Ohio	No	No					Please do whatever it takes to restore the population of the Manatees		More Manatees will die. They will go extinct	No	Manatees are such gentle creatures. They are needed to balance the eco-system. Please save the Manatees
10/14/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/14/2021 10:40	Miami-Dade		No	Yes	1 time		1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by removing the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Removing the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other	Austin, TX	No	No									
10/14/2021 10:41	Outside of state / other	Butte County, California	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Manatees are struggling with starvation	The loss of our wildlife, especially the manatees	Protection and preservation immediately	
10/14/2021 10:41	Outside of state / other	CO	No	No					Please restore	Wildlife needs this	Wildlife will perish		
10/14/2021 10:41	Outside of state / other	NJ, former FL resident	No						We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/14/2021 10:41	Outside of state / other	New York, NY	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No	Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:41	Outside of state / other	Bloomington, Indiana, USA	No	No					It would be great if the dam could be breached to restore the Ocklawaha River for the manatees and other wildlife.	I am told that the 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like manatees, Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	That manatees (and possibly other wildlife) will go extinct because they will be deprived of this much needed habitat.	No. The manatees and other wildlife are in desperate need.	I'm also told that in addition to providing much needed habitat for wildlife, breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River will be helpful to the human population as well by improving water quality and the environment in the area.
10/14/2021 10:41	Outside of state / other	New York	No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 10:43	Broward		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Scientific data regarding the wildlife population and causes that of population decline	Extinction of our wildlife	Other potential solution to support manatees needs and right to live and exist	Mankind can share the planet. There is no need to destroy our wildlife. Aren't we supposed to be smart and civilized?
10/14/2021 10:43	Lee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration	Manatees are in trouble they need our protection	More manatee death	Compromise is always necessary but we need to protect Florida's natural beauty. Without that we are nothing	Thanks
10/14/2021 10:42	Franklin		No	No					Allow wildlife to breach the dam.....r estore the Great Florida Riverway while we can still help the wildlife	Manatees are dying in record numbers	Loss of one more species in the web of life.....one that cannot be replaced, and one that attracts many Florida tourists.		
10/14/2021 10:42	Charlotte		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a Florida resident who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:42	Alachua		No	No									
10/14/2021 10:42	Outside of state / other	DuPage County, IL	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 10:43	Outside of state / other	Dallas, TX	No	No					Whatever is necessary to bring the seagrass back for the manatees and protect them from pollution.	I had the opportunity to swim with the manatees in Crystal River and I was somewhat shocked at the lack of seagrass in some areas due to pollution and red algae caused by pollution.	The manatees are dieing from starvation at a RECORD pace currently; if nothing is done Florida will lose one of its TREASURES!	Tell governor desantis to stop bullying people about his Covid mandates and do something to help the manatees since he is RESPONSIBLE for the seagrass dieing off and the record manatee deaths!	The state of Florida has the money and ability to fix this problem..... so do it!
10/14/2021 10:43	Outside of state / other	Carmichael, CA	No	No					That you breach the Kirkpatrick Dam in order to restore the Ocklawaha River.	That 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer, in addition to providing essential winter habitat for manatees.	That keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would Florida loses 7,500 acres of forested wetlands that are flooded by the Rodman Reservoir, which would continue to impact Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer, as well as depriving hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Florida should not wait any longer to restore this habitat.	
10/14/2021 10:44	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Continuation of the dam existence would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:44	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife! Manatees desperately need the waterway.		Manatee populations heading towards extinction!		I spend a good portion of my life living here. These waterways need to be protected.
10/14/2021 10:44	Outside of state / other	Oklahoma	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	River while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	No, I don't think so.	Thank you.
10/14/2021 10:44	Outside of state / other	Calif	No	No					Waterways preserved for manatee survival	Information regarding the deaths of manatees	Losing this animal		
10/14/2021 10:44	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	No	No					restore manatee population!!	This is their natural habitat	more manatee deaths	no. Must breach the dam	please do the right thing for manatees
10/14/2021 10:44	Outside of state / other	MA	No	No									
10/14/2021 10:44	Outside of state / other	Kennett Square PA	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatee.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/14/2021 10:45	Outside of state / other	San Diego	No	No					Preserved an protected!	We must save the Manatee and other species!!	The manatee and other species would be gone forever!!	No	
10/14/2021 10:45	Outside of state / other	Highland Park, Illinois	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:45	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Obviously protecting & saving Manatees lives	Again the outcome for Manatees	No	
10/14/2021 10:46	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:46	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No									
10/14/2021 10:47	Sarasota		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Plus 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Plus, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife. Share on Facebook

10/14/2021 10:48	Broward		No	No					Restore manatee protections and safety	The numbers of manatees dying is very high.	More Manatees will die. They are endangered. We should protect them.	No sure	
10/14/2021 10:48	Palm Beach		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:49	Outside of state / other	Loveland, CO	No	No					Restore the river to save the Manatees and other wildlife.				
10/14/2021 10:49	Outside of state / other	Chicago, Illinois	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Would like it to be protected.	All the research that's been done.	Mire animals will lose their lives.	No	
10/14/2021 10:49	Outside of state / other	Kansas City	No	No					Restore nature by breaching the dam	Successful projects boosting nature and tourism by removing dams	Continued deterioration of Florida environment	Increase riparian habitat through buffer strips.	Many people like me visit Florida to enjoy natural areas.
10/14/2021 10:49	Pasco		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I think the Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached in order to restore the Ocklawaha River.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will preserve and support Florida's precious wildlife.	We will see the end of some of Florida's most precious wildlife--including our famous manatees.	No. I believe Florida's wildlife is in a very dangerous condition. If we don't restore the Ocklawaha River, we will see species become extinct.	My family has a special fondness for our manatees. Such gentle, beautiful creatures. We would be heartbroken if you allowed them to go extinct because you didn't maintain the environment they need to survive. Please help them and Florida's other precious wildlife by restoring the crucial Ocklawaha River.
10/14/2021 10:50	Outside of state / other	Niagara Fall, NY	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. Not to mention, restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:50	Outside of state / other	Port Townsend, WA	No	No									
10/14/2021 10:50	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	We need to make sure we breach this obsolete dam, otherwise manatees and other wildlife will die off from habitat destruction and pollution. The recovery of manatees has been a conservation success story until now - we can't let this progress backslide on our watch.	No	
10/14/2021 10:51	Outside of state / other	NC	No	No					I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. In addition, because 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor would be restored or enhanced, this action would also benefit species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	My greatest concern about keeping the Ocklawaha dammed is that it deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Additionally, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed keeps 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and would continue to negatively impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Restoration will reunite rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as someone concerned about Florida's people, environment, and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:51	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/14/2021 10:51	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, Florida can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:51	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Rodman Reservoir through dam removal	Doing so will allow Florida wildlife to thrive to include the manatee.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Remove at least part of the dam to help restore the riverway.	
10/14/2021 10:51	Outside of state / other	New Braunfels, TX	No	No									
10/14/2021 10:51	Marion		No	No					Anything that could help our environment!	Manatees.	An unhealthy environment.		
10/14/2021 10:51	Outside of state / other	Darien, CT	No	No					Restore habitat for manatees.	Manatee numbers are declining	Extinction of manatees	No.	
10/14/2021 10:52	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 10:52	Outside of state / other	Brookline MA	No	No					The manatee population is stressed from seagrass loss, but the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	A majority of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	The manatee population will continue to decline, to endangered levels, because the people making the decisions feel that other concerns and interests are more important than wildlife preservation.		
10/14/2021 10:52	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/14/2021 10:53	Outside of state / other	Manchaca, TX	No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the ocklawaha river	Have visited many manatee locations in Florida. They need warm water winter habitat to survive which breaching the dam will provide	Manatee become extinct. Wetland forest upstream remains drowned destroying valuable mammal habitat	No, the dam needs to be breached or removed	
10/14/2021 10:53	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					Get rid of dam restore manatee environment	Manatee welfare	Manatee deaths	No	
10/14/2021 10:53	Outside of state / other	Dallastown, PA	No	No					Whatever it takes to help my favorite water mammal survive. They are so special and peaceful.	Lack of food and environmental factors for survival	That the world will lose the ability to see these magnificent creatures in the wild.	N/A	
10/14/2021 10:53	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/14/2021 10:53	Outside of state / other	New York	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Well documented that this species is declining and currently experiencing a die-off due to lack of food.	Preserving this species from extinction	Request that this be considered to help save this iconic species	
10/14/2021 10:53	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Manatees are dying at an alarming rate. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha river would save these unique creatures lives and allow them to thrive once again. Florida's waterways are home to many species of wildlife. It is your job as River Water Management to protect and save them before it is too late.
10/14/2021 10:53	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I believe that we need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state. It will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees & restore or enhance 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor for other species as well.	The terrible impact on manatees, an already struggling species, as well as the effect on species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. This needs to be done	As a someone who cares about Florida's environment and is considering retiring to the area, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/14/2021 10:54	Outside of state / other	St Paul MN	No	No					My question is, why are we even needing comments on what to do? Don't you see the harm that has already occurred? Don't you care? Is it always politics, business, money before doing what's right? Restore the Ocklawaha River and the Great Florida Riverway, so manatees have warm water habitat for in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - I'm sorry, but humans don't deserve this planet, nor should they be 'the most important factor' in decisions like this. This kind of mindless belief originated long ago in religion, and has been carried forward by the new 'religion' of capitalism and profit and business before all else. It's sickening.	Manatees are dying in record numbers--ALL CAUSED BY HUMANS WHO DON'T CARE	Manatees go extinct or the genetic pool is so small they might as well be extinct.	NO. Either you protect the manatees, or you are following the mindless steps of all humans before you in this matter.	
10/14/2021 10:54	Outside of state / other	Forest, VA	No	No									Please help protect the manatees for all future generations.
10/14/2021 10:54	Lafayette		No	No									
10/14/2021 10:55	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:55	Outside of state / other	Israel	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future, Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	

10/14/2021 10:56	Outside of state / other	Syracuse, NY	No	No					Given while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.				
10/14/2021 10:56	Marion		No	No					I would like the manatees to be taken into full consideration aimed at protecting and preserving their lives. The human race has to stop self servitude and acknowledge that there are other lives on this planet and it is not all about people. Look at the extinct list and how many lost wonderful lives and much needed lives that have been killed off due to direct or indirect activities of human beings. Someone wanted something and they didn't care what happened to anyone or anything else just so they got what they wanted. These manatees deserve our protection and they deserve and have a right to live their lives in a healthy natural environment. Please show them the compassion that human beings have, don't let them be yet another lost precious species. You have the power to accomplish this and there are millions of people that would bless you for this accomplishment and great humanity. Please help them.	Scientific fact that the manatees. are on the verge of extinction.	That we of the higher intelligence supposedly, has ended yet another beautiful species for no good reason.	None that I can think of these lives must be saved above all else and not become extinct.	I hope that you will save them Margaret
10/14/2021 10:56	Outside of state / other	New York City	No	No					It's your job to cope within the limitations of and pressures on your region, with an eye on the future	So important to have room on our planet for this species	Lose one creature like this from its natural environment and a hole is torn into the texture of the region, shortly other animals and plants will lose hold on the region.	This is a modest attempt to maintain the region relative to the magnitude of the loss if we don't....	
10/14/2021 10:57	Martin		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Open to save Manatee	Manatees die everyday	Manatees continue to die	No	Save the manatees
10/14/2021 10:57	Okeechobee		No	No					Restore the area to its original habitat	The lack of and death of manatees and other flora and fauna for that area	That the manatee will become extinct like some many other endangered species and the government and agencies do not seem to care what happens to nature when it doesn't meet their agenda.	No	
10/14/2021 10:57	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Here in CA and Washington state, dam removal is part of insuring salmon survival.	Where dams have been removed, scientists have proven the entire ecosystem improves. Besides, silt buildup in the dams limit their lifetime usefulness.	Manatees and the ecosystem as a whole will die	Severely limit boating and other activities that harm manatees. Increase water flow from the dams 500%. Strict limits on ag pollution with severe penalties for excessive pollution releases.	
10/14/2021 10:57	Volusia		No	No									
10/14/2021 10:57	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 10:58	Alachua		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting additional species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to threaten survival of manatees, impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Absolutely not.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.
10/14/2021 10:58	Highlands		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		I would like to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees
10/14/2021 10:58	Seminole		No	No					The Kirkpatrick dam needs to be breached to restore the Ocklawaha River	By restoring the Ocklawaha River, it will help restore the manatee habitat and provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. It will also restore 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor which will benefit species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the river dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future as well as keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	I care a bout Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Restoration will reunite the Great Florida Riverway and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoration would provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees and unless their natural habitat is restored tere will be more die-offs in the future. Restoration will allow hundreds of manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam as well as revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor that will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as an animal lover and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife. Thank you.
10/14/2021 10:59	Outside of state / other	Spartanburg, SC	No	No									
10/14/2021 10:59	Outside of state / other		No	No					Remove it and let nature take its course. return to previous habitat before man got involved in ruining the environment. teach people to conserve energy so they are not relying on this dam and increase the use of solar power.	Manatees extinction	manatees extinction along with many other wildlife species.	nope.	
10/14/2021 10:59	Outside of state / other	Vermont	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 11:00	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No									
10/14/2021 11:00	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					preserve or restore Manatee habitat	Manatees cannot move somewhere else, they live there. People need to accommodate these animals.	Extinction for manatees.	unsure	Humans are the care takers of our planet. Other species must be considered for their needs. Humans do not OWN the planet, we share it with GOD'S OTHER CREATURES.
10/14/2021 11:00	Outside of state / other	Pwelling, NY	No	No					Please restore Ocklawaha river manatee habitat by breaching the Kirkpatrick dam	15,000 acres will be made available to benefit many Florida species	Deprivation of manatees warm winter water and endangering their future		
10/14/2021 11:00	Clay		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting	Leave them as they are.	I enjoy fishing and if there is no reservoir then the great fishing will be gone. Rodman is a world class fishery and should remain that way.	There are many fishermen, hunters, and wildlife enthusiasts that depend on Rodman Reservoir for a job and entertainment purposes. This would be a devastating blow to them and Putnam county in general.	No	
10/14/2021 11:01	Hillsborough		No	No					Become habitable for wildlife	Decline of safe clean waterways for Florida's endemic aquatic wildlife	Loss of critically at risk wildlife	Nothing less	
10/14/2021 11:02	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	This is natural habitat for wildlife. It is not humans natural habitat. We need to restore for the wildlife that lives there.
10/14/2021 11:03	Outside of state / other	Buffalo, NY	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of an ecosystem that is currently vulnerable and has impacts on humans, plant life and wildlife by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Research showing loss of seagrass and reduction of warm water habitat for an entire ecosystem, including vulnerable wildlife. This is the most important area statewide for manatee protection and will also impact greater than 15,000 acres which are home to panthers, black bears, bob cats, and out national emblem, the bald eagle.	Water quality loss leading to human impacts, loss of plant and animal life, and loss of an ecosystem acting as a sentinel of generalized ecosystem health. Species survival is dependent on maintaining this ecosystem.	I wish. This dam has caused damage for 50 years. We're running out of time to try and reverse the damage it has caused.	This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/14/2021 11:03	Sarasota		No	No					Positive change for the benefit of the manatee	Discolving of FL. manatee habitat	Extinct FL. manatees	Non partisan , non political info about the FL. manatees habitat	Protect our FL. environment and the FL. manatee
10/14/2021 11:03	Leon		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking					
10/14/2021 11:03	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	No					Make a safe haven for manatees	Any change we make in the environment DIRECTLY AFFECTS any and all wildlife that depends on that environment. We have NO RIGHT to ADVERSELY effect their habitat.	Death of an iconic animal that most people don't get to meet in person.		
10/14/2021 11:05	Orange		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:05	Broward		No	No					Manatees have a long history with Florida and Floridians. Please protect them and the rivers they frequent.	When manatees thrive, so does Florida's ecosystem, its rivers and water systems.			
10/14/2021 11:05	Jackson		No	No					Restore the Oklahawa by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No, wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 11:06	Outside of state / other	Tennessee	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Protect all wildlife!				
10/14/2021 11:06	Miami-Dade		No	No					I would like to see emphasis on protecting manatees	That manatees are dying in record numbers and wildlife continues to be deprived of common sense approaches to preservation and conservation	The continued spiraling loss of wildlife	No	Please focus on saving our precious wildlife . Before more for extinct . When we lose other life, we've lost parts of our own Please help save manatees and other wildlife by returning the River to its native essence .
10/14/2021 11:04	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:06	Outside of state / other	Upstate, New York	No	No					The USA is mismanaging many indigenous lands that were stolen by colonialists. Florida actually belongs to the Seminole tribe and other indigenous tribes. Colonialists are causing the death of many species of wildlife, more than 20 species extinct in the USA, and less than 300 panthers are in the wild in Florida.	Please help protect clean water, clean air, and biodiversity. According to Defenders of Wildlife, "Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat."	More extinct species, damage to the ecosystem.	The USA needs to stop mismanaging indigenous lands and causing death, destruction, pollution, ruining of healthy ecosystems.	Please help protect clean water, clean air, and biodiversity.
10/14/2021 11:08	Washington		No	No					I think that the Kirkpatrick Dam needs to be breached.	The dam holds back the Ocklawaha River.	The Manatees will die, if they cannot access warm waters. Releasing the river, by breaching the dam, will allow the Manatees to access warm waters.	I do not know if any such scenario has been presented.	Thank you for allowing me to have input.
10/14/2021 11:08	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam	This would restore 20 natural springs, fish populations, and manatee habitat.	Loss of the opportunity to correct major harm to the Okleawha system would cause continued deterioration of this this important part of natural Florida.	No.	
10/14/2021 11:07	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam to restore the free flow of the Ocklawaha river	evidence that the free flow will benefit the fish, wildlife and human needs in the area.	Loss of opportunity, forestry, die off of wildlife	No - funds are available now to do it and the dam is deemed unsafe.	Please do this now. It will be a benefit to our country and the wonderful area we live in. Thank you
10/14/2021 11:07	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:07	Outside of state / other	oj	No	No					Make it a safe habitat for Manatees to flourish and survive.	that manatee numbers are dwindling drastically	that manatees will be extinct in the next couple years	no	
10/14/2021 11:07	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					We value water here in my And our forests and wildlife...I suggest you do the same and get rid of this dam. Climate Change is here, if we don't care for the earth, it will rise up against us...it already has begun! Heed the warnings, I beg you!	Every day	Devistation	You tell me	

10/14/2021 11:08	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:09	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restore manatee habitat	Let future generations enjoy the natural beauty of Florida. Save manatees from extinction	Extinction of manatees and other species	No	
10/14/2021 11:10	Outside of state / other	Wyoming	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:10	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					Help protect the manatee habitat and stop destroying the environment for them. It's killing them, and that's not fair. They are an essential part of Florida.	Internet articles	Write to you over and over again!!!	Protect the manatee environment and find another way for your desired outcome.	Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. It DOES MATTER, even to people who do not live in Florida but do visit there and love to see those beautiful animals!!!!
10/14/2021 11:11	Nassau		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	The Kirkpatrick Dam and surrounding wildlife refuge left alone.	It's an ecosystem that supports tons of animals and tons of manatees.	Loss of fishing and wildlife viewing resource. It purifies the polluted water coming down the Ocklawaha River.	No.	
10/14/2021 11:11	Osceola		No	No									
10/14/2021 11:11	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other	Restore Manatee habitats	Necessary to help prevent extinction	Extinction if this species	No	
10/14/2021 11:11	Palm Beach		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating	restore the Great Riverway		manatee will be gone		I leave the details to the experts as far as saving our wildlife for all to share.
10/14/2021 11:11	Osee		No	No									
10/14/2021 11:11	Leon		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:12	Outside of state / other	Knoxville, TN	No	No									
10/14/2021 11:13	Outside of state / other	Washington	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:13	Outside of state / other	Clarkston, WA	No	No					The reservoir drawn down and the dam breached.	Access to warm water sorings for manatees and and improved wildlife corridor for migration.	Difficulty for panthers to migrate. Inability for manatee to access springs.	No. Dam breaching is the only means of improving this area as a wildlife corridor.	
10/14/2021 11:13	Jefferson		No	No					Whats best for the marine life	I think that all the worlds natural wonders from rocks statues gravestone forest should be left to enjoy for generations to come. There are so many man made things from centuries about and I see them being destroyed & my philosophy is like the one Boy Scouts have 'Leave nothing behind and take only memories' so that things dan be enjoyed forever. Where wildlife is concerned to amazing how theyve evolved. But humans can't just look and not touch & it's even hard to study these animals especially marine life bc we can't exactly live with them in the sea to observe behavior & they bring in & cage these things destroying what God left for us to be in wonder at these majestic creators yet we (humans) are destroying them & their ability to breed & populate even interfering w/ their migration floe food so a few more decades od human involvement these majestic animals will join the dinosaurs if we don't stop them now.	That many majestic creatures & even land wildlife will become at best endangers but st the rate humans interfere it could be sooner than that what would have been centuries of left alone. It could be decades or it could be let than that due to human interference & before we know it they're endangered & the cure r rate it won't take much longer for them to be ex's tinder all together. It doesn't just hurt the animals or even wildlife or plants but it will have a devestating affect on our ecosystem which will cost us all before we relize it & once we realize the mistakes that. We're made even though we know what could kill them off and how to stop them but those who don't care can't see past their own nose & when what we've warned them about comes to fruition they'll wish they had listened to us. Without them even the human raise is doomed. WE ALL HAVE A PART IN THIS PLANET AND RESPECTING OUR OWN & species unlike us is the only way to insure that we will also be able to continue to populate but it's entirely possible that one they ruin the ecosystem it won't take any time before we are existinct too:	I don't understand the comments I only know I can be an ally and be a voice	
10/14/2021 11:13	Outside of state / other	California- San Mateo	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:14	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam torn down.	I support the positions of environmentalists and wildlife experts.	More harm to wildlife and the environment	No	
10/14/2021 11:15	Outside of state / other	MD	No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	1. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	1. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. 2. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/14/2021 11:16	Outside of state / other	White pine co, NV	No	No					Manage this property for the good of the Manatees and the other animal species.	Tourism	Loss of Manatees and other wildlife		
10/14/2021 11:16	Outside of state / other	Picayune, MS	No	No					Get rid of the dam & restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife.	Manatees are struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	That manatee numbers will continue to decline to extinction.	Not sure.	
10/14/2021 11:17	Outside of state / other	Rhode Island	Yes	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 11:17	Outside of state / other	Denver, Colorado	No	No					Stop the project and stop destroying critical habit and natural resources for manatees. Business must become more conscious about vulnerable species and build elsewhere! The public is changing its viewpoint on climate change and the environment and only truly sustainable companies with last.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Adding to climate change, degradation to the environment, hurting and destroying manatee habitat. This must be stopped.	Stopping the project. Building a facility that co-exists with manatees. This would be great public relations for the organization. Deign the facility using manatee-specialist biologists.	We cannot continue to destroy nature. The COVID-19 pandemic is the result of habitat destruction and wanton human greed and indifference. You have a chance to stop this.
10/14/2021 11:17	Outside of state / other	Dallas, Texas	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:17	Outside of state / other	Santa Fe, NM	No	No						Not enough warm water flowing for the survival of Manatees	Extinction		We ARE the stewards of this earth and All its life. Please take this responsibility seriously 🙏
10/14/2021 11:18	Outside of state / other	Midlothian, VA	No	No									
10/14/2021 11:19	Palm Beach		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Additionally, it would restore or enhance 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would deprive hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future and would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am horrified at the number of manatees that have died already this year! You must address this disaster and take every step necessary to protect the creatures of our state. It is your obligation!
10/14/2021 11:19	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/14/2021 11:19	Outside of state / other	Shepherdstow, WV	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River. We are in a time where our waterways are the lifeline of life, both human and all living things.	Nationwide, when waterways have dams that prohibit the natural habitat, wildlife as well as man experiences detrimental circumstances in survival. restoring the Great Florida Riverway will return to area to it's previous environmental condition; thereby allowing natural habitat conditions to prevail	Loss of habitat for not only wildlife but animals of the waterways. When will mankind learn we do not own the earth? So many animals have become extinct because of our neglect. unexpected consequences. By altering a natural ecosystem, you are gambling on the ability of biological life to adapt to different conditions.	I adamantly oppose damming waterways. I upsets the natural order of things when floods, hurricanes, and other forces of nature occur. So the answer is that I would support no other scenario.	
10/14/2021 11:21	Outside of state / other	WA	No	No					breach or remove it			No. The Dam has got to go.	
10/14/2021 11:22	Lake		No	No					The Kirkpatrick dam is overdue for being removed to free up and restore the Ocklawaha	Removal of the dam would restore extensive areas of the Florida Wildlife Corridor and greatly expand much-needed habitat for manatees, panthers, black bears, bald eagles, and other species.	That the local environment and vital wildlife habitat will be further degraded.	No, the Kirkpatrick Dam is long overdue for removal	Do the right thing. Remove the dam, and restore the habitat. Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments
10/14/2021 11:23	Outside of state / other	Las Vegas Nevada	No	No									
10/14/2021 11:23	Duval		No	No					Is there a way to keep the reservoir intact but allow for free flow of warm water that can help Manatees get access to nutrition?				Florida's wildlife and natural areas are under stress due to lack of government oversight of ongoing destructive development as well as un-checked water pollution of our state. We need politician accountability, Developer accountability, waste-water accountability, corporate accountability, to solve wildlife die-off due to corporate and individual exploitation.
10/14/2021 11:23	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	No					I urge you to breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha riverway to ensure the safety and survival of manatees and other species dependent on this habitat.	Manatees are dying off at record numbers and need warm river water access to survive.	Species extinction.	No. I think it's possible to work with environmentalists to achieve the best outcome all around.	Thank you for your consideration.
10/14/2021 11:24	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restore it and keep it clean and flowing	we are losing manatees and other animals. That is terrible and unacceptable.	It has got to be achieved. Our environment is suffering every day.	Restore Florida's great river way.	
10/14/2021 11:24	Outside of state / other	Lexington, KY	No	No					Keep the habitat safe for manatees. I hope to one day actually see a manatee and want them to still be around to do that.				
10/14/2021 11:24	Outside of state / other	MD	No	No									
10/14/2021 11:24	Orange		No	No					I would like the damn removed.	Recommendation from the Florida Springs Council	Continued decline of FI natural landscape and another spring slowly dying.	Not to my knowledge.	I am a native FL and have first hand seen the decline in our natural waterways. Anything we can do to assist nature in rebounding should be given top priority.
10/14/2021 11:25	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	It is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future, and it will continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	NO! It is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife. As a stakeholder and resident who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees.
10/14/2021 11:25	Outside of state / other	California ...with family in Florida	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:25	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:26	Lee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat. That is what I would like to see happen. No more dead manatees.				
10/14/2021 11:26	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:26	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/14/2021 11:26	Outside of state / other	Dallas	No	No									
10/14/2021 11:27	Outside of state / other	N.J.	No	No					this area needs protection so the manatee can live, we need all the creatures that live in the water, we don't need the extinction of the manatee.		the welfare and lives of the manatee		
10/14/2021 11:27	Hillsborough		No	No									
10/14/2021 11:28	Escambia		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	•Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. •15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	•Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. •Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.

10/14/2021 11:28	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:29	Outside of state / other	Cypress texas	No	No					Destroying habitats for the manatee is a bad decision.	Saving manatees	Death of manatees		
10/14/2021 11:30	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The huge numbers of deaths of the Manatees that are occuring.	The extinction of the gentle and important Manatee.	NO	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
10/14/2021 11:31	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	change it so manatees can reach warm water areas in winter	the knowledge of so many manatee deaths in the past year	Further destruction of animal lives and habitats	somehow bypassing the dam to allow manatees passage	
10/14/2021 11:31	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breeching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/14/2021 11:31	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: I also horseback ride along the canal from St. John					
10/14/2021 11:31	Outside of state / other	Sioux Falls	No	No						The Manatees and other wildlife need protection, not extinction due to loss of habitat	Loss of wildlife	Not at this time	We must take environmental impact on wildlife to a a more significant level
10/14/2021 11:31	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:31	Outside of state / other	Wheaton., IL	No	No					We MUST restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam!	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most effective, and, impactful manatee restoration project in the State, and, will provide , essential, warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees! 15,000 acres of "Florida Wildlife Corridor" will be restored, or, enhanced, benefitting species like Florida panters, bobcats, black bears, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of their, essential, warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival, after a devastating loss of 900 manatees during the winter of 2020/2021! Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands FLOODED by the Rodham Reservoir, and, continue to, negatively, impact species like Florida panthers, black bears, bobcats, and, white-tailed deer who CANNOT travel through this, vital, section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor!	NO! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue! Wildlife, and, water quality, CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER!	
10/14/2021 11:32	Outside of state / other	Santa Barbara County, California	No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will protect manatees by restoring their habitat. This restoration project will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, and will benefit Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer and other species.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, lowering their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Not at all, no. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Please restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife and especially manatees. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:33	Outside of state / other	TX	No	No					Prioritize protection of manatees and the natural habitat.	Destruction of seagrass.	Manatees would be extirbed.	No.	Do the right thing.
10/14/2021 11:33	Outside of state / other	SC from West Palm Beach	No	No						Stopped	That it will hurt wildlife !!!!!!!!	Hurting WILDLIFE !!!!!!!!!!	
10/14/2021 11:33	Gulf		No	No					The Kilpatrick Dam should be breached in order to restore the Ocklawaha River.	Manatees need warm water and are dying without it, and restoring the Ocklawaha River will go far to help this problem	I am extremely concerned that if the Ocklawaha continues to be dammed, the manatee population will continue do die and continued flooding of wetlands by the Rodman Reservoir will hurt the survival of other species and continue incentivo impact species including felines and bears, and birds.	There really isn't another option .	
10/14/2021 11:34	Outside of state / other	Arlington Heights, IL	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	no	Please help them.
10/14/2021 11:34	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is crucial to ensure the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat they need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed also would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. Additionally the project would revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:35	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	It will restore and enhance more than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife corridor and provide warm winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	It threatens the survival of manatees.	No. Manatees and other endangered wildlife and water quality have to be our priority.	
10/14/2021 11:35	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time		Please restore manatee habitat.				
10/14/2021 11:37	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:39	Outside of state / other	Clifton nj	No	No					I just want manatees protected	They are precious life they need to survive	That manatees would be extinct	I truly want to see my desired outcome achieved	Protect manatees
10/14/2021 11:41	Flagler		No	No					no pollution		the manatees		
10/14/2021 11:44	Outside of state / other	Freeport ME	No	No					Restore Ocklawaha River by breaching Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, helping black bears, panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, hurting their chances of survival.	No.	We visited Blue Springs State Park along the St Johns waterway in 2014 and saw the manatees. They are beautiful, gentle creatures whose survival is threatened by development. They need additional protection and habitat.
10/14/2021 11:44	Outside of state / other	Bedford, VA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:46	Broward		No	No					Breach the dam that impounds the river.	Manatees are dying in record numbers due to seagrass loss and inadequate warm water habitats where they can survive the winter.	Manatees would continue to die in record numbers.	No, this restoration project is long overdue.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:46	Bay		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	See above	See above	As above	
10/14/2021 11:47	Lee		No	No					It needs to be opened permanently				
10/14/2021 11:47	Outside of state / other	one Mountain, DeKalb County, Georg	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:47	Outside of state / other	Staten Island, NY	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. It would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No - wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.

10/14/2021 11:48	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a former Florida resident who cares deeply about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:49	Outside of state / other	California	No	No									
10/14/2021 11:49	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a US Citizen who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:50	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No	No					We'd like Manatees to be protected . We want our planet to be glorious ,clean and for all species to be protected .	Our position is supported by approximately 95 % of the world's scientists .	Manatees and other species will become extinct and our water supply will be further ruined .	No	Please be on the right side of history and justice and do not continue with this ill conceived protect .
10/14/2021 11:50	Pinellas		No	No				Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River!	Our manatees and other precious Florida wildlife depend on it!	Manatees will die. Water quality will suffer.	No.	This issue is extremely important to me and other Floridians!
10/14/2021 11:51	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	No	
10/14/2021 11:51	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: hiking	wish that Florida waterways be completely restored	the Manatees and other wildlife are dependent upon restoring the ocklawaha River and opening our waterways	Manatees have already reached a high of deaths, Florida waterways need to be completely restored to stop from deaths and possible extinction Much wildlife is dying due to habit destruction	I do not know of any that would achieve better habit for wildlife	Florida's waterways, aquifer and conservation land is critic for the survival of Florida not only wildlife but for humans
10/14/2021 11:52	Lee		No	No					Protect manatee environment				
10/14/2021 11:53	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	restore the area to its natural setting	habitat loss for wildlife. UF IFAS publications	loss of habitat for wildlife, degradation of the water quality		
10/14/2021 11:53	Outside of state / other	Quincy Mass	No	No					remove the dams and let the river free flow to improve the quality of life in the area	Dam removals in the NorthWest for Salmon and other fish, dam removals in Maine and othe such examples nation wide	slow death for the area and the wildlife	a or b choice, remove the dam and let nature heal or keep the dam and watch the area degrade. Most visitors would like to see Florida wildlife and a concrete dam just does not bring tourists	
10/14/2021 11:53	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					remove them	restore habitat for manatees and other wildlife	continuing decline of manatees and the whole habitat along the Ocklawaha River		
10/14/2021 11:53	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles, CA	No	No					Removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam to allow natural river flow of the Ocklawaha River	This is a unique opportunity to restore a significant area that will be of benefit to multiple native species and help to protect their dwindling numbers. The restoration of the Ocklawaha River would also significantly enhance manatee habitat, which is critical given their falling numbers and ongoing threats to their habitat.	Without this kind of dedicated recovery area, I'm most concerned with the continued threat to manatee populations. This would be a missed opportunity to restore ideal habitat for manatees, where there are few good alternatives.	The Kirkpatrick Dam must be removed. We have waited tooo long already for this river to be restored to its natural function which would provide enormous ecological and water quality improvements.	
10/14/2021 11:53	Franklin		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	We need to make sure we use every tool to help save manatees and other wildlife from habitat destruction and pollution. The recovery of manatees has been a conservation success story until now. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:54	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 11:54	Palm Beach		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/14/2021 11:54	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/14/2021 11:55	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 11:55	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkman Dam.	Millions in taxpayers' money is unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkman Dam; a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs.	No. The dam should have been breached when the Cross Florida barge canal was canceled.	It is time to breach the Rodman/Kirkman Dam.
10/14/2021 11:55	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	To keep these ecosystems alive and well. They're beautiful places that offer great fishing and boating opportunities, it would be a shame to see them gone. I'm 28 now and started fishing the Save Rodman tournament when I was 8. Haven't been able to make it every year as we live about 1000 miles away, but have fished it several times. I feel like the fact we'd drive that far to fish a tournament to support the saving of this place should speak for itself	As stated above, I don't live in Florida, but we have many friends who do and who have fished Rodman their whole lives and they're dedicated to the saving of the lake as it's good for the fishing and hunting opportunities but also for the ecosystem in the area, it's ability to help control water levels and also to help keep good water quality. To me there's not any negatives listed there.	For the ecosystem obviously, revenue for businesses in that areas and also, as stated for the benefits the lake makes for the river system. I also would want to know a legitimate reason as to why it would be a good thing to drain the lake...sounds like something politically driven somehow to me.	No.	As mentioned above,. From Illinois, where we don't have lakes and rivers that's are cared for and managed like you all have. To think that there is even consideration to drain this lake to me is absurd. You all don't understand the gem you have down there with that lake. Take it from someone who had nothing but silt filled mud holes to fish...keep the dam.
10/14/2021 11:56	Outside of state / other	Austin texas	No	No									As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 11:57	Outside of state / other	Geneva	No	No					greater protection of wild animals				
10/14/2021 11:57	Indian River		No	No					I am tike so many others in that I don't know what is best. All I want is for the manatees to return. We haven't seen many and the news is that they are dying at an alarming rate. We live in the Indian River lagoon.	We ah e been here 7 years. We used to see so many manatee. They loved our little cove. Now, we see so few.	The manatee would continue to decline in numbers...and other wildlife, too.	No	I will try to educate myself more about the dam and its impact on the manatees.
10/14/2021 11:59	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Create a manatee habitat	There have been a record number of manatee deaths this past year. We need to provide a warm water habitat for manatees in the winter.	Extinction of the manatee species which is a serious risk.	Removal of the damn would help many struggling species an be a step in the right direction.	
10/14/2021 12:00	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just to see the damn	Take it down	Ocklawaha River should flow naturally	Environmental impact	No	
10/14/2021 12:00	Washington		No	No					Complete analysis of environment impact before anything is done.	We must put the needs of wildlife as top priority. Our health depends on the health of those living around the dam.	I am concerned that we are signing our own doom if we continue to live and destruct as we've done for too long. We need to make decisions based on science, not tradition or misinformation.	I will support anything with proof there will be no harmful impact on animals, birds, fish, and the habitat.	Whatever you do, please rethink Human progress. If we cause harm to our environment, we harm ourselves. Thank you.
10/14/2021 12:00	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/14/2021 12:01	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	I'd like to see the River restored by removing the dam.	Manatees are suffering without the warm water they need. Removing the damn would help them to survive.	The manatees wouldn't have access to these warm waters and their chance fir survival would greatly be decreased.	No. This long past over do.	
10/14/2021 12:02	Outside of state / other	Tucson, AZ	No	No					I want this project to put the flora and fauna first! I'm especially worried about safe havens for manatees.				
10/14/2021 12:03	Outside of state / other	CA	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	An agreement that would protect manatees	Their population has been steadily declining	Manatees will become extinct	If there's a mutually beneficial way that would still protect manatees.	
10/14/2021 12:04	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/14/2021 12:04	Outside of state / other	Brooklyn NY	No	Yes	2-5 times		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Work done to keep the river clean for wildlife like manatees	We need to work to clean the river for wildlife.	If the river is not kept clean any tourism will suffer and the wildlife will die.	We need to work to keep the river clean.	Please do everything you can to support any work to keep the river clean so boaters and wildlife can enjoy it.
10/14/2021 12:05	Outside of state / other	Milwaukee	No	No									
10/14/2021 12:05	St Lucie		No	No					Protection for the manatee.	They are good for the environment & tourism.	Loss of more manatees.	Protection for the manatee.	
10/14/2021 12:06	Outside of state / other	Nashville, TN	No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the great
10/14/2021 12:06	Hernando		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:07	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 12:07	Pinellas		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 12:08	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Return the Oklawaha River to its natural state by breaching the Rodman/Kirkman dam. The dam harms wildlife and water quality.	20 lost springs will be restored and millions of gallons of natural water flow returned to the Oklawaha and St. Johns rivers. Plus, millions of tax dollars saved by not repairing or replacing the existing dam.	Possible dam failure. Lost opportunity to restore wildlife habitat and save fresh Florida spring water.	No! Breaching the dam is the only option to improve water quality, restore natural habitats and prevent dam failure.	Potable water is a major concern for the future of humanity. Florida should do everything possible to care for our natural springs by protecting these sources and maintaining the natural ecosystems surrounding them.
10/14/2021 12:08	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Protect it so it may continue to be used by man and all living things.	Manatees have been around for thousands of years so we need to make sure they are around for thousands of years in the future.	They would become extinct.because of our lack of concern and protection.	NO!	
10/14/2021 12:09	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Photographer	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Pls see below	Manatees have already reached record numbers of deaths this year due in part to starvation from seagrass loss. The greatest and looming long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. We can make a difference by restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway!	No	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
10/14/2021 12:10	Outside of state / other	Lima, NY	No	No									Stop killing the Manatees. They were there first and they are gentle creatures who should not be harmed.
10/14/2021 12:11	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the damn	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	More decline if the manager and other wildlife.	No, get rid of the dam	Prioritize the environment over business
10/14/2021 12:11	Outside of state / other	Austin, Texas	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored, by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the river dammed deprives essential warm-water winter habitat for manatees. Moreover, keeping the river dammed means that 7,500 acres of wetlands will remain flooded, hampering migration through the Florida wildlife corridor for Florida panthers and black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer.	Breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam is a project that should have been undertaken years ago. There is no reasonable scenario other than a full restoration of the Olawaha River.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees. We must do everything possible to continue to protect these unique creatures, including restoring the Ocklawaha River, which is at the heart of the Great Florida Riverway. Although I don't live in FL, I have family who are long-time Floridians. They have taken me to see manatees in the St. John River. I am very concerned about these creatures and all Florida's wildlife. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
10/14/2021 12:11	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/14/2021 12:12	Polk		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Preservation for the reservoir and dam. For wildlife and visitors and there children to enjoy.	The revenue from anglers and visitors catering to local motels, restaurants and other businesses.	The reservoir would be drained and or homes would be built all and the reservoir , wildlife would greatly suffer.	NO	I Visit lakes all Over Florida and Rodman Reservoir is by far the most unique ecosystem in the state. With its wildlife, Bald Eagles included. And in all it's beauty. It needs to be saved at by all means necessary.
10/14/2021 12:13	Broward		No	No					Finally restoring the natural waterway	All the reports from environmental groups	Backsliding, as usual	no	
10/14/2021 12:13	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No									
10/14/2021 12:13	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					The Dam needs to be breached to restore the Ocklawaha River habitat.	The manatees need a warm water habitat for the winter and restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Dam will restore the manatee habitat while also restoring forested wetlands currently flooded by the Rodman Reservoir that negatively impacts species like the Florida black bears and Florida panthers.	It would have a big impact on the survival of the manatees because the Kirkpatrick Dam prevents manatees from having the warm winter water they need.	None that I'm aware of.	Even though I'm from out of state, the decline in the manatee population really worries me. I've visited Florida and the manatees and other Florida wildlife are a big draw for me and my family. Breaching the Dam and restoring natural warm water for the manatees' winter habitat will go a long way towards helping their population survive amid all the environmental challenges they face.
10/14/2021 12:14	Outside of state / other	Utah	No	No									
10/14/2021 12:15	Outside of state / other	Chicago, Illinois	No	No					Act in a manner that protects the manatees!!!	Increasing manatee death rate.	Manatee extinction.	No. This act of common sense and respect for precious natural resources cannot be compromised.	
10/14/2021 12:16	Orange		No	No									
10/14/2021 12:18	Hillsborough		No	No									
10/14/2021 12:19	Outside of state / other	Cambria, CA	No	No					Protection of wildlife	Record of deaths among manatees	Potential extinction of manatees	Not aware of any other scenarios	
10/14/2021 12:20	Gadsden		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. And, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/14/2021 12:21	Outside of state / other	54 S Nome St Aurora Colorado 80012	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:21	Seminole		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Manatees will be seriously compromised and their population could be irretrievably diminished.	No not if the manatee is to be preserved and protected.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
10/14/2021 12:21	Calhoun		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:23	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Continue decline in the quality of water in the St. John's River. adversely affecting our recreational use of , fishing from and economic benefit of the St. Johns River to Northeast Florida and potentially to the value my home on the river.	I am not aware of any.	Why great-grandfather (Col. S. A. Jones) proposed a cross-state canal in the 19th century My father, as a U.S. Senator, supported it until it was canceled. No canal, no need for the Rodman Reserve. Balance the economic, recreational and environmental concerns of the lower St. Johns River's and Silver Springs' area's 1.5 (?) million people versus the perceived interests of Putnam Country's (73 K) population and its local enthusiasts and supporters. Economic interests, recreational interests, environmental interests and simple math, all require its removal.
10/14/2021 12:23	Outside of state / other	Mariposa CA 95338	No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	This will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored.	It would harm the manatee's chances of survival in the future, and endanger species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No.	
10/14/2021 12:23	Outside of state / other	Pittsburgh	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:24	Citrus		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Remain in place.	Fishing and manatee habitat	Loss of a fishery and water supply including waterfowl habitat	No	
10/14/2021 12:25	Washington		No	No					Protect the environment	Science	Environment		
10/14/2021 12:27	Outside of state / other	Aurora, Colorado	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing			Wildlife & local ecosystem is put in danger.		
10/14/2021 12:27	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restoration	Saving the Manatees	The Manatees		
10/14/2021 12:27	Outside of state / other	Vermont	No	No					Whatever helps to to restore the Ocklawaha River, which is critical for Florida's manatees and other marine wildlife: breaching the dam is one action that would help.	Manatees have already reached record numbers of deaths this year due in part to starvation from seagrass loss. The greatest and looming long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River is crucial to providing essential warm water habitat for manatees in the winter.	Death of hundreds more manatees and other wildlife (which Florida depends on for tourists of which I have been one!).	Whatever will help restore the Great Florida Riverway .	It seems that just about everything humans do (for themselves and/or their bottom lines) ends up devastating wildlife and ruining eco-systems. It is all connected and there are often unforeseen consequences. We only have one planet and once animals are extinct or close to it, they can never come back. It is wrong.
10/14/2021 12:28	Outside of state / other	Hamilton, nj	No	No					Restore it	We are losing too many Maine animals.	Many more manatees dying. Eventually they could be extinct. I want to visit and be able to see them.	It would depend on what is offered.	Why further destroy something so ecologically important. The number of marine animals is decreasing rapidly. Their population has been decimated!!!
10/14/2021 12:30	Jefferson		No	No					It is urgent that we restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	
10/14/2021 12:30	Outside of state / other	Ypsilanti, MI	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River would provide warm water habitat for manatees who need this habitat to survive. The dam needs to be breached	A record number of manatees are dying as a result of starvation and a lack of habitat.	That the manatee would go extinct.	No.	
10/14/2021 12:31	Outside of state / other	Canada	No	No					The restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:32	Outside of state / other	(but grew up in Florida and have fam	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees, as well as providing connectivity for fish and other aquatic species.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact multiple species that cannot traverse this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.

10/14/2021 12:32	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	NO!! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:35	Outside of state / other	San Diego, CA	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	First, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. Also, the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat. The restoration project in the state will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Of concern would be keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. An addition, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Absolutely not, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:35	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No										
10/14/2021 12:38	Outside of state / other	North Bergen, New Jersey	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 12:39	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see it Breached restoring over 20 natural springs and places fr Manatees to thrive in warmer waters.	The damn prevents 30 springs from flourishing. It prevents tourism. It stop manatees, who are critically endangered and this year having the most die off in history to live in this river. It is 50 years over working capacity	The manatees sned the working Springs drying out.	No. This damn is 50 years over working capacity.	The breaching will allow water and life to flow, which at this critical time in climate change is not an option. It will retire fish and wildlife, manatee places to keep warm and thrive and it will allow a environment to come back to life. Florida wildlife is losing as clsurcutting continues without regulation. Wildlife needs a win and with this win, we win too. I
10/14/2021 12:39	Palm Beach		No	No					have it restored	articles posted	loss of wildlife	would depend on what	
10/14/2021 12:39	Outside of state / other	Canada	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment, and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:40	Palm Beach		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridorRestoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:43	Manatee		No	No									
10/14/2021 12:43	St Lucie		No	No									Please protect Manatees and wildlife!
10/14/2021 12:43	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: education		Dam to come down & river to flow freely	The book Ditch of Dreams (which I co-wrote with David Tegeder)	The continued degradation of the dam leading to its breaching	A slow removal of the dam that allows some sort of compromise	A free-flowing river would be an economic boon to Putnam County- the argument needs to be couched in those terms- not political or environmental
10/14/2021 12:43	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	No										
10/14/2021 12:43	Outside of state / other	LA, CA	No	No							If restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter	death of manatees		
10/14/2021 12:45	Columbia		No	No						I'd like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	This would restore the ecosystem of 20 lost springs as well as Silver Springs. It would also save up to $14 million for repair of this ancient dam. Last, but not least, it would provide warm water for 100s of manatees.	We'd lose thousands of acres of forests that could be restored, which could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/14/2021 12:45	Outside of state / other	Baltimore, MD	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife	Loss of many manatees and a loss of river ecosystems would be restored if rivers flows freely.	Loss of manatees and other wildlife.	If the dam reservoir can be reduced or modified so the river could flow more freely with an increase in its volume allowing for its ecosystem to flourish, this could be a successful compromise between nature and industry's needs.	The design o dams, reservoirs, canals should always take a river's ecosystems into account.
10/14/2021 12:46	Sarasota		No	No									Manatees deserve protection and they need healthy clean food and clean water and safe places to live and raise their young. Whatever it takes to provide these is what must be done. Florida needs to restore whole unpolluted habitat for all its native species, get rid of invasive species such as pythons and clean up its act for the health and well being of ALL who live there.
10/14/2021 12:46	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 12:47	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 12:48	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other	Keep it	Science and activities	Ruining the ocklawaha river and left with a mess that will take forever to recover.		
10/14/2021 12:49	Outside of state / other	Hartland, WI 53029	No	No									
10/14/2021 12:50	Outside of state / other	Bronx	No	No									
10/14/2021 12:50	Outside of state / other	N. Hollywood, CA	No	No					The Ocklawaha River must be restored, beginning with breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam would restore 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. In addition, restoring the Ocklawaha River is an important manatee habitat restoration project and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	The Kirkpatrick Dam keeps 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir, impacting species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival.	NO. All other solutions fall short of preserving wildlife and water quality for the region. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Wildlife restoration is not just a "woke" issue. A balanced ecosystem is essential to regulating our weather and climate, and affects the quality of life for all of us.
10/14/2021 12:50	Outside of state / other	8868 W Misty Willow Ln, Glendale AZ	No	No					Protect the waters for our wildlife				
10/14/2021 12:51	Outside of state / other	walled lake mi. oakland co. mi	No	No					help them all	we need to do all we can	the animals are saved		
10/14/2021 12:51	Outside of state / other	Oklahoma	No	No					Everything	Everything	Animals	Everything that grows our plants and are insects as well as our animals and everything that gives us that education that we can learn from each other	I enjoy learning a lot of things from the animals and everything around us because that's what nature is about and everyone
10/14/2021 12:51	Citrus		No	No									DON'T VOTE FOR BUSINESS OVER THE ENVIRONMENT !!!
10/14/2021 12:54	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed to allow the Ocklawaha River to flow like nature intended it to. Just because this dam was put up at a time when people thought it was a good idea does not mean that it still a good idea.	The areas that wildlife used around this area have been hurt by the damming of the river and the subsequent drying up of surrounding areas used by wildlife.	That Florida is not following the science which shows that the environment would be better off without the dam.		
10/14/2021 12:54	Outside of state / other	Nevada	No	No					Human so-called mystic "improvements" have damaged natural ecosystems leading to the environmental degradation from which the planet's balance now suffers. We did not know better in the past when we developed such anthropocentric habits. We DO KNOW BETTER know and must learn to respect and successfully co-exist with the natural systems that support planetary health. Dams and reservoirs are not part of such necessary respect. In particular, Florida's whole hydrology has been drastically impaired and polluted by short-sighted profit oriented "progress". We need NEW holistic HABITS. Taking care of where one lives is NOT a low-low situation but a win-win for humans and all other beings.	I have been teaching environmental science since 1981 and have of course learned a LOT about Florida's mounting problems from non-holistic over-development.	YOU who live there, along with all other forms of flora and fauna will suffer.	This is about taking the right new direction now. Continued actions that are holistically oriented will slowly but surely restore health for ALL.	
10/14/2021 12:54	Citrus		No	No									STOP ENDANGERING THE MANATEES FOR SUGAR AND BIG BUSINESS !! WE DON'T NEED THE SUGAR !
10/14/2021 12:54	Monroe		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No.	

10/14/2021 12:55	Outside of state / other	Washington, DC	No	No					Not sure.	NEED TO PROTECT Manitees. ALL of them.	BAD for wildlife and this planet.	Yes, but it would take a LONG TIME to tell you and more space.	These are PRECIOUS ANIMALS on this Green (so far) Earth. MAN consistently is the ONLY Animal who kills and destroys (other animals for no reason, except greed, arrogance, money, or killer instincts. STOP ALL OF THEM NOW, and save these animals!
10/14/2021 12:55	Outside of state / other	Berlin, MA	No	No					I would like you to restore the manatee habitat.	Humans are causing extinction of so many species. The manatees are in danger.	Continued marching in the direction of not caring about the planet or its other inhabitants.	No	
10/14/2021 12:56	Outside of state / other	Washington state	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The research showing the significant decline in the manatee population and increased negative impact to the environment and local ecological systems.	Loss of wildlife and critical aspects of the ecosystem.	Creating an additional reserve and habitat in the area to provide needed conditions for manatees and other wildlife to thrive.	
10/14/2021 12:56	Pinellas		No	No						15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.			
10/14/2021 12:56	Citrus		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: save the manatees					stop endangering the manbees SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT !!
10/14/2021 12:58	Manatee		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		shortcomings in this area from various sources	manatees will not be able to survive	no	none
10/14/2021 13:00	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	No					improve conditions for manatees	preserve wildlife			
10/14/2021 13:00	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The manatees need the warm water and sea grass to survive	The manatees survival!		
10/14/2021 13:01	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 13:01	Outside of state / other	Midlothian, VA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 13:03	Outside of state / other	Virginia Beach	No	No									
10/14/2021 13:03	Orange		No	No					Restore manatee habitat!!	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Extinction!	No	
10/14/2021 13:04	Outside of state / other	United States New Jersey	No	No					restore the river	common knowledge	extinction	no	please be humane, for Petes' sake
10/14/2021 13:05	Miami-Dade		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick dam	Restore free flowing waterways for riparian and wildlife. Manatees would especially thrive in a clean un encumbered river.	Continued dwindling numbers of wildlife. Wildlife is a huge part of Florida's attraction, brings tourism to our state and allows our reputation for natural beauty. We need to take great care of our wildlife.	Continue to monitor fertilizer and algae bloom everywhere .	
10/14/2021 13:08	Outside of state / other	Argentina	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 13:08	Outside of state / other		No	No			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The Kirkpatrick Dam must be breached to release the Ocklawaha River.	We must do everything we can to protect manatees and give them more habitat during the winter months.	Even more manatees dying due to lack of habitat and starvation	Providing other protected areas for manatees and more rules for boaters and swimmers	
10/14/2021 13:08	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see that Ocklawaha River fully restored. Doing so would provide manatees a safe and warm place to breed in the winter, as well as a place for them to find appropriate amounts of food, as they are starving as it is now, and are dying in record numbers, due to anthropogenic causes. We as a society should do what is necessary to ensure the safety of the gentle and majestic manatee, as we have taken their natural environment, changed it, and made it our own for far too long. This has made it exceedingly difficult for manatees to survive. Therefore, please fully restore of the Ocklawaha River and let the manatees thrive once again.	The ongoing and great loss of manatees as each year goes by.	The Extinction of the wonderful and majestic manatee species.	No.	
10/14/2021 13:10	Outside of state / other	28792	No	No					Protect the wildlife	Nature	Death	No	
10/14/2021 13:10	Outside of state / other	MI	No	No					please preserve this to help save sealife and the manatees	statistics show manatees are dying are increased rates, and we need to help preserve their warm water winter habitat	more manatees dying and being affected, this will upset the the local ecosystem	possibly	
10/14/2021 13:12	Outside of state / other	CA	No	Yes					I find solutions to share this natural area better with manatees	the death and injury to manatees by human causation	more loss of a valuable species	Unfortunately, No	Thank You
10/14/2021 13:12	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Please see to it that this Kirkpatrick Dam is breached.	Breaching the dam would enhance wildlife habitat and help protect Manatees and birds.	That Manatee populations would suffer.	No.	Please see to it that this wonderful area is preserved for future generations. Breech Kirkpatrick Dam and help make Rodman Reservoir a prime and healthier spot for all wildlife. Thank you.
10/14/2021 13:12	Outside of state / other	OK	No	No									This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 13:13	Outside of state / other	Sacramento CA	No	No									
10/14/2021 13:14	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam to be breached/removed to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river.	It will restore the natural flow of the rivers and the springs that have been lost due to the dam. This will benefit the fish and manatees that historically took advantage of the natural river habitat.	It will continue negatively impacting the natural ecosystem and continue to cost taxpayer money for upkeep of the dam.	No	
10/14/2021 13:14	Outside of state / other	Mass	No	No					Re restored	Vast interest for environment	A number of negative outcomes	No	
10/14/2021 13:15	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Long overdue restoration of the natural flow of Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers would be major step in restoring natural areas -- and waterways -- of real Florida. I remember how clear the waters of Silver Springs once was in the 1950s.... springs in the region are now sadly degraded, lower water flow and pollution.... we have numbers of springs like nowhere else in the world! We should remove the Rodman dam and restore the region to extent possible while it can still be accomplished.	Restoration of the natural flow of Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers is the most important 'piece of information.' The area is a natural gem which we as a people have allowed to degrade.	Continued degradation and eventual collapse of Real Florida, and the unfortunate and unavoidable loss of 'quality of life' .... we are building toward environmental disaster in Florida, pollution of every body of water. We should restore the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers -- but it will not happen if we don't remove Rodman Dam.	Do you mean to ask: what level of pollution and environmental degradation is ok with me? Would I object to floating down a slimy natural spring-fed river, like elsewhere in Florida? I am extremely disappointed (a kind way to phrase it) in the failures of Florida's leadership in failure to protect Florida's special environment. No, I do not support what we are doing -- we MUST do better.	I remember clear, unpolluted waters teeming with fish, shrimp, crabs -- almost anywhere in Florida in my childhood. Lakes that today are almost pea soup were once crystal clear and teeming with life. Small excuse here, small excuse there, bit by bit it has been transformed. Who speaks for CLEAN and unpolluted water? Free flowing unpolluted springs? Who among Florida' so-called 'leaders' speaks for restoration of natural areas and wetlands instead of more golf courses and shopping malls and sprawling development and highways thru what should be preserved while it's still possible? We are a failed people. We should be really really ashamed of what we have allowed to happen in Florida. We should not even be having this pitiful 'comment' exercise which will likely do little. RESTORE THE OCKLAWAHA and all that means!!!! Period.
10/14/2021 13:17	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain both the reservoir and the dam.	Now a viable ecosystem. Loaded with birds and fish. The reservoir is a filter system for dirty waters flowing in from the south. Very similar to systems which have been built and maintained at tax payers expense at Lake Apopka and Lake Griffin, among others. All the waters flowing into the reservoir flow out cleaner at the dam, less minimal evaporation losses.	Loss of a magnificent, viable ecosystem. Loss of birding grounds, duck migration area, and reduced fish population.	No	If the dam is removed and the lake is drained and you attempt to restore the original river system polluted waters from upstream will not be adequately cleaned and will degrade the waters of the St. Johns River. Also, if you think this would be doing the right thing then you should also do the right thing and return lands to their pre-canal project land owners or their heirs.
10/14/2021 13:18	Clay		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Preserved and kept clean its beautiful	Wildlife support	Loss of wildlife		
10/14/2021 13:20	Outside of state / other		No	No					removed	environmental protection	climate change	no	
10/14/2021 13:22	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					Breach it.	Benefits to wildlife.	Continued detriment to wildlife.	I'm unsure what the options would be.	
10/14/2021 13:23	Outside of state / other	NYS	No	No					Whatever is necessary to preserve habitat.	Climate change	Further planetary damage.	Can't think of any	
10/14/2021 13:24	Pinellas		No	No					protection for wild life and especially manatees that are soon to be endangered.	manatees are an iconic gentle animals that are part of Florida cultural heritage. We must save each and every one of them form development			
10/14/2021 13:24	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	
10/14/2021 13:27	Leon		No	No					We need to remove the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River.	This is essential in order to restore adequate warm water habitat for manatees to be able to recover and thrive. Doing so would also enhance the habitat and restore the Florida Wildlife Corridor for many wildlife species. such as Florida panther, etc.	Survival of manatees is at stake.	No. We have lost too many manatees already due to pollution and loss of habitat resulting in starvation.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/14/2021 13:28	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Keep it as is	Too much of our nature is being destroyed. I was born and raised here, and our way of life is disappearing.	Our legacy and natural beauty will be gone.	We must keep our natural resources from disappearing. Generations to come should be able to enjoy the natural resources of this state.	
10/14/2021 13:29	Palm Beach		No	No					Please help the manatees they are in danger!	Manatees are starving and dying at alarming rates.	The manatees will die	URGENT Please support the survival of the manatees.	
10/14/2021 13:30	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Other: None	Remove the dam. Restore the ecosystems natural flow of H2O. Humans and our greed hasdestroyed the state of Florida.	The scientific data that supports the proof of damage to the environment that this under-used and failed project has caused.	The # 1 concern It is the Continued demise of the ecosystems here and detrimental affects throughout the State. There is no more earth available to draw from or use up. We HAVE to protect this ONE TIME gift that we have been given. There are no "do overs"?	No, remove the rumbling dam. Restore the natural order.	No amount of money or tourism dollars are worth causing further destruction to an environment with an ecosystem as fragile as ours here in Florida
10/14/2021 13:30	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No					Yes	The need to protect Manatees as they have died in record numbers this year due in part to poor habitat / food supply	increase in endangered status of this animal	helping improve the lives and habitats of these animals ultimately makes the world more liveable. so anything helps.	
10/14/2021 13:30	Outside of state / other	Edgewood, Maryland	No	No									
10/14/2021 13:30	Jackson		No	No					Preservation of the manatees is important to me.	Manatees are in distress and unnecessarily. Humans have caused this situation; we must fix it.	Greater distress for manatees. Balance in ocean biodiversity will be adversely affected, domino chain style.	We must take the withering conditions of the ocean biosphere seriously as species here are in distress and headed for extinction.	It's not just fossil fuels degrading the ecosystem. It's animal flesh consumption. Massive amount of documentation on this. So much easier to point a finger at corporations than it is to change one's personal habits. The responsibility does not lie solely with industry. People can choose to change themselves, also. Please advocate for those changes. Thank you.
10/14/2021 13:35	Marion		No	No					restore the Great Florida Riverway	F. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	we can't let the progress we made be in danger of a backslide.	The manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. We must take measures to ensure their survival.	
10/14/2021 13:36	Duval		No	No					The breaching of the Rodman dam to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	There is science to back up the position that restoring the free flowing Ocklawaha River would rejuvenate habitats for water dwelling animals like manatees and restore fish migrations that would better the ecosystem.	My biggest concern would be these habitats dying out and not being restored to levels they are capable of. The fear is that we would not be able to repair the already intense and ongoing ecological degradation of our waterway in the region - one that is so important to both animals and people.	No, there is not.	

10/14/2021 13:37	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restore the great Florida Riverway to support local wildlife (like manatee) habitat	Manatee deaths are at record highs the past two years, destruction to our local habitat is well documented. Poor environments also reduce tourist traffic and/or the desire of people to live here.	Human encroachment and detrimental impact on Florida's native flora and fauna	Phased approach to reducing water in the dam to historic levels at minimum	
10/14/2021 13:37	Pasco		No	No									
10/14/2021 13:41	Outside of state / other	Milwaukee, WI	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	I love manatees. I would be heartbroken if they disappeared from Florida waters. They are unique and interesting animals, and MUST be protected and encouraged to thrive!	I haven't seen a good alternative suggestion for their protection and safety, so...no.	
10/14/2021 13:42	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/14/2021 13:43	Outside of state / other	Kingman Arizona	No	No					Preserving and managing usage of the reservoir and dam.	The need for management of the reservoir and dam.	Flooding and or water shortages.	Widespread water shortages and or flooding.	
10/14/2021 13:44	Outside of state / other	Durham, NC	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 13:44	Outside of state / other	Shiremanstown	No	No					Not sure		Clean waters	Getting everyone involved	
10/14/2021 13:45	Broward		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 13:45	Outside of state / other	Austin, TX	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	•Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. •15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	•Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. •Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	•No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for considering my comments.
10/14/2021 13:45	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		I would like the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to be breached. It will save millions of dollars and restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River	The state of Florida will be spending billions of dollars to combat the effects of climate change. From a purely monetary point of view, an estimated $1B million in dam repairs would be saved by avoiding repairs to this failing dam which could be much more effectively spent. Further, as more people move inland, and the demand for wild places continues to grow, a restored Ocklawaha River would become an economic boon to the entire area. Economic analyses by researchers at UF found that the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman reservoir. Further, water quality and fish production have continued to decline year after year since records began in 2004. When accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit analysis determined restoration would produce a cumulative net benefit of $47 million over the first 10 years, as compared with a cumulative loss of over $5 million with repair and maintenance of the dam. It's just good economic sense to stop paying for this failed project.	Taxpayers will perpetually be called on to pay for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any property damage or loss of life resulting from a dam failure. In this time of increasingly powerful storms I feel this is a real concern.	No.	I loved canoeing the Free-flowing Ocklawaha for years in the 1960's. It was the most beautiful river of the many I have paddled in our state. The wildlife was extraordinary, and it is a natural gem I would greatly love to have back for the benefit of not only plants and animals, but also we humans, who are desperately in need of the beauty and peacefulness of our declining pieces of wild Florida.
10/14/2021 13:46	Outside of state / other	bayonne, new jersey	No	No					it's time to restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife!	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatee starvation from seagrass loss, and the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter.		Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
10/14/2021 13:46	Outside of state / other	CONNECTICUT	No	No					Protect manatees!	We all need to protect the environment	The danger to the environment- we won't have a second chance!	NO	
10/14/2021 13:46	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the the river	Overwhelming scientific evidence	The dam will fail	Permanent draw down	
10/14/2021 13:47	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					All natural habitats need to be preserved for the animals who inhabit them!	Manatees have already reached record numbers of deaths this year due in part to starvation from seagrass loss. The greatest and looming long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat.	Manatees would no longer exist in Rodman Reservoir	Preserving areas of the reservoir for manatees	
10/14/2021 13:47	Outside of state / other	Sheboygan County, Wisconsin	No	No					Preservation, improvement and monitoring of all habitat, water quality and wildlife.	Restoring natural food supply and water quality for Manatees.	Disappointment in another governmental failure to act for the greater good of all of our natural earth.		I want all governmental agencies to stop turning their backs on the importance of monitory and reversing damage to every square inch of the earth.
10/14/2021 13:48	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see better options for fish and other wildlife to be able to access the ocklawaha river. I understand that there are businesses that do rely on the reservoir however I do believe that the original flow should be restored if not naturally then with a man made solution which hopefully can appease everyone.	There are a multitude of real world examples of dams being removed and rivers naturally restoring themselves and wild life flourishing. Edwards dam in Maine https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/lessons-from-the-field-edwards-dam-removal-maine Elwha dam https://www.nps.gov/olym/learn/nature/elwha-ecosystem-restoration.htm There are so many to list that show positives to local wildlife after a dam removal. That being said, the dam removal must be gradually and safely as there are consequences for rushing the removal such as sediment build ups. This is why I believe restoring the natural flow is important for not only our fisheries but also local wildlife. I do believe that there way to restore natural flow without the loss of the reservoir.	That both fish populations being to decline in both number and overall size of fish.	I believe increasing the flow speed of the the bypass between the rodman reservoir to the saint johns may entice migration fish species to follow the current and have better access to the Ocklawaha river.	
10/14/2021 13:48	Alachua		No	No					Restoration to it's natural flow and continuity.	The incredible success of the Kissimmee River restoration project.	Continued interruption of the natural flow and the potential HAB's associated with stagnant water now a major problem elsewhere as well as the loss of habitat for the Florida Manatee.	Even if the flow through the dam were increased this is an impediment to aquatic and marine life in the river.	The Rodman dam was a part of an ill-conceived project from the beginning that altered the natural watershed this river had experienced and negatively impacted many aspects of life both in and around the river.
10/14/2021 13:49	Outside of state / other	delaware	No	No									
10/14/2021 13:49	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		Remove it.	Manatee deaths and environment damage. And the cost of maintaining the dam.	That the people in charge do not care what they leave to future generations. And they couldn't manage a one car funeral.	No	I have heard that the damn does not provide the fishing that it once did. And continues to cause harm to the manatees and the environment. So why hasn't it been taken down all ready?
10/14/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other	Gaithersburg, Maryland	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a person who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 13:51	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 13:51	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					Protect the natural habitat of animals native to these areas	Long term impact of loss of habitat	Environmental destruction	N/A	
10/14/2021 13:51	Palm Beach		No	No						Manatees	Manatees		
10/14/2021 13:56	Outside of state / other	Hawaii	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees who might otherwise die. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/14/2021 13:56	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					restoring the ockawaha river is critical to ensure the long term survival of these amazing animals the manatee. with over 20 connected springs would provide essential warm water 4 hundreds of manatees with their species in crisis they need this. if not many more will die off and never come come back. 15000 acres of the florida corridor will restore and enhance and benefit species like the florida panther, the florida bear, bobcat bald eagles and the white tailed deer and many more endangerd species	the fact that the manatee have lost their safety and habitate with humans invading and hitting them with their boats and even torturing them its time to save our wild life	that they will die off and become extinct	no	
10/14/2021 13:56	Washington		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	manatee death	no	
10/14/2021 13:57	Outside of state / other	United States	No	No					Yes				
10/14/2021 13:58	Outside of state / other	AZ	No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking		We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.

10/14/2021 13:59	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 14:00	Outside of state / other	Switzerland	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am from Switzerland, but I CARE about what happens to dying species!
10/14/2021 14:03	Washington		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife!	60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Loss of these beautiful, iconic species.	Probably not.	Thank you.
10/14/2021 14:04	Outside of state / other	Montreal	No	No					I would like to see the warm waters restored to save the endangered manatees...this is very important for their survival.	The manatees are declining in record numbers...do the right thing and protect these majestic animals.	The number of manatees will keep declining and these beautiful creatures will be very endangered...this cannot happen and don't put yourself in a position where you decision-makers will be held accountable for the terrible end of manatees.	No, these animals are suffering right now and this needs to stop.	
10/14/2021 14:05	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Respiration of the free flowing river as God mention it to be and science supports	All of the studies and science that supports the restoration	For the betterment of the wildlife that a free flowing river would benefit	No	This mistake of the dam needs to be corrected
10/14/2021 14:06	Broward		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	The current rate of deaths of manatees is shocking! The river must be restored so that manatees can migrate through it!!	Continued deaths of manatees and other wildlife	No!	Florida has an opportunity unparalleled to help our wildlife through restoration of this vitally important river!
10/14/2021 14:07	Outside of state / other	Austin TX	No	No					Please restore the river and breach the dam.	Manatees need warm fresh water in which to live. These gentle creatures are one of Florida's best natural resources animal ambassadors and need protection and support now.	I am concerned that manatees will continue to suffer and die, eventually becoming extinct.	No.	Although I have not visited the Rodman Reservoir or Kirkpatrick Dam yet, I have visited other parts of Florida such as various springs to enjoy watching manatees happily graze on lettuce. They are precious creatures! Please save them from destruction! Thank you!
10/14/2021 14:09	Outside of state / other	Oklahoma	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 14:09	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					Humans need to be less selfish and more conscious of our need to protect life on earth in all of it's forms. We must do whatever it takes.	Manatees are suffering.	Manatees will go extinct.	Anything that supports a healthy environment.	
10/14/2021 14:10	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Protection of wildlife and marine mammals	Too many Deaths of manatees They need protection	Concerned that manatees become extinct	No Very simple to protect manatees Make idle speed only laws	Please do the right thing and help the helpless
10/14/2021 14:10	Outside of state / other	Oakwood, OH	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. The manatee population status is plummeting right now, mostly due to the poor quality of the water that is their home. We cannot allow the manatees to go extinct just because humanity didn't care enough to do anything to help them. That is shameful. And it is a very good reason for people to choose NOT to reside in or vacation in the State of Florida.
10/14/2021 14:12	Broward		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Save the manatees	Save the manatees	Save the manatees	Save the manateesTime	TimeSave those manatees
10/14/2021 14:12	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman Dam to restore habitats	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	More manatees will die, which is bad for Florida's economy and reputation	No	Restore the Ocklawaha and free the manatees and restore natural springs please!
10/14/2021 14:12	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As an Ironclaw who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 14:13	Duval		No	No									
10/14/2021 14:15	Outside of state / other	Cherokee County, Georgia	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River would have the the most impact for manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 14:16	Outside of state / other	MA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/14/2021 14:18	Lee		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 14:21	Santa Rosa		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 14:23	Outside of state / other	Easton P.A. 18042	No	No					I would like to hear that The Great Florida Riverway has been restored for Manitees and other Wildlife that depend on this habitat.	Whenever our wildlife is in danger of extinction we are all responsible to help protect our planet.	That between climate change and their extinction, we are next.	Not today.	Thank you for all you do.
10/14/2021 14:24	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Preserve manatee habitat	Declining habitat	The extinction of manatees	Just do it	
10/14/2021 14:26	Broward		No	No					restoring the reservoir	warmer water will flow unto these areas	Manatees with pass away because of water temperature being too cold	restoring the reservoir and dam and I don' t know what else could be done to do this	
10/14/2021 14:26	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 14:27	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Please protect this manatee habitat. Thank you.				
10/14/2021 14:29	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					I would like the dam to come down	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	that we would lose the wonderful manatee	if manatees were the first priority and things didn't work out, then i would say, at least we did everything we could to save them	
10/14/2021 14:29	Outside of state / other	Lords Valley, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 14:30	Outside of state / other	Orange County, CA	No	No					Protections for Manatees put into place		Manatee population decline to the point it cannot recover	No	
10/14/2021 14:32	St Lucie		No	No					Preservation of Manatee habitat!!!				
10/14/2021 14:33	Outside of state / other	WA	No	No					Every effort made to restore manatee habitat, as well as habitat for other species.	Manatees are disappearing/dying in alarming numbers. Restoration of their habitat can help to save these animals from extinction.	Yet another species would disappear/become extinct through the greed of the human species.	No	
10/14/2021 14:35	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 14:36	Outside of state / other	83810	No	No					breach the dam and save	Manatees dying in record numbers, they need warm water to survive winter	Manatees extinction --	No	
10/14/2021 14:36	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached to permit flow into the Ocklawaha river	The Kirkpatrick dam currently blocks manatees from access to the warmer waters they need in winter	manatees would become more endangered	No, breaching the K. dam seems the only means of permitting manatee restoration as well as allowing other, currently blocked, species such as panthers, bears etc. to move through this area unimpeded.	Thank you for your kind consideration of this important issue
10/14/2021 14:38	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Breach Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River. While I am not a resident or able to visit, wildlife such as manatees are a national treasure that need to be protected. I would like to visit post-pandemic. (I am a stakeholder in a national effort to protect manatee populations).	Restoring the river is the most important manatee habitat restoration project in Florida, providing warm water winter habitat for these animals. 15,000 acres of the Wildlife Corridor will be restored, helping other wildlife as well, including bears, panthers, eagles, deer, etc.	That hundreds of manatees will not have access to essential warm water winter habitat, threatening their very survival. It also keeps 7500 acres of forested wetlands flooded and affecting other wildlife. This is no longer acceptable.	No Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. We need this to protect vanishing wildlife and water quality (something I work on in my own state).	As someone who is involved in the protection of manatees in the US (seeing them as a national treasure needing to survive) I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will
10/14/2021 14:39	Outside of state / other	Tucson	No	No					The waterways need to be restored immediately	Manatee survival and their thriving	Manatees, as well as other wildlife dying off	No. Without restoring the future of manatees and other wildlife is in dander	
10/14/2021 14:40	Outside of state / other	Pittsburgh PA	No	No					I vacation in Fla and have been to ever wildlife preserve in the state. I swim with the manatees in Crystal River. I have cried over the years seeing their injuries, and reading about their fast paced decimation by climate change these past decade, and looking forward. Do what needs to be done to get them this warm waterway. Even Cuba is taking better care of their manatees then Fla. That is a crying shame.	Almost 15,000 acres of beautiful Fla land will be open to all your wildlife species, and beautiful flora in addition to help saving the manatees. That will give me more of your beautiful state to explore on my vacations.	Mostly the extinction of Fla manatees, followed by the missed opportunities for your other species to expand and thrive.	no	I and other vacationers, and hopefully eventually a retiree, really appreciate the unique sea, river, land animals, and flora your state is blessed with. Go to a cold state for the winter, then come home to Fla and see what you are destroying. Sometimes we do not appreciate what we have til it is gone. Don't let this opportunity be lost.
10/14/2021 14:41	Orange		No	No					Preserve the wildlife in and around the areas closeby	That an effort is underway to preserve the sanctity of this ground and water source as well as its wildlife	How did it happen that we missed the opportunity?	I am no expert but make sure it is enough of a priority to achieve the objectives desired.	
10/14/2021 14:45	Outside of state / other	Marviland	No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam		Warm water for manatees will not be available for manatees, and they cannot survive.		
10/14/2021 14:56	Outside of state / other	chicago, IL	No	No									
10/14/2021 14:56	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing		We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 14:58	Outside of state / other	Monterey County, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 14:59	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
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10/14/2021 15:00	Outside of state / other	Dallas, tx	No	No					Manatees are endangered and need the habitat	That manatees will continue to die for lack of warm water access	No	The animals were here before people
10/14/2021 15:03	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman Reservoir /Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that need to be restored. It would give manatees a much needed warm water winter habitat.	Florida already has funds set aside for restoration of natural lands and water. It would be a waste of taxpayers' money to repair the dam and lose the opportunity to provide manatee habitat an restore the springs.	Absolutely not! There is no reason not to go ahead with breaching the dam as an investment in our environment.	
10/14/2021 15:07	Outside of state / other	MO	No	No					Preservation of manatee habitat	DO NOT WANT EXTINCTION!!!	Extinction!!!	No	
10/14/2021 15:10	Pinellas		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it brought back to its original state pre dam.	All DEP reports were done by private engineering firms. Florida Defenders' engineering consultant characterized the disrepair as more dire. Its report states the dam is suffering from neglect and that the lack of repair and maintenance increases the risk of a breach.An estimated 538 parcels of public and private land could be impacted with potential property damage totaling more than $57 million.	Wasted chance to restore cypress forests and missed tourist opportunity to visit springs that you currently cannot see.	No	Do what is right for Florida
10/14/2021 15:13	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Free flow of water and aquatic animals in the river system	More algae, weeds, and aquatic animal restriction	no	The dam was never intended to stay after the barge canal plan was ended.
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10/14/2021 15:16	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					I like to see Rodman Reservoir & Kirkpatrick Dam are in great conditions, please? so different animals may survive so the people may watch the most beautiful creatures & helping the creatures live in neat places, please? They are truly precious animals & don't make them extinct, please? Every kind of animals are truly precious animals to see & so breathtaking to watch them with warm love & great feelings! Please? Thanks	I'm here just to share my feelings about seeing the beauty of wildlife animals in different places. Every kind of animals are truly precious & need to be protected from having their habitats ruined or damaged. We can't afford to ruin their habitats. We are obliged to take care of their habitats so they may live for another many generations to see how beautiful they're.	heartbreaking to see if those animals are extinct & for all other generations, they never see how beautiful creatures are that's truly heartbroken or heart-wrenching. Every kind of wildlife animals is truly precious & they need to be protected from ruining their wildlife.	My words are only the support I share here.	
10/14/2021 15:18	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					Restore manatee habitat!	Emails from protection activists	Extinction of species	No	Restore manatee habitat!
10/14/2021 15:21	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is a way we can still help the wildlife who need this habitat.	Manatees and other threatened wildlife will not survive.		
10/14/2021 15:22	Outside of state / other	Fresno, CA (San Joaquin Valley)	No	No					Permanent restoration of habitat whether it requires modifications or removal of the dam.	The history of water manipulation and its devastating results in CA.	Greater and ongoing environmental destruction in lieu of wise and beneficial water use.		
10/14/2021 15:23	Outside of state / other	Kettering, Ohio	No	No					Please protect habitat for manatees and other wildlife by restoring the Great Florida Riverway.	The recent elevation in deaths of Manatees.	A near extinction of the Manitees and their habitat.	Not at this time.	Thank you.
10/14/2021 15:24	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Provide a safe healthy environment for Manatees and other wildlife.		Fast extinction of many animals is taking place.	Human extinction	
10/14/2021 15:24	Outside of state / other	Cincinnati,OH	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Other comments: As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. This year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees.	
10/14/2021 15:26	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					I feel that there some very talented people and Engineers that can come up with a stellar plan to preserve the area and maintain the integrity of the area for the Manatee's life. Possibly bypassing, rerouting. To be honest there is always something that can be done to preserve habitat. Florida has the only Manatee population, it is very special. I know the State of Florida will rise to the occasion on this problem. Respectfully, Elaine Morgan	Warmth of water and flow. It also supports their natural diet.	Loss of another water habitat that supports another endangered aquatic animal. I would think that the loss of 'Manatee habitat" and then the animals would be a huge loss to Florida tourist draw. I would hope that the powers that be will focus on the animals and their needs. Sometimes compassion should trump $$'s.		None at this time. I wish Florida the very best. Thank You for allowing my comment. Respectfully, Elaine Morgan
10/14/2021 15:29	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating	Please remove the dam and let the River flow.	The fact that so many wetlands will be expanded and so many springs will be revitalized.	Continued erosion of Florida's natural resources and continued funding support for far less important efforts.	Not aware.	
10/14/2021 15:31	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 15:32	Duval		No	Yes	1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	The whole thing needs to be left alone. It is a wonderful wildlife oasis & is perfect how it is.	A lot could be said here but the fact that this serves as a refuge for hundreds of manatees every year & allows them to be properly nourished is reason enough to leave it alone.	Losing a wonderful wildlife oasis that serves as home to so much wildlife, the purification it provides to the River & the loss of an outstanding Old Florida type recreational conservation area.	No.	Leave it as it is.
10/14/2021 15:33	Collier		No	Yes	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Protect the animals, the fish, all living things, protect the water, protect the environment. It's really that simple.	Protect the animals, protect the water, protect the environment. It's really that simple. What supports this position, are you kidding me? Freaking climate change! It's time to get your head out of your ass, quit playing political bullshit asinine child bullying games, and protect the earth! That includes every living thing! Do you need me to have to tell you this my God how stupid are you?	What supports this position, are you kidding me? Freaking climate change! It's time to get your head out of your ass, quit playing political bullshit asinine child bullying games, and protect the earth! That includes every living thing! Do you need me to have to tell you this my God how stupid are you? The end of the world as we knew it, I can't even say as we know it because it's going to hell!	The end of the world as we knew it, I can't even say as we know it because it's going to hell! Oh come on guys, this is not rocket science. You're asking the most ridiculous questions about protecting the earth. Why does somebody have to even tell you this? It's embarrassing.	Oh come on guys, this is not rocket science. You're asking the most ridiculous questions about protecting the earth. Why does somebody have to even tell you this? It's embarrassing.
10/14/2021 15:41	Manatee		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.		More manatees dying.	NOPE	WHY do you HATE MANATEES?
10/14/2021 15:45	Marion		Yes	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: Own a business on the boat ramp road leading to the Orange Springs boat ramp.	I would like to see the Dam and Lake Ocklawaha stay in place.	My name is Perry Patel and my business is Orange Springs Grocery which is right here in Orange Springs, FL. My business is right at the corner of Highway 315 and the road that leads to the Orange Springs Boat Ramp here on the lake. A great deal of my business is from the fisherman and boaters that use the lake. we have a bait store behind my business and a tackle store inside the building too. we sell fuel, bait, tackle, food, drinks, etc. to these anglers. Sometimes during the main fishing season we have boats piled in our parking lot and completely filling it up. It is a very important source of income for our business. There is not much else in this area to draw business and we rely on the traffic to support my business.	It would be a massive loss if this income from the anglers and fishing guides that get their supplies here if the lake were done away with. Please sirs don't let this happen!	no. We need this lake here and the tourism it brings to stay afloat!	My name is Perry Patel and my business is Orange Springs Grocery if any body would like to stop by and see.
10/14/2021 15:49	Broward		No	No					anything to help preserve the warm waters that our Manatees and other wildlife need to survive	Our Manatees and other wildlife need more warm waters for winter to survive	We will loose our manatees	anything to help support our wildlife and the manatees	thank you
10/14/2021 15:49	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/14/2021 15:49	Brevard		No	No					Remove them.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	We need to make sure we use every tool to help save manatees and other wildlife from habitat destruction and pollution. The recovery of manatees has been a conservation success story until now - we can't let this progress backslide on our watch.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 15:49	Outside of state / other	colorado	No	No					The full restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees, a species iconic to Florida, which needs more protection. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. The recent loss of manatees is shocking, and this is an opportunity to directly aid in the survival and sustainability of the species. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I have family who lives in Florida, and we all care about Florida's environment. The state's natural habitats and wildlife are its most valuable asset. I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, to ensure a bright future for the state's wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and my family and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment, and wildlife.
10/14/2021 15:54	Palm Beach		No	No					Protect it.	The future of manatees.	Loss of manatees.	No.	
10/14/2021 15:54	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					I would like to see it restored for wildlife and people.	I've read articles about the manatees struggle with cold stress syndrome. We changed their habit and now it's time to give it back!	That manatees will be lost forever.	Only if it helps the manatees.	
10/14/2021 15:55	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 15:57	Broward		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	Preserved	You are already the most disgusting state in the union place don't make it worse	More death and destruction	NO	Man up
10/14/2021 15:57	Outside of state / other	Milwaukee, WI	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 15:57	Indian River		No	No						The manatees need a safe living environment. Their needs for a sustainable home must be considered for a project concerning the river.	Ultimately the manatees will become extinct.	No, they deserve a place on this planet to live and thrive.	
10/14/2021 16:01	Outside of state / other	U.S.	No	No					Please help the Manatees	They are one of god's gifts	They could become extinct		
10/14/2021 16:02	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No, wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 16:03	Collier		No	No					Save the manatees and their habitat.	Manatee deaths have increased greatly. It should be the opposite.	Manatees will become extinct.	No.	
10/14/2021 16:09	Outside of state / other	MA	No	No					GOT TO PROTECT THE MAMMALS	KMALS FROM THIS GROUP	WILL DO DONATION	NONE	
10/14/2021 16:09	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	We would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawa river restored to it's original condition.	The condition of the lake at Rodman Dam is reprehensible. Removing the dam and letting the water flow naturally will improve all activities conditions.	We would be very distraught that Florida's Natural Condition do not matter to the legislature and the Water Management.	No	We are avid campers and greatly enjoy Florida's State Parks. We have enjoyed Rodman Campground in the past and would go camping there again. Seeing the Ocklawaha River reduced to a trickle is very sad.
10/14/2021 16:10	Hillsborough		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Dam removed and the river restored to it's natural state.	History is the everglades.	Continued environmental damage and skyrocketing costs of maintaining.	Not really.	History shows that nature knows best.
10/14/2021 16:10	Outside of state / other	san Diego, California	No	No					Save manatees	protecting manatees is important	manatees will decline		
10/14/2021 16:12	Broward		No	No					The dam needs to be breached so manatees once again have a warm water inlet during winter instead of relying on FPL's warm waste water ponds	Manatees are dying at alarming rates and if their habitat is not restored we will lose them forever	The extinction of these gentle giants	No	
10/14/2021 16:20	Outside of state / other	TX	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/14/2021 16:21	Outside of state / other	Crest Hill IL 60403	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river.	Dams harm the environment, and are contributing to the possible extinction of manatees and other animals and fish.	Driving the manatee to extinction.	No	
10/14/2021 16:25	Orange		No	No					Tear down the Rodman Dam!	Article by journalist Ryan Smart in today's (Oct 14th 2021) Orlando Sentinel	Extremely disappointed	Tear down the Rodman Dam	in light of the recent tragic deaths of so many manatees, tearing down the Rodman Dam would alleviate and reduce the suffering of these beautiful creatures.
10/14/2021 16:25	Outside of state / other	Palo Alto, California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by taking down the Kirkpatrick Dam. 1. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2. Nearly 24 square miles of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	1. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. 2. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 12 square miles of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. The dam should never have been built in the first place, and its destruction is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As someone who cares about our environment, I demand that you restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for your state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 has been the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This restoration project will also revive nearly 24 square miles of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me, and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 16:30	Outside of state / other	Washington	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I feel that we need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000 + acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species such as Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles , and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would deprive hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of future survival.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems along the Riverway. Thank you for you attention to the issues of keeping manatees fed and warm in their natural habitat.
10/14/2021 16:35	Manatee		No	No					open the dam, let the water run it's natural course	The dam was built for the barge canal that never happened.	water not getting to the aquifer properly	human intervention has hampered too many water areas. As we have learned with the Everglades, it should have NEVER been changed with humans building and redirecting these waters.	
10/14/2021 16:35	Volusia		No	No					The dam should be breached allowing water to flow downstream	8 rivers and 50 springs could be restored	Environmental needs would not be met, available money opportunity might be missed and deterioration will continue.	No, breaching the dam is long overdue. Lets do what we know is needed.	

10/14/2021 16:36	Sarasota		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 16:38	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and return to natural state.	Recommend by ecologists.	Cost to support a non-functional dam.	No	
10/14/2021 16:39	Outside of state / other	Washington State	No	No					very much would like to see the dam removed for two important reasons: 1. To restore the Ocklawaha river to its previous free flowing status, providing warm winter water for the manatee population that is in desperate need of it. 2. To open up the wildlife corridor that was blocked when the dam was installed, and the large area flooded. To restore this habitat is important for many native species.	The dam created an artificial ecosystem that is at odds with the area's biodiversity, and which continues to impact it in countless negative ways.	Manatees deprived of needed warm winter water downstream, threatening their survival which is already imperiled.	No	I am a resident of Washington state. However I have family who live in Florida and have visited the state many times. They and I value protecting the state's natural resources and preserving the natural ecosystems, which are an important part of Florida's heritage.
10/14/2021 16:42	Flagler		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Boating	NOTHING too beautiful of a lake to mess with.	The local guides we fish with rely on the lake levels for their livelihoods.	Sadness that a few would be able to change the outdoor of the lake.	No	Leave the lake alone.
10/14/2021 16:43	Outside of state / other		No	No				Please restore the Great Florida Riverway and help protect the habitat of manatees and other wildlife.				
10/14/2021 16:44	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoring the Ocklawaha River to ensure the long-term survival of manatees.	The greatest long-term threat to manatees is the loss of warm water habitat that they need to survive the winter.	Manatees are currently dying in record numbers, and could soon become dangerously close to extinction.	It is impossible to compromise the survival of a species.	
10/14/2021 16:44	Outside of state / other	San Diego CA	No	No				Remove the dam	Removal of dams help to restore waterways to their natural state	The environment and habitat for wildlife will continue to suffer	I don't think so	Remove the dam and restore the waterways to their natural state
10/14/2021 16:45	Outside of state / other	ny	Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 16:46	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	PLEASE keep Rodman as-is!	The wildlife is incredible. There is a huge amount of fish diversity, birds, alligators, and manatees. I was fishing there for pleasure (catch and release) and have never enjoyed fishing as much as I have at Rodman. I plan to go often in the future. During my visit, I saw osprey, bald eagles, blue herons, egrets, and many other birds. We heard alligators growling and saw several manatees.	These animals would be almost completely wiped out. Most of the reservoir would turn into muck and mud and everything would die. Manatees and alligators couldn't handle the river current and would die or disappear. The gorgeous trees would die and mosquitoes would be everywhere. It would be horrible for decades.	No. All I want is to keep the gorgeous property as-is. That is best outcome for the wildlife and makes the most economic sense.	
10/14/2021 16:47	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam to allow endangered manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs.	The health and lives of endangered manatees, as well as species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer who will benefit from this restoration, as well.	The survival of manatees who are cut off from warm water during winter, as well as the other species whose access to this natural habitat is greatly restricted by the dam.	No. Dams across the country have had notoriously dangerous impacts on natural habitats, wildlife, the environment and even humans.	
10/14/2021 16:48	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No				Please breach the damn and allow the Ocklawaha River to flow.	Breaching the dams, and allowing the Ocklawaha River to flow will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	manatees and other wildlife will be in danger of becoming extinct.	I'm afraid not.	Please help hundreds of manatees, and other wildlife by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
10/14/2021 16:48	Outside of state / other	MS	No	No				Save manatees	Need clean warm water habitat, without it manatees are in danger	Manatees could become extinct	Not sure	
10/14/2021 16:49	Pinellas		No	No								
10/14/2021 16:50	Outside of state / other	California	No	No				Conservation	I don't know	Extinction of species	N/A	N/A
10/14/2021 16:51	Outside of state / other	Atlanta, Fulton Co., GA	No	No				I would like it cleaned up and made safe for all Flora and Fauna	Manatees and other species are becoming dangerous close to extinction.	The fate of the manatees.	No	
10/14/2021 16:52	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed.	I am a fiscal conservative. I would prefer to spend money once to remove what began as a bad idea, than to continue spending to maintain it.	That we waste money maintaining an old pile of junk that never should have been put in place.	No. It was a bad idea to begin with, it will be a bad idea until we tear it down. If some local power brokers will miss their cut, pay them a one time quality of life benefit to stop screwing the place up for the rest of us.	
10/14/2021 16:52	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times		Breach the dam now!	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.Hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further, fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. The Rodman dam should have been breached 50 years ago.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/14/2021 16:56	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone! It's part of our states history! I've been fishing there since I was a kid and I'm 36 now!	I've been fishing at Rodman since I was a child with my father! Now as an adult I take my kids there. This is an amazing piece of history. Also the manatees that live there and are protected are in danger.	The manatees, who are already endangered.	Not at all.	
10/14/2021 16:56	Outside of state / other	New York, NY	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 16:57	Orange		No	No				Breach the dam and allow water to be restored to the springs	Desperately needed now to save wildlife habitat, improve water quality. Money is available and it will only get more expensive and habitat and quality will get worse.	Loss of quality water and habitat that supports Florida ecosystem.	No	We have watched Florida waterways and habitat deteriorate for decades. This is the most cost effective solution with immediate positive results for manatees (having their worst year ever), fish, restoring sea grass, improving water quality and quantity to our state. This is the most cost effective solution. We cannot wait.
10/14/2021 16:57	Indian River		No	No				Remove the dam.	Fish populations need to be able to breed and sustain a natural population.	Fish extinction, loss of quality of life near Florida rivers, springs, and streams.	Remove the dam.	
10/14/2021 16:57	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it just as it is.	It's a thriving ecosystem that supports tons of animals; including manatees. It also purifies the polluted water coming down the Ocklawaha River.	I'm worried about displacing all of the wildlife in the area.	NO	Please consider my thoughts, and not touching Rodman Reservoir. It is so critical to our environment!
10/14/2021 16:59	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 16:59	Polk		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 17:01	Baker		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave the dam as is.	Rodman reservoir is one of the best fisheries in the state.	Amazing wildlife habitat and fishing will be destroyed in addition to the economic impacts.		
10/14/2021 17:01	Outside of state / other	Albuquerque, New Mexico	No	No					You must protect the wildlife relying on the manways and the dam. The poor gentle giant manatee is especially vulnerable. Those in my family have been fascinated and protective of them for years. When visiting Florida we always seek them out. PLEASE don't let them all die!	Wildlife are dying when the riversystem doesn't support them.	Manatees and other wildlife will disappear!!	cleanup would help	
10/14/2021 17:02	Outside of state / other	Ga	No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it left it alone. Why would you ever want to change it. Rodman is an escape for me. Where I can really connect with my higher power	My own experience	You would destroy a beautiful body of water	Nope	
10/14/2021 17:03	Flagler		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha river restored to a free flowing river by removing the Kirkpatrick dam.	My experience with spending time in the Ocklawaha during the drawdown and viewing the area on multiple occasions while the reservoir was drawn down is what supports my decision. I have seen what an entrapped river looks like, stagnate aquatic plants, manatee getting blocked, trapped or worse killed by the locks in the river.	The continued decline of the ecosystem surrounding the Rodman reservoir.	No	
10/14/2021 17:03	Outside of state / other	Honeoye, NY	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Other: Camping	Leave the reservoir as is.	Fishing for large mouth bass and the multitude of wildlife it supports.	Environmental impact, not just on fishing, but the entire ecosystem in that area.	No.	
10/14/2021 17:04	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawaha needs to be restored and the water put into a controlled release. As a native of FL I have spent my life (>70 years) watching this state be devastated from poor ecological practices - fertilizers, river paths devastated, over building and water consumption- the entire State needs serious ecological oversight.	The dam was a mistake from the beginning and the Canal was stopped because of that. It continues to be a mistake with a possible very damaging outcome when it fails, besides the change in water flow and the ecology of the region that has been so negatively impacted.	The dam fails so there is no controlled return of the river's flow. Continued ecological disruption with drowned fresh water springs, interrupted fish/wildlife migrations, backlog of organic muck, and fragmented habitats... the only winners are the fishermen. The canal was stopped because it it was realized it was a threat to the integrity of Florida's water.. The dam not being removed is a mistake.	Let me know one. A controlled opening of the dam is imperative with normal river flow and allowing habitats to return. This is a 50 year boondoggle... be smart and brave and act on the right thing to do. Gradually return the water flow. If the dam fails, there will be an even more catastrophic outcome.	Florida is imperiled by poor ecological decisions that date back decades. The salt water is going to rise (it is too late to save the Everglades due to climate change), the aquafer will continue to be threated by north FL cattle faming, fertilizer pollution in the rivers has caused a huge imbalance in the water/wildlife quality and more development keeps coming... along with the increased frequency and severity of hurricanes - what will it take to cultivate a long healthy ecological view and try to save this delicate and beautiful state?...
10/14/2021 17:04	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No									Manatees have already reached record numbers of deaths this year due in part to starvation from seagrass loss. The greatest and looming long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.
10/14/2021 17:08	Outside of state / other	70 Old Route 212, Saugerties, NY 124	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/14/2021 17:09	Baker		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	For things to stay as they are	Fishing	They the fishing will not be as good or it will effect the fishes ecosystem	If there is no dam the fish have no structure to live on	
10/14/2021 17:12	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	To remain a wildlife refuge and stay in its man made natural habitat for many Florida species.	North Florida wildlife is being pushed into confined spaces dz to over building and construction and places like Rodman helps preserve wildlife and help keep Florida wildlife flourishing when other parts are being destroyed for financial gain with disregard to nature.	The destruction of a natural habitat and how would the Florida species that occupy Rodman survive	Let nature enjoy a man made waterway that was originally built for shipping transport that has now become a natural habitat. Most people would even pay to enjoy Rodman as most do with state parks	
10/14/2021 17:13	Outside of state / other	Pittsburgh, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. Our waterways are in peril from a variety of sources. Seeing that they are healthy and flowing is essential to life on this planet. I'm not from Florida, but I care about this project and all waterways at risk in our country.
10/14/2021 17:14	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	To see it stay up don't tear it down	We have people that comes from all over the USA to fish camping and for wild life			
10/14/2021 17:16	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 17:17	Collier		No	No					A free flowing river restored.	Adverse affects on the river and its inhabitants from inadequate river flows.	Environmental degradation.	Steady releases of water from the reservoir.	
10/14/2021 17:17	Charlotte		No	No									
10/14/2021 17:17	Outside of state / other	Shawnee County, KS	No	No					The Kirkpatrick dam should be breached to restore the Ocklawaha river.	15000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored which will benefit many species there. It would restore winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	The 7500 acres currently dammed restricts movement of many species like the panthers, bears, deer and others. It also deprives manatees of warm waters for winter habitat. Too many of them have died due to reduced wintering space.	Not really. This breaching of the dam is 50 years overdue and too many species are negatively affected.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 17:17	Outside of state / other	Suburb of Denver, Colorado	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.			
10/14/2021 17:17	Baker		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	It is is very self sufficient and sustaining nature will take care of itself	The water quality and as well as aquatic life being damaged past natural return	The way it has been ran in all past years	
10/14/2021 17:20	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Hiking in area	I would like to see the dam breached.	Manatees, who are endangered and dying in ever greater numbers, would have access to more of their natural habitat.	The extinction of manatees.	No. The dam should have been breached 50 years ago.	
10/14/2021 17:21	St Johns		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick dam stay wright where it is	I have been go there since 1996 and that there's a lot of people that travel from all over to fish camp and to just see this wonderful place	It would be a big disupment to see it all gone	Guess thank about how bad u would mess up the wild life out there	
10/14/2021 17:23	Outside of state / other	Washington	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 17:24	Orange		No	No									I want to replenish our springs and help the manatee population!
10/14/2021 17:32	Bradford		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and restore the natural flow of the Okiawaha River. I have noticed over the many years that I have fished there, that the fish population has dwindled, especially the Striped Bass migration., and the catfish which were part of my annual fishing trips. Over time, I know for me, that it has reduced my trips to the area. Not to mention that because of the destruction of natural water flow,is damaging the aquifer in central Florida, which is highly detrimental to the health of all of the waterways even to the north.		Some of the species which depend on the river being unobstructed, will continue to dwindle and become extinct.		
10/14/2021 17:32	Outside of state / other	GA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 17:33	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Keep it the way it is	It's a great eco system that provides habitats for birds, fish, gators and all kinds of wildlife	The loss of a great eco system for wildlife	No leave it alone	
10/14/2021 17:35	Outside of state / other	Raymond, WA	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	BREACH THE DAM
10/14/2021 17:35	Orange		No	No					The dam needs to be breached and the Great Florida Riverway needs to be restored in order to help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The fact that manatees are dying in record number and the Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter.	The loss of an essential part of Florida wildlife. Residents and tourists visit Florida not just for Disney, but for its unique and incredible diversity of plants, animals.	No	
10/14/2021 17:37	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/14/2021 17:40	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.

10/14/2021 17:44	Escambia		No	No									
10/14/2021 17:50	Leon		No	Yes				Other: Now that I am retired, I would plan canoe trips to the area, but certainly not to the reservoir.	remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	- will restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers -increased flow of water, cleaner water -save a huge amount of money on dam repair	think of the economic benefits or restoration, increased visitation and hospitality jobs - think of better water quality and wildlife habitat and connected river systems for recreation - these things will not be accomplished	no	This is something that we can do for future generations of Floridians - for my grandchildren and theirs.
10/14/2021 17:50	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam and keep the lake	If you drain the lake it will never go back to the river bottom it wants was	Definitely moving out of Florida	Keeping the dam like it is and the like like it is is the only thing that makes sense	
10/14/2021 17:52	Palm Beach		No	No					I would like them to open the dam.	It will help restore natural habitats, wildlife and waterways in the area.	Further damage to the local ecosystems.	No	
10/14/2021 17:52	Outside of state / other	Carrollton, Georgia	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Other: Picnic and enjoying nature	Stability for nature and the surroundings. Cleanlier and safer for water life and wild life all along before , at and after the dam. More supportive of the environment! Up and down the river.	WILD LIFE AND THE SURVIVAL ! The health for MOTHER EARTH AND ENVIROMENT!	Destruction and loss of life and habitats . along with problems not only for the animals, mammals and the water life but to humans .	NO	
10/14/2021 17:54	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 17:56	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	A gradual drawdown over years. Removal of the dam	The forest is drowning and the unnatural impeded flow of waters	More poisons being sprayed. The beautiful river and its fish will resemble the mess at Lake Okeechobee. Causing more harmful algae and toxins released into the St John's River. The destruction of an ecosystem	Long term drawdown where the water testing would clearly show benefits	
10/14/2021 17:57	Sarasota		No	No					Restoration of the natural system	Importance of preserving natural systems	Continued loss if habitat	No	
10/14/2021 17:58	Polk		No	No					Whatever it takes to protect the manatees!	I have swam with these magnificent animals and they are so kind, sweet, and adorable that they need full protection from things that injure them.	The death of manatees.	At this point we have to save each one of the remaining manatees.	
10/14/2021 18:01	Cocoloa		No	No									
10/14/2021 18:03	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam.	Breaching the dam would restore 20 drowned springs.	Quality and quantity of water would continue to diminish.	Breach the dam.	While the bass fishermen, and the industries that support them, would be inconvenienced and perhaps hurt even more, the cost of maintaining the dam is high and falls on the shoulders of the taxpayers, and the dam will eventually have to be replaced at a very considerable expense.
10/14/2021 18:05	Alachua		No	No									
10/14/2021 18:05	Outside of state / other	Middletown, NJ	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No.	
10/14/2021 18:05	Outside of state / other	San Francisco, CA	No	No					The Ocklawaha River needs to be restored to ensure the long-term survival of manatees. This can only be achieved by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	First, restoring the Ocklawaha River will be the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in Florida as it will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Second, over 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, which will benefit many species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	By keeping the dams up, manatees would be deprived of warm water habitat, increasing their pressure towards extinction. Also, 7,500 acres of forested wetlands would remain flooded by the Rodman Reservoir, making the vital Florida Wildlife Corridor partially inaccessible for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer among others.	No. Florida wildlife is already under enormous pressures from human impact. Breaching the dam is essential to wildlife and to water quality. There is no time to wait!	You have a historic opportunity to support this exciting restoration project. I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for your state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Thank you for considering my views.
10/14/2021 18:06	Outside of state / other		No	No									The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. I urge you to restore the Great Florida Riverway.
10/14/2021 18:07	Palm Beach		No	No					The Kirkpatrick Dam needs to be breached in order to bring back and preserve the health of the Ocklawaha River.	We urgently need to protect the manatees during the cold winter months by protecting the manatee shelter and habitat provided by the Ocklawaha River. Overall, we need to restore this Florida Wildlife Corridor area that supports many Florida species.	I really cannot think of Florida without thinking of manatees- it has been tragic how many manatees we have lost this year. We need to do all that we can to protect them and ensure their survival if we are going to keep fighting the effects of algae blooms and red tides killing them off. The entire ecosystem will inevitably be affected if we lose even more manatee and keep this wetland area cut off from wildlife.	No. There have been too many man-made effects damaging our environment and we are urgently running out of time to correct all the harm that we have done. It needs to be done now before we find ourselves looking back regretfully for not taking action earlier, as we are currently finally now doing, panicking too late after all the decades of human action contributing to climate change.	Please stop doing what is best for certain tiny groups of loud and influential people's selfish interests and start doing what is right for the majority of Floridians as well as for the animals and nature. Humans need to stop thinking that they are the only important thing on the Earth and start selflessly acting for the best of all life on earth.
10/14/2021 18:10	Union		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 18:11	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating	Breach or dismantle the dam and let the Ocklawaha flow without restriction to allow the natural flow of fish and manatee movement , springs , riverbanks and swamp to reestablish itself to it's previous natural state.	I have been on the Ocklawaha river during the drawdown and have seen the springs lost to us and the devastation to the natural experience of the river. Manatees need unrestricted access to the silver river, and the whole river system from the Ocklawaha and the Silver and the Saint Johns River will benefit.	The Dam is old and in need of repair...for what? I like to fish, but I do not expect anyone to build me a fishing hole and maintain it for me for years at their expense. And if you don't pour a ton of my money into it,(which, as a taxpayer I do not want), one day, for whatever natural reason or storm, it will breach and cause unknown consequences and lawsuits for which we, the taxpayers, will bear responsibility.	NO...It is over...This is 50 years overdue. Do the right thing and breach the Dam. Figure out an attribute of the river or spring system or ecosystem to name after the late Senator Kirkpatrick, who was, after all, an outdoorsman and enjoyed our natural Florida outdoors.	I have been on the river during our obstructed flow and also during Drawdowns. There have always been plenty of fishermen pulling in lots of fish regardless. And having a good experience. The health of our river systems, our state treasure, should not be sacrificed. Our fishermen will always have a place to fish, and local businesses should see an influx of natural tourism from a return to a natural river system and the business opportunities that accommodate these people.
10/14/2021 18:11	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Breach it and let the river flow.	Invasive aquatic plant build up.	Dead river		
10/14/2021 18:17	Outside of state / other	Chicago Illinois	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 18:18	Outside of state / other	Nipomo, CA	No	No					Eliminate it and restore the natural waterway	The threat of manatee extinction.	Manatee extinction (and possibly others too).	Re-establishment of a waterway that protects adequate habitat for manatees.	DO IT!
10/14/2021 18:19	Outside of state / other	San Rafael CA	No	No					I want the problem solved.	Facts.	Things could get worse.	No.	
10/14/2021 18:19	Washington		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/14/2021 18:19	Brevard		No	No					Moving forward, I would like for the dam to be breached which would allow the Ocklawaha River to be free-flowing once again.	There are so many reasons why the dam should be breached and the reservoir drained that it is hard to choose what would be the most important one. To me, the most important and basic one is that when we try to thwart nature, we are fighting a losing battle, and when we cooperate with what is naturally in place, we reap unending benefits in every area of our lives. This truth has been proven over and over in Florida and around the world. Certainly, a grave mistake was made when this dam was built, but we can now undo that error. Thus, if we restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River, there will be innumerable advantages to our great state! The first obvious benefit will be to our state's ecology. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will allow all the native plants and animals to return where they belong. This will eliminate the need for labor and herbicide costs to kill harmful aquatic plants which the reservoir currently battles. Also, the population of the many native fish species in the river will dramatically increase. This is good for those who need the fish as a source of food and for the sport fishing industry. Since the reservoir currently drowns 20 freshwater springs, a return of the river to its original course would restore these much-needed sources of fresh water for people and animals, especially manatees. The natural floodplain would be restored which would further improve the water quality of not only the Ocklawaha River, but also of the Silver River and the St. John's River. This is of far-reaching and long-lasting health and economic importance to the entire State of Florida. Currently, the state spends millions of tax dollars to maintain the reservoir including draw-downs, herbicide application, dredging, etc... All of that is just to try to maintain a useless, manmade problem. After the initial costs to restore the river, the state will gain huge, ongoing revenues due to the many different types of ecotourism and related industries which will blossom as the river system returns to its rightful location. To continue to waste money on an unneeded boondoggle when instead the state could be increasing revenues every year is not an option. Let's make the best, most intelligent decisions for our great state both now and for our future!	My biggest concern is that Florida Taxpayers will be forced to waste millions upon millions of dollars to maintain this failed and harmful dam project and that Florida's already damaged ecology will continue to deteriorate when a simple solution could reestablish its former glory and increase economic growth.	No, because nothing short of breaching the dam will benefit the State of Florida and right the many wrongs that have been caused by building this dam in the first place. It's time to restore our great State of Florida!	I love Florida! Please save my state! Please do the right thing: breach the dam and allow the Ocklawaha River to flow naturally where it once did. Thank you.
10/14/2021 18:20	Outside of state / other	St Louis	No	No					Remove the Dam so the Ocklawaha River can free flow again.	This is one of the most fruitful ways to aid the survival of manatees, and benefit other wildlife trying to survive in Florida.	Not removing the Dam is a continuing threat to the survival of manatees and a blow to other species that need the land presently underwater at a time when the Earth's resources are destroyed by man.	This is a simple but very important action that would benefit much of Florida's wildlife, but nothing else is as likely to save the manatees.	I am hoping to travel again as the Pandemic fades, and it is the natural habitants of Florida that draw me there, especially to see wildlife,unlike where I live.
10/14/2021 18:22	Outside of state / other	new hampshire	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 18:31	Glades		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I want to see protections placed on the wildlife and the riparian ecosystem restored to a more natural & sustainable state	Wildlife populations, including that of the manatees, continues to plummet. If balance is not restored, we will lose more of our essential species, resulting in the destruction of this delicate ecosystem	Further extinction and habitat loss - irreparable damages		
10/14/2021 18:31	Broward		No	No					The ver needs to be restored and the dam destroyed.	Manatees, along with other seriously endangered native Florida wildlife are more and more threatened and this project could create a vital "safe place" for them.	Species will become extinct. If we don't go ahead with this project . The thought of having had a chance to save manatees, Florida black bears, Florida panthers, and done nothing to save them is horrifying.	No	We should protect what is left of these aaging animals. People should care.
10/14/2021 18:32	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	Yes	No					Protect the wildlife and natural habitat!	The more destruction to the ecological balance, the more we are unbalancing all life on the planet!	If we don't protect and preserve biodiversity the entire planet will not continue to support life, ultimately ANY life!!!	NO	Our Officials need to do their job, not look for ways to satisfy the greed, corruption and short-sighted profit of the grifters at the expense of the planet!

10/14/2021 18:35	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No				I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state of Florida and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, which will benefit beautiful species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, which harms their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to negatively impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	I don't believe so. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer, and I hope they will not have to wait long.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to please restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for Florida's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River should provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Sadly, 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter. This is not sustainable. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for beautiful creatures, including Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for considering my comments. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and lover of Florida's beautiful wildlife. Have a wonderful day.
10/14/2021 18:35	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the area left as is	I've enjoyed the dam area and see no need for changes	Alot of people enjoy the dam and surrounding areas. This needs to be preserved. Many local businesses depend on the income generated by folks that visit		
10/14/2021 18:36	Citrus		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam, thereby helping manatees and other wildlife.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the state's most impacting manatee habitat restoration project and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. More than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or upgraded, benefiting species such as Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, eagles and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, jeopardizing their chances of future survival. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forest swamps inundated by the Rodman Reservoir and would continue to impact species such as Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Wildlife Corridor of Florida.	No. The dam failure is 50 years late. Wildlife and water quality can't wait any longer.	As a Florida environmentally concerned stakeholder, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially fish. ox. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resilience and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is extremely important to me as a stakeholder and will enormously benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 18:44	Broward		No	No					minimize	manatees	manatees decline	no dam	no dam
10/14/2021 18:47	St Lucie		No	No									
10/14/2021 18:47	Brevard		No	No					I would like for the dam to be breached which would allow the Ocklawaha River to be free-flowing once again.	There are so many reasons why the dam should be breached and the reservoir drained. When we try to change nature, we lose, and when we cooperate with what is naturally in place, we win. This fact has proven to be true not only in Florida, but around the world. Certainly, a terrible mistake was made when constructing this dam, but we can now undo that error. Thus, if we restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River, there will be innumerable advantages to our great state! The first obvious benefit will be to our state's ecology. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will allow all the native plants and animals to return where they belong. This eliminates labor and herbicide costs to kill harmful aquatic plants which the reservoir currently battles. Also, the population of the many native fish species in the river will dramatically increase as they return to their historical breeding waters. This is good for those who need the fish as a source of food and for the sport fishing industry. Since the reservoir is covering 20 freshwater springs, a return of the river to its original course would restore these much-needed sources of fresh water for our citizens and our wild animals, especially manatees. The natural floodplain would be restored which would greatly improve the water quality of not only the Ocklawaha River, but also of the Silver River and the St. John's River. The health and economic importance of this applies to the entire State of Florida. At present, our state spends millions of tax dollars to maintain the reservoir including draw-downs, herbicide application, dredging, etc... All of that is just to try to maintain a useless, manmade problem. After the initial outlays to restore the river, the state will receive ongoing and ever-increasing revenues due to the many different types of ecotourism and other industries which will flourish as the river system returns to its rightful location. To continue to waste money on an unneeded, unsightly project when the state could be increasing revenues every year is not a logical option. Let's make the best, most intelligent decisions for Floridians and tourists both now and for our future!	It would be very concerning if Florida taxpayers are forced to waste additional millions of dollars to maintain this failed and harmful dam/reservoir project. It would be horrible if Florida's already damaged ecology should be allowed to continue to deteriorate when a simple solution could reestablish its former glory and increase economic growth.	No, because nothing short of breaching the dam will benefit the State of Florida and right the many wrongs that have been caused by building this dam/reservoir.	Florida is a special place to live! Please save our state! Please do what's best for everyone: breach the dam and allow the Ocklawaha River to flow naturally where it once did. It's time to restore our great State of Florida! Thank you.
10/14/2021 18:49	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 18:51	Outside of state / other	Saint Louis, MO	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential winter habitat for hundreds of manatees, while 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Climate change threatens manatee habitat, and keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter protection, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Manatees and other Florida wildlife have enough threats. They need the damn to be removed.	As family, including a 9 yo niece, live in Florida, and as a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This project will also revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, key in the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Restoration will allow greater freedom for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will
10/14/2021 18:52	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/14/2021 18:54	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 18:54	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 18:55	Outside of state / other	Charleston SC	No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	The Kirkpatrick Dam should be removed to restore the Ocklawaha River.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. It would also make a huge difference to the survival of Florida manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future, and would continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer, and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment, and wildlife.

10/14/2021 18:57	Collier		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/14/2021 18:58	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the dam that holds back the Ocklawah river and restore the Great Florida Riverway.	The spike in the deaths of manatees and the inaccessibility of additional feeding grounds.	The extinction of Manatees	If Manatees become extinct because of lack of habitat, other species will follow and this will impact the population and the economy of the State. There is no alternative scenario.	Please restore the Great Florida Riverway.
10/14/2021 18:59	Outside of state / other	Rhode Island	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Thriving ecosystem with tons of wildlife. Peaceful place to visit and enjoy the outdoors	That people would not be able to behold the beauty of this wonderful place like I enjoy doing. I've brought my family here many times	No	Please also consider the safe haven the the reservoir provides for the manatees
10/14/2021 19:01	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	No					Manatees are in real peril. Please protect habitat for manatees and other wildlife by restoring the Great Florida Riverway.	Manatee mortality data	Manatee mortality	no	
10/14/2021 19:02	Outside of state / other		No	No					Breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.		
10/14/2021 19:05	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					you must be mindful of taking every effort to protect ALL wildlife in your area.	it's obvious -- this planet will self-destruct because of uncaring politicians.	Realizing politicians are only interested in their own gains -- not Mother Nature's.		
10/14/2021 19:05	Outside of state / other	Westborough, MA 01581	No	No									
10/14/2021 19:08	Outside of state / other	Island Heights, NJ 08732	No	No					Allowing a natural unjodylted passage for sea creatures.	Dams block the natural flow of water	Manatees would become extinct.		
10/14/2021 19:11	Outside of state / other	Arkansas	No	No					I want to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The river provides habitat, including warm water, urgently needed by Florida's manatees. The manatees are already dying in record numbers this year. Please do not make matter's worse. To lose this rare and special species would be a tragedy. Over 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor would be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	The loss of Florida's Manatees would be tragic. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. This would be a further tragedy.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 19:12	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam to be dismantled and let the river basin return to its natural flow.	The dam was only built for the canal. The canal was terminated. There is no further need for the dam/reservoir.	Continuing to ruin the natural environment.	No	
10/14/2021 19:12	Outside of state / other	Santa Barbara, CA	No	No					Do whatever it takes to Protect Manatees!!!	good science and morality	we lose the manatees, or they continue to be injured, chopped up alive by boaters and others, and killed by various toxins, insufficient water and space.d	?	just do what it takes to Protect Manatees, and other animals and the Earth, for that matter.
10/14/2021 19:13	Sumter		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam stay as it is now.	Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam we're built in 1968 , 53 years ago. The reservoir it's self has become a complex ecosystem over the years and home to many species of animals especially birds.	To remove the Dam would destroy the ecosystem which the reservoir has become. It would also destroy the flood plain swamp which supports more habitats than the Ocklawaha River did before impoundment.	No	Keep the Dam. The ecosystem it has created is thriving.
10/14/2021 19:17	Outside of state / other	Hawaii	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $17 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	We need to save these harmless creatures, and if we don't do it now, we may never be able to! If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	NONE whatsoever. How can you compromise on a life or death issue? It's either life for manatees or death to manatees.	Please search your conscience, and it will tell you to save these animals before it's too late.
10/14/2021 19:19	Alachua		No	No					restoring the Ocklawaha River to ensure the survival of manatees and other wildlife that are damaged by the dam.	research by the defenders of wildlife and other conservation advocates	the future of our wildlife, the beauty and health of our environment and our tourism will be permanently impacted	no	It is time to do all we can to reverse the damage done by the dam and over development in our state
10/14/2021 19:19	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	No					I urge you to restore the GREAT FLORIDA RIVERWAY	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. ☆ One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	The survival of manatees and other wildlife will be in great peril. These decisions we are making now are critical to the survival of a healthy ecology, thriving wildlife and a promising future for our new children and our country.	We need to restore our riverway. We need to think long term.	Thank you for your consideration.
10/14/2021 19:21	Outside of state / other		No	No					Ideally, we'd breach the Kirkpatrick Dam so that we can restore the Ocklawaha River.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River would be the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees--that are so desperately in danger. Additionally, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. A win-win-win-win.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would prevent the manatees from reaching winter habitat, further endangering their chances for survival. It would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact all of the aforementioned species as they would be unable to travel easily through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Unfortunately, no. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue, and our wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer if we hope to maintain our precious biodiversity and the integrity of our natural resources.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for doing all you can to ensure we safeguard our natural spaces and all the precious species that call them home.
10/14/2021 19:22	Outside of state / other	Hawaii	No	No					Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	NO	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 19:24	Columbia		No	No			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the long-term survival of manatees. This river system, with over 20 connected springs, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. With the species in crisis and many more die-offs likely if habitat is not restored, we need to do all we can to keep them safe from fatal temperatures.	Manatees are dying at an extensive rate, and are in danger of extinction.	These gentle giants will become extinct!	No !	It is vital to the survival of the Manatee that the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, be restored so that warm water habitat can supply essential warm water for the manatees
10/14/2021 19:26	Hillsborough		No	Yes									
10/14/2021 19:30	Outside of state / other	Chandler, Arizona, USA	No	No					I want to see habitat maintained, land and marine.	All life needs to meet certain requirements to live its best life. Some vegetative and climatic changes will not support the native flora and fauna, so care must be taken not to disrupt the natural habitat.	Endangerment and/or extinction of native species.	Do whatever you can to mitigate altering the environment to not drive species into extinction.	We don't have much time left. If we don't act while we are able, we will lose precious life.
10/14/2021 19:31	Outside of state / other	Warwick, RI	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 19:31	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	please remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river	protect the natural environment and health of the river	continuing silting and and loss of habitat for the wildlife	no, the dam must be removed	
10/14/2021 19:31	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the water system to its original state.	Reports by the St. John's Riverkeeper	Increased salinity of the St. Johns River disturbs ecosystems and harms fishing.	Partially opening the dam	
10/14/2021 19:40	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 19:40	Orange		No	No					This has been talked about and put off for years. The construction of the dam was done by the corps when they thought every project should conquer nature instead of work with it. It's time to let nature heal.	That this is a very cost effective use of environmental dollars.	That we are once again missing an opportunity to fix something the corps damaged.	Government tends to spend money where it will put money in the pockets of companies that will make political donations. Nature doesn't make political contributions so it always gets short changed.	
10/14/2021 19:42	Outside of state / other	Arcata, CA	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Furthermore, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer!	
10/14/2021 19:43	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					I respectfully urge you to be environmentaly responsible on the project.	Being environmentally conscious overall	Detrimental impact to the environment	Continue to have the best interests of the environment in mind and ever working towards this goal	thank you

10/14/2021 19:46	Outside of state / other	Pittsburgh, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 19:49	Collier		No	No					I own a vacation condo in Collier County. I want the manatees protected as Endangered Species. The manatees are Florida residents and they deserve the same protections to a right to thrive and survive in their native habitat. "Life, liberty and justice for all" includes animals.	The number of manatees have plummeted in the past couple of years. All efforts must be made to restore their environment with full protections.	Devestation to the manatee as a native specie in Florida. Their denial of U.S. Constitutional rights as living beings that live in Florida.	No.	I expect full restoration of habitat with full protections.
10/14/2021 19:53	Broward		No	No					conscious effort to protect wildlife especially the increasingly endangered manatee	I don't know	extinction of a precious animal		
10/14/2021 19:51	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 19:52	Monroe		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removed to reinstate natural water flow.	Environmental impacts of altering natural flow	Environmental impacts to native fisheries and spring health	No	
10/14/2021 19:54	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the area restored to what it was like pre-damming		The detriment to natural resources	No	
10/14/2021 20:00	Outside of state / other	Monterey, Ca.	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 20:00	Washington		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 20:01	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 20:01	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the reservoir drained	Manatee survival. This project has killed how many Manatees so far? Getting caught in the locks, the loss of natural springs, which is their home, the ability to freely navigate the Silver River/St John's corridor.	That fish stocks in the Silver River system would continue to decline, that Manatee populations would be more difficult to get on the upswing	I don't think there is a suitable "in between" outcome. I have followed this issue since the 70's and have yet to hear, or see one proposed.	We have the money and the time. Almost any cost/benefit study proves this out. The beauty of a restored Ocklawaha River compared to the blight of the current reservoir only reinforces the removal of this dam.
10/14/2021 20:05	Outside of state / other	Alaska	No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 20:06	Marion		No	No									
10/14/2021 20:06	Outside of state / other	Norfolk, Virginia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I lived in Jacksonville, FL for 2 years when I was in the service. Just about every year I visit FL for 2 weeks to see my baby sister who recently retired from the Air Force. Most of our traveling is to nature and historic sites in Florida and its State Parks. I would like Florida to maintain and even improve upon its natural heritage. I am a monthly contributor to Florida Fish & Wildlife.
10/14/2021 20:07	Outside of state / other	California	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	As a native of Key West,Florida I would demand that manatees are not only protected but must have areas where no motor boats are allowed.	Manatees are gentle kind creatures and people in their motor boats are not native to the rivers and inland water meat .	The likely hood that manatees would go extinct.	No	
10/14/2021 20:08	Orange		No	No									
10/14/2021 20:10	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see it removed to restore the natural river system. I would like to see the springs covered by the reservoir revealed. I would like to see the restoration of spawning striped bass as a sport fishery.	I've read several articles on the subject and consistently see social media posts highlighting the issue.	The continuing alteration of the water shed and a striped bass population that relies completely on stocking to sustain it. I like the idea of sustainable and diverse fisheries.	If it's possible, allow a way for striped bass to proceed far enough upriver with enough current to successfully spawn.	
10/14/2021 20:10	Outside of state / other		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is.	The massive amounts of wildlife that make that reservoir home. I've never seen so many healthy manatees in my life as I've seen in Rodman the last couple of years. They are healthy in that lake and dieing in others.	I feel a lot of wildlife would suffer as well as a lot of folks losing their source of income. Not to mention all the folks that would lose such a gem of placefor recreation.	No. Leave it be.	
10/14/2021 20:10	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Wildlife photography	It is one of the very few remaining untouched natural habitats in the state. It's natural oxbows, ever changing pathways, and water quality is pretty much unmatched. The fishing is trophy quality year round, and the reservoir is known around the country as a pristine body of water.	For me it is personal. I took my grandson there when he was 10 years old to fish for a personal best. It was a guided trip. My grandson and I caught and released 32 fish in a four hour period, with two trophies and dozens of amazing mid size fish. I spent $700 on that weekend and have done it again and again since and I am but one of hundreds, thousands who refer to Rodman as the home of the next world record.	All one needs do is review the genius work on the Kissimmee River. The "best and brightest" destroyed a premier body of water and turned Lake Okeechobee into a phosphate and nitrogen polluted nightmare.	I'd have to hear ideas before I could honestly answer the question. But I'm always willing to listen to fresh ideas.	
10/14/2021 20:11	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Other: Also fish where they join St. Johns River	Enhance the bass habitat.	Since the eel grass has died off in St. Johns River, bass fishing has decreased and Rodman is a good option to go to.	Bass fishing decrease in the area.	No	Don't destroy the bass habitat like has been done to St Johns River.
10/14/2021 20:12	Broward		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Maintain them	Manatee destruction			
10/14/2021 20:14	Outside of state / other	Rapid River, Michigan	No	No					Making sure the water is clean for the environment which includes any living thing.	Seeing waste being filtered in with clean water and animals perishing because their food source is very limited.	Pollution in the area which is contaminating the environment.	To begin with, stop allowing companies to destroy natural beauty on earth.	When one sees too many animals dying off, that tells you something is wrong.
10/14/2021 20:15	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Wildlife viewing	preserve the fantastic fishing industry! preserve the amazing wildlife and ecosystem of the Rodman Reservoir.		that a large sum of money is again wasted when there are so many better uses for those funds.		
10/14/2021 20:15	Outside of state / other	but my parents had a home in Florid	No	No									As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 20:16	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaking the Dam to prevent harm to the economy, water Quality and wildlife	This i the best opportunity to do this. State and federalti funding are vailable; environmental needs are critical; the Dam is unsafe.	The Dam is unsafe and water and wildlife would be severely compromised.	No. Breaching this dam is 50 years overdue! Dam safety, watr quality and wildlife can't wait.!	
10/14/2021 20:18	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		See it be opened and flowing freely again. The dam should never have been built.				
10/14/2021 20:24	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	breach the Dam	manatee survival	manatees	no	
10/14/2021 20:26	Outside of state / other	Chicago, IL	No	No					Breach the dam to provide warm water habitat for endangered manatees.				
10/14/2021 20:27	Jefferson		No	No								Would have to see it.	

10/14/2021 20:28	Citrus		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a farmer who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 20:31	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing						
10/14/2021 20:32	Outside of state / other	MI	No	No					It should not be moving forward. These are not environmentally safe for people or wildlife.	The history of dams and their impact on the environment is not a good thing. They tend to do more damage than good. Many of the dams that have been built over the years are being removed. Now is not the time for this with the instability of our climate.	The damage to the environment and lives that will be affected by this. All life matters not just human. We need to keep the balance in order to protect all life. A dam is not going to keep the balance, it is going to harm it.	Leave it as it is!		
10/14/2021 20:36	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removed and restored to previous condition.	Seeing negatively impacted wildlife "downstream."	No possible restoration	No		
10/14/2021 20:37	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 20:39	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave them alone. It will ruin this areas water, fishing,tourism,camping. Main issue is the low water levels that will destroy our river.	Look at the draw down that happens to control vegetation. Horrible. It helps with kill the vegetation but leaves the waters in horrible shape.	Ruining our river and all waters affected. It would stop us from fishing, camping, canoes.	Zero. Leave the dams alone!!		We need our fish to eat. We are pour out here and rely on out water for recreation and food.
10/14/2021 20:40	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is.	I travel there twice per year and always catch and release trophy bass. Plus I see many ospreys, eagles, alligators and many manatees.	The whole ecology of the lake would be destroyed. I stay at a hotel in Silver Springs, hire a guide, shop and eat in the area while there. So the whole economy of the area will suffer. I'm afraid if the dam is removed hundreds of manatees will die.	None		I live in Illinois and travel there twice per year for the fishing in Rodman. I spend a considerable sum in the area each year. If this fishery is destroyed I will go to a different state to fish.
10/14/2021 20:40	Broward		No	No					Protect Manitees	protect manatees	another pet rich quick scheme has been approved by politicians	yes, do not build another dam		
10/14/2021 20:43	Pinellas		No	No					Get rid of it	The riverway is obstructed and this affects manatees and other wildlife badly.	Manatees and wildlife put at greater and greater risk.	No		
10/14/2021 20:47	Outside of state / other	Charleston sc	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Is like to see it stay the same as it is. Rodman holds great large mouth fishing. Removing this dam would ruin the reservoir for fishing.		Bass fishing not being the same. Wouldnt return to area.			Think of the money the bass fishers bring in and bring to the local economy.
10/14/2021 20:49	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River for all sea life especially manatees. ♡	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	More destruction from climate change.	None as this River this is long overdue for restoration and clean up.		Please help nature as soon as possible thanks.
10/14/2021 20:53	Outside of state / other	currently Salt lake City formerly CA	No	No					abandoning this money making scam	past history of destructive dams in the west	Loss of wildlife.	yes, do not build another dam		study past history of bungling dams and their destruction of the environment.
10/14/2021 20:56	Lake		Yes	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Environmentally friendly Viewing.	Love wildlife there.	Loss of wildlife.	No. The Protection of wildlife must be complete or it doesn't count.		
10/14/2021 20:57	Collier		No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam! Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Give manatees their essential warm water winter springs habitat	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait!!!		
10/14/2021 21:01	Outside of state / other	Dunlap, TN.	No	Yes	1 time			Fishing	I would like it to be left as is. There is a lot of wild life that needs to be left alone. The fishing is great so it needs to stay that way. I enjoyed my visit there the wea it is.	My experience I had while being there. It was enjoyable being there for the first time. I like to see it stay the way it is.	The wild life being affected and fishing being diminished.	It just depends on what is going to happen.		Do not mess up a good thing.
10/14/2021 21:06	Broward		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Just look at all the dead manatees state wide ! Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	More dead manatees or they become extinct and the ecosystem in Floridsh collapses!	No !		Save the manatees ! Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam !
10/14/2021 21:09	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 21:12	Outside of state / other	Englewood Co	No	No					That it be removed, unless doing so would cause harm to human populations in the area. Perhaps the Dam could be removed & they could retain the Reservoir if needed?	Research into the problems the manatee is facing due to loss of habitat, diminished range of sea grass available for them to eat, the reality that human interaction with manatees has some times been destructive for the manatees, and climate change could bring new challenges to the life of the manatees as well. Reading the info provided by Floridaswater farmstack.com regarding the issue of the Rodman Reservoir & Kirkpatrick Dam is been true of so many dams and other reservations of natural streams worldwide that have broken natural migrations of fish and wildlife, and some times people need the realize that there are times when we need to rethink our actions and make better choices to step into the future with better consequences. Joan Sawtelle	That the manatee and other creatures that would use the rivers would lose one more habitat they desperately need and have always deserved. The manatees are starving. They are already endangered. One of my biggest concerns in this matter is the survival of the manatees.	As mentioned above, maybe a compromise of sorts. Perhaps the dam could be removed and keep the reservoir. Although I don't know of the engineering involved, if that would be possible. Are the two connected?		Ultimately, I think it would be wise for those involved in making this decision to consider the long term ramifications of their choice. Opening the rivers could return habitat for species who need it to live. As pointed out in your info, it could also open up areas for river activities for people, although it might be advisable to portion some areas as a wildlife refuge & prohibit hunting of the manatees and other endangered species. Require fishing permits and place limits on catches. Returning the rivers to their homes will mean a lot of change, and all people who will be affected by the decision should be able to have a vote on this matter. I don't live there, but I love the manatee and all of nature, so I offer my opinion from this perspective. At the same time, I hope that people who are most affected by the choice can have a vote on the matter, that their voices will be heard. I don't know if the dam and reservoir are essential for these folks, but if so, perhaps they can find an answer to benefit both the wildlife and the people.
10/14/2021 21:13	Duval		Yes	No					Keep it the same	Tourism	Lose Tourism	No		I participated in a meeting that had two Water management District directors in city hall in Jacksonville. The St. Johns Riverkeeper was present. Dr. Shortelle had a handout listing the reservoir as a positive benefit. I believe that position and concern exists today as an emergency water source.
10/14/2021 21:14	Outside of state / other	Santa Cruz, CA 950 60	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		
10/14/2021 21:14	Outside of state / other	CT	No	No					Taken down.	The severe, damaging effects on wildlife when structures are imposed on waterways.	The extinction of manatees.	No.		Just stop destroying the wildlife.
10/14/2021 21:16	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/14/2021 21:17	Calhoun		No	No										
10/14/2021 21:21	Jackson		No	Yes	1 time		1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawah River is the most impactful manatee restoration project in the state and would provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No.		The state of Florida is not doing enough to save the manatee population.
10/14/2021 21:21	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other	I think it needs to stay as it is.It is a god sourceof rash water for the county. Returning it will only destroy the current ecosystem. It will take more than a 200 years to return it to somewhat it use to be be, In the meantime we may need the water and then is a live and growing ecosystem prevnt there now. No guarantee that the old eco system would return.	North Florida is growing and fresh drinking water is going to be a premium Central Florida is already drawing watr from our area to take care of its current residents. Taking it away will only increase the burden.	Loss of fresh drinking water for North Florida. It is great to be concerned about the animals, birds and etc but not over people	no		
10/14/2021 21:25	Orange		No	No					Open the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the normal flow of water Florida was mean to have.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No		
10/14/2021 21:32	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/14/2021 21:33	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	I would like to see it dismoed.	Declination of wildlife population.	Declination of wildlife.			
10/14/2021 21:36	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the reservoir drained.	The loss of habitat for fish and manatees due to the river's impoundment is unacceptable in this age of rapidly declining species.	The tragedy of keeping the lost springs lost.	No. The dam has served no purpose and needs to come down.		
10/14/2021 21:38	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					Protect the manatees		They will die off.			
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10/14/2021 21:52	Lake		No	No					For someone who does not fish, but kayaks and enjoys wildlife observation opportunities, I have had no incentive to visit Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam. I am familiar with the damage that the continued existence of this dam presents. Moving forward I would like the dam be breached and the reservoir allowed to return to a natural river flow. This would attract my patronage, enjoyment and support.	The most important piece of information (aka fact) is the deterioration of the dam structure, danger of its failing due to the age (50 yo) and impacting negatively the landowners by flooding. It is time to remove the structure and not waste taxpayer money on its maintenance.	My biggest concern is the continued impact on manatees that have gotten killed by the structure, are prevented from benefitting from the submerged springs and prevented from traveling safely along the river.	Drawing down the reservoir 11-12 ft to allow the submerged vegetation to reestablish forested wetlands and springs to reemerge that can benefit the manatee population. BUT I believe that the time is right to fully implement the desired outcome to remove the dam and allow the river to flow freely.	Because of the environmental damage that the construction of the dam and creation of the reservoir has wrought, I and many nature enthusiasts have not visited. For me it has been about the manatee deaths that I have known about for the 20+ years I have lived in this area. I don't want to support this unnatural and destructive structure. People who fish for recreation have decreased while people who partake in wildlife observation, paddle, paddle board, and birdwatch have increased. The conversion of the dam and reservoir would provide a boost to the local economy by opening up opportunities to construct a nature center, paddle outfitters, boat ramps/pavilions, and nature observation areas. This part of the state has had a long history of depressed economy, look at Palatka to see that it is not a big destination, but opening up the recreational opportunities would benefit Putnam County in new and more modern ways. Thank you for giving citizens like me an opportunity to speak on this important issue.
10/14/2021 21:56	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the dam	Declining fish population and the gaining of increased habitat for manatees	Disappearing wildlife	No	
10/14/2021 21:57	Washington		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/14/2021 21:57	Outside of state / other	Johnstown, Pennsylvania	No	No					I would like to see that they are maintained and preserved for the ecological integrity of the area and for the habitat of the wildlife within.	The ecological health of every habitat maintains the food chain and ecological health of the planet.	Loss of the ecological health of the planet and any future discoveries by the loss of species.		
10/14/2021 22:04	Outside of state / other	9221 Pioneer Place, Aromas, CA 9502	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 22:07	Palm Beach		No	No					That regulations be put in place to protect the Manatees.		I'm concerned about the increase of Manatee deaths.		
10/14/2021 22:08	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/14/2021 22:09	Outside of state / other	an but have visited Florida numerous	No	Yes	2-5 times		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: in the above, "in the last 5 years" is the correct answer	Breach the dam in order to restore the Ocklawaha river	Although it is most important to provide warm water in the winter for manatees to survive, restoration and improvement of the Florida wildlife corridor will benefit endangered Florida panthers as well as bobcats, bald eagles and black bears.	continued loss of high numbers of manatees as well as increased threats to Florida panthers	No. Other dams around the country are being breached/removed for the benefit of both wildlife and humans, i.e. promoting salmon runs and improving river flow to control flooding downstream. It is long past time to improve the water quality and wildlife habitat so adversely affected by the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Manatees are unique to Florida and a draw for tourists. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is a win for Florida's economy as well as wildlife and the environment.
10/14/2021 22:14	Hernando		No	Yes	1 time		More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam. 100%	Removal of the dam would ruin one of the greatest bass fishing lakes in the world, not just Florida but the entire world. I'm not big on words but it really is that simple.	It would be devastating to anyone who lives on the lake and fishes. It would eliminate one of the greatest bass lakes in existence.	No. Absolutely not. The dam has been there decades longer than I've been alive. No sense in getting rid of it now.	Thank you.
10/14/2021 22:15	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time			Other: I only drove there to see it, not to use the artificial waterbody it creates. I prefer natural aquatic habitats of Florida, not man made ones.	Removal. Rapid removal with extensive riparian restoration efforts.	Oh dear there are so many! Our aquatic web of life is cut off from spawning grounds and winter refuge. There are thousands of species dependent upon the ecosystem in its entirety... all the way up to Silver Springs, not to mentioned the habitat all of the other drowned springs could provide during winter months.	That aquatic species diversity continues to dwindle and an easily reversed environmental atrocity would continue standing in the way of environmental restoration.	No. The dam needs to be completely removed so the entire region can begin the slow process of healing.	I do not understand why a water management district would even consider repairing a structure of this magnitude that serves no purpose when there is so much good to gain from its removal. Please do the right thing. If you feel on the fence, give me a call, I will take you out to lunch!
10/14/2021 22:22	Outside of state / other	ct	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 22:24	Outside of state / other	San Diego, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I do not have to live in Florida to demand that the government start taking care of one of the nation's natural treasures. How is this even up for debate? As an elementary school teacher, it sickens me every time I have to tell children that, yet, another species, which is a wonder to behold, is in danger due to greed and corruption. Who would ever want to visit your state, with their tourist dollars, when it has lost all its intrinsic beauty? Do the right thing for once. Take care of your manatees, other wildlife, and your water.
10/14/2021 22:26	Baker		No	No						As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.				
10/14/2021 22:27	Outside of state / other	San Jose,CA	No	No					Have the river restored.		The plight of the manatees.		
10/14/2021 22:28	Marion		No	No					Unleashing 20 springs		Wasted money. for a project that should not have been done	No	
10/14/2021 22:28	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like it to be preserved for the outdoors men	it's beautiful and Florida is being too touristy	A disconnect from nature	No. Why change something that's not broken	
10/14/2021 22:34	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No									
10/14/2021 22:34	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restored to a naturally flowing river by breaching the dam.	The Cross-Florida Barge Canal was a bad idea to begin with and negatively impacted Florida's natural resources.	That the Oklawaha River remains compromised and impaired.	Not really.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment
10/14/2021 22:37	Alachua		No	No					Allow the natural water flow that once was to allow a more natural ecosystem.	Rodman Dam, near Palatka, is completed closing off flow of the Ocklawaha River, flooding more than 7,300 acres of forested wetlands, 16 miles of river and at least 20 springs, and blocking upstream migration of many fish and aquatic species impacting the ecosystem from the St. Johns River to Silver Springs and beyond. Additionally, it prevented boats from navigating the entire river system.	We are inhibiting nature from its natural course and having to do things like " stock fish" that would otherwise flourish without the dam.	No	
10/14/2021 22:39	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Plus, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. And, Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 22:45	Palm Beach		No	No					Save				I just purchased a home in Abacoa and am new to the area but am concerned and want to save wildlife.
10/14/2021 22:47	Pinellas		No	No									
10/14/2021 22:49	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave Rodman's the way it is. It is the most incredible fishery in Florida.	It is well known worldwide and besides the fantastic fishing, the economical impact in the area is vital.	Economic hardship in the community that cannot be replaced	No	I thought this was settled years ago. Bringing it up again is a betrayal to the local community and a waste of time and taxpayer dollars

10/14/2021 22:49	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 22:50	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					Taken down	We need to save our ocean species, and dams interfere with this, killing millions each year. Our planet is dying because of human interference. Beavers build dams, not people.	The rest of the ocean, and its inhabitants, dying.	Allow some flow around the dam.	Why must we kill our oceans, and ourselves?
10/14/2021 22:51	Outside of state / other	Aptos, CA 95003	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/14/2021 22:57	Outside of state / other	San Luis Obispo, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer, and restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor and deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 22:58	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	The degradation of silver springs. Especially the lack of native , migratory fish. It has been shown time and time again that free flowing rivers are best for a natural ecosystem.	Not having a natural, free flowing waterway.	No	I have fished, boated, and hunted in Rodman for virtually my whole life. I can still do this on the free flowing ocklawaha. The reality is we need to start thinking about what we can do to improve and not degrade Florida's environment. This may be one good thing we can do in our lifetime. Lawrence J Sutton DDS Ocala, Fl
10/14/2021 22:59	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam - restore the historic flow.	Florida Springs have been damaged by the dam. Florida is losing a precious resource.	An opportunity to restore natural habitats is lost.	Natural Florida is being lost at an unprecedented rate. Restoration is needed wherever possible. It is possible at Rodman.	Time to stand up and save our natural Florida.
10/14/2021 23:00	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	id love to see the reservoir protected.	The damn is keeping the algae killing the manatees food supply out. This is a community, state, and national sportsman's dream and detrimental to our struggling local economy	That the land will become a housing development and the wildlife will have to start over again	Drawdowns more often.	
10/14/2021 23:02	Franklin		No	No					Restore & ReUnite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers... REMOVE the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Removing the Dam Restores Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers.... save manatee habitat .. let the water return... to it's natural flow.. Save Millions of $$$	Water quality will continue to decline, wildlife will suffer.... blue-green algae kills...forests will not be restored, water filtration... and many many more	NO!! Absolutely Not!!! If this was to go through at any level... Florida will once again demonstrate how stupid they are about environment... Instead of supporting and enhancing one of the greatest environments in the United States.... they choose to trash it... demonstrating how greedy and ignorant they are.	Florida should treasure its unique environment and ecosystem... not destroy it.
10/14/2021 23:02	Alachua		No	No					Preserved as is.	NA	Destroy local ecosystem.	No.	
10/14/2021 23:03	Outside of state / other	Las Cruces, NM	No	No					Restore the Great Florida Riverway for manatees and other wildlife!	the overwhelming statistics of dead manatees	extinction of manatees	no	Manatees are at extreme risk of becoming extinct. That should not be happening to this species. It is preventable. Extinction is forever !
10/14/2021 23:10	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
10/14/2021 23:21	Outside of state / other	Erie, PA	No	No					Breach the dam and restore the original ecosystem.	This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor especially for the manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 23:22	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breaching of the Kirkpatrick Dam in order to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns Rivers, and 50 springs would be restored. $4 to 14 million dollars in repairs would be saved on a dam that is way past its life expectancy.	Water quality will decline, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The lost forests would not be restored that could provide wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. It is shameful that it has taken this long to correct the destruction of such a precious natural wonder that was the Great Florida Riverway!	
10/14/2021 23:25	Broward		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please immediately RESTORE and PROTECT the Great Florida Riverway for Manatees and other Animals, Nature, and Wildlife. Please take immediate action for Manatees as they are endangered.	Manatees are dying all over Florida - if you fail to protect them they will disappear, as well as other Wildlife. Please immediately RESTORE and PROTECT the Great Florida Riverway for Manatees and other Animals, Nature, and Wildlife. Please take immediate action for Manatees as they are endangered.	Manatees are dying all over Florida - if you fail to protect them they will disappear, as well as other Wildlife.	You need to make major changes to save them, not half-baked actions.	Manatees are dying all over Florida - if you fail to protect them they will disappear, as well as other Wildlife.
10/14/2021 23:35	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it alone, it's a vital area that provides a habitat for so many species. It is a safe haven for manatee to eat and flourish. It's a great area to fish.		Loss of wildlife.	No	
10/14/2021 23:38	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Unfortunately not. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/14/2021 23:41	Alachua		No	No					I'd like the river to be fixed	I worry that manatee will not have access to warmer springs	Die off of manatee	No, the dam must be breached	
10/14/2021 23:46	Polk		Yes	No					Whatever is needed to keep it a positive in our ecosystem	decline of manatees	the loss of another species and what they will do	I don't have enough education on this subject to suggest anything	
10/14/2021 23:48	Outside of state / other	california	No	No					i would like manatee habitat to be preserved	everything	manatees would lose their home	no	
10/14/2021 23:55	Outside of state / other	Albany, California	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/14/2021 23:58	Hamilton		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Don't you want to do whatever is possible to save these manatees? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment, and wildlife.
10/15/2021 0:07	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					Conservation efforts to support a healthy, sustainable and ongoing Manatee population.	Increasing losses to the Florida Manatee population.	Ongoing loss of Manatee as a result of poor stewardship by humans... which are in fact the most destructive invasive species on earth.	Given the potential proposals thus far, NO!	
10/15/2021 0:18	Outside of state / other	Cincinnati, OH	No	No									
10/15/2021 0:27	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No								that manatees are protected	
10/15/2021 0:32	Manatee		No	No					Remove or breach the dam to restore the natural river flow.	More than 100 manatees will gain access to essential warm water winter springs habitat. Manatees are wonderful creature and drive a lot of tourism. Plus they help restore wildlife habitat.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Thank you for working to restore Florida's waterways. Birds, wildlife and people all benefit from a natural environment.
10/15/2021 0:34	Miami-Dade		No	No						We cannot lose our native animals.	We cannot lose our native habitat.		
10/15/2021 0:40	Jackson		No	No						yes	our wildlife species are going extinct Someone who lives in Jackson County Oregon and works for animals.	I can't accept this, protections for the Manatees must be promoted in ads, on computers, and publicly	I can sign petitions.	I live in Oregon, and work hard for wild horses, marine creatures, and much more. Will forward this email to Floridians.
10/15/2021 1:10	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Please breach the dam and allow the natural springs to return	Rarely is there an opportunity to do so much good (restoring fish spawning grounds, improving manatee habitat, improving water quality) while reducing long-term maintenance costs.	The opportunity will be lost	No	

10/15/2021 1:14	Outside of state / other	Russia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 1:35	Outside of state / other	9 Albion Street, Sydney NSW, Austral	No	No					Manatees have already reached record numbers of deaths this year due in part to starvation from seagrass loss. The greatest and looming long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. We can make a difference by restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway!	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat or these wonderful marine animals will die.	No	
10/15/2021 2:27	Marion		No	No					That it be removed.	The Manatees need a warmer area to live in during cold weather. The waters are being depleted. Fish are dying.	The natural springs will be destroyed, poisoning the drinking water for millions of people and animals	No. The dam has outlived its usefulness.	
10/15/2021 2:49	Outside of state / other	Albuquerque NM	No	No					What ever will help safeguard the manatees!	News reports that manatees are in trouble!	Manatee will be closer to extinction.	Anything that will protect them, using high tech or whatever.	Seeing manatees was the highlight of our trips to Florida in the past. .They are a tremendous tourist draw.
10/15/2021 2:51	Outside of state / other	McDonough, GA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprived hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/15/2021 2:55	Outside of state / other	Nevada	No	No									
10/15/2021 3:03	Outside of state / other	McDonough, GA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced,benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers,bobcats,bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprived hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/15/2021 3:05	Outside of state / other	United States	No	No									
10/15/2021 3:24	Broward		No	No					We should restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will be the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state. It will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 3:41	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/15/2021 4:04	Outside of state / other	utah	No	No					Breach the dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Manatee will die	no	
10/15/2021 4:20	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No					The restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/15/2021 4:24	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removal	Hospitality industry is our #1 biz in fla	Poorer water quality and tourism	Allow water to flow	
10/15/2021 4:52	Outside of state / other	united states	No	No									
10/15/2021 5:09	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam and restore a free flowing Oklawaha River	Restoration of a unique and wonderful ecosystem	Missing out on a golden opportunity to free the Oklawaha River and save millions of dollars not making repairs to a useless dam that is past its life expectancy	No	
10/15/2021 5:17	Outside of state / other	TX	No	No					Removal so manatees can have back their historical waterways!	Restoring land for manatees that have been getting slaughtered the last 5 years by boats weather,red tide, i'm sure the radioactive waste that was let out of that dam won't help. Replanting sea grass beds need to be a priority as well.	That thousands more manatees are killed they need historical waterways not just man made warm waters by the nuke plants!	Fix red tide and restore sea grass beds and enforce slow boat areas	
10/15/2021 5:23	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Nothing. Leave it as it is now.	It is one of Floridas greatest bass fisheries.	Destruction of one of Floridas treasures.	No	Nowhere in the article does it mention what the current state of Rodman brings to the table. It's beautiful as is. Leave Rodman alone!
10/15/2021 5:31	Brevard		No	No					Whatever is necessary to help the Manatee	The possible loss of a special member of our world	The loss of a precious member of our Florida community	yes	PLEASE help this special and endearing animal
10/15/2021 5:33	Outside of state / other	West Hollywood, California	No	No					Please restore manatee habitat in the Ocklahawa River.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	The manatees would become more endangered, heading toward extinction.	Possibly relocating the area's manatees to a safer environment, if one exists.	
10/15/2021 5:39	Outside of state / other	United Kingdom	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 5:50	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	We own property in Hog Valley. Please leave it alone.	The Ocklawaha River is the most beautiful & pristine river in the world . Please don't mess with it. Pretty soon there will be nothing left in this world except concrete jungles. 😭😭😭	We would not be able to use our property at all, as it backs up to a canal that leads to the Ocklawaha. We would then own useless swampland if the River dried up. Please just leave it for recreation & relaxation. In this stressful world, people need SOME place to get back to nature. Please!	Property owner.	
10/15/2021 5:53	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the natural flow of the springs and rivers	By breaching the Kirkpatrick dam the springs and rivers will be restored helping natural populations of fish and our beloved manatees.	The manatees have suffered tremendously.	No, the dam needs to be breached. This will help restore nature, the fish populations and the manatees.	It will also save millions of dollars in repairs of the dam. Tourism will increase in the spring areas, and natural fish populations will restore.
10/15/2021 6:09	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore to natural flow					
10/15/2021 6:31	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves 54-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/15/2021 6:32	Outside of state / other		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife!	the fact that manatees are dyying from pollution and starvation	manatees will die and the area will be made a no mans land	no	
10/15/2021 6:37	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the free flowing river	The floodplain. freshwater springs that have be en drowned would be restored	Water quality will continue to decline		
10/15/2021 6:45	Outside of state / other	Baltimore MD	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. MD recently removed the old Wade Dam in Howard County and restored the natural flow of the river. This has increased wildlife, the flood resiliency of the area, and the use of recreational space by the community. While it's a big investment, it pays off in many ways over the long term.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species additional like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. I've visited Florida many times to experience the beauty of wild spaces, but have stayed away in recent years due to mismanagement of natural resources leading to the Red Tide near Sanibel Island. Maintaining wildlife and natural spaces is key to a vibrant economy and opportunity for the community.
10/15/2021 6:50	Marion		No	Yes	1 time		Fishing	Continued the way it is	Avid fisherman	Fishing a rv hunting would be greatly affected	No		
10/15/2021 6:51	Dixie		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam to restore the Ocklawaha to its natural state.	Seeing the hidden springs in person during a draw down.	The lost of one of the most beautiful places to kayak in the world.	No		
10/15/2021 6:59	Pasco		No	No				restore manatee habitat		extinction			
10/15/2021 7:03	Madison		Yes	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Dismantled to restore the river.	The water source is a major thoroughfare and home to many species not limited to manatees per environmental scientists.	Continued to see Florida's manatee population dwindle.			
10/15/2021 7:27	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	It destroyed the natural flow of the River, submerged many Springs and destroyed the migration of fish and manatees into the Silver River and Silver Springs. It would support the survival of many manatees at this time when their population is being threatened and decimated.	That this opportunity would be lost forever and many supporters would be discouraged and lost.	No		We are losing so many beautiful, natural gems in Florida due to progress and corporate greed. This is an opportunity for us to restore one of the most beautiful and productive Rivers in Florida and we should seize this opportunity.
10/15/2021 7:40	Washington		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/15/2021 7:49	Lee		No	No					A choice between removing or rebuilding an aging structure that serves no vital purpose is at hand. The investment of taxpayer dollars in a dam restoration folly versus the human and environmental benefits of freeing the river is a no-brainer. Removal is the only option that makes total inarguable sense.	Letting the three rivers run free again will: •cleanse the river of algae-contamination with the dissolution of the Rodman Reservoir •provide sorely needed water to downstream communities •grow the greenery critical to fighting our planet's rising temperatures through absorption of carbon dioxide and the cooling effect of shady forests •offer flood protection from waters that will surely rise as the root systems of green biomass stitch together binding the soil •create shallows for fish nurseries •provide critical habitat for Florida's beloved manatees and the vast array of birdlife for which our state is known.	The dam disrupted the natural flow of a three-river system that fed some 50 springs; provided habitat and migratory routes for fish, birds, and manatees; and nourished thousands of acres of floodplain forests. That critical loss would be continued.	No	This issue is not local. It impacts decision-making throughout the state and beyond our borders. Work with Nature or, ultimately, lose to her.
10/15/2021 8:07	Outside of state / other	Louisville,Ky	No	No						Restore manatee habitats	The manatees are dying	Manatees will be extinct	Caring about manatees, and doing something	Help restore habitats
10/15/2021 8:11	Alachua		No	No						Let the river flow free.	Benefit for wildlife and water	further environmental degradation	A compromise that allows both fishing and environmental improvement	
10/15/2021 8:35	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing		A paradise for all animals . It was destroyed once. Don't do it again. I have spent years in and around this area camping and fishing. I know if it is destroyed, all wildlife will be effected in a bad way. I have thousands of photos willing to share if needed of this beautiful and safe haven for wildlife. Leave it be.	A perfectly balanced piece of nature. Not often does nature heal from our mistakes, but this one time she gave us a chance. Please leave it alone.	A wasteland of weeds and mud and devastation. Death to many animals. Please look at the bardge canal as well.....it has it's own ecosystem dependent on the dam. There is too much to lose from breaching the dam.	NO	Please leave the dam as it is.
10/15/2021 8:36	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Wanted to see it to know what exactly it looked like and what it did	I'd like to see it breached/removed.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Truly there is no legitimate reason to keep this dam in place.	No. Breaching/destruction of the dam is the only feasible outcome in this situation	I am a sixth generation Floridian. My children are 7th. I grew up in Marion County where I enjoyed a childhood full of visits to all of the Springs. I spent my teenage years on Lake Weir, where my parents still live. I'd like to see the natural Florida I love around for my young children and their children to enjoy! So little is left of a truly wild Florida. Here in the central and northern part of the state, we have the opportunity with this project to restore some of our lost wilderness and prevent the outrageous destruction of nature seen in South Florida. The data on the breaching of the Rodman Dam speaks for itself- the money is available for the project and the benefit for the natural world- which also equates to benefits for we humans is truly immeasurable. Please carry out this project!!! As someone whose family traces its roots back to the early settlers in this State, I take great pride in the beauty that is Florida. I'd like to see that beauty preserved and protected for future generations. Thank you for your consideration. -Kate Houston, descendent of the Alderman and Rauderson clans- cattlemen, orange grove owners, Crackers.
10/15/2021 8:38	Outside of state / other	Warwick, RI	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. Additionally, restoring the Ocklawaha River would be the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. It would also deprive hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
10/15/2021 8:40	Seminole		No	No						Restoring the water	Seminole county has seen a decline in manatees, also. It's important to protect our lands and animal	Manatee deaths	No	
10/15/2021 8:40	Duval		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. You guys do a great job at offering the beauty of nature to residents throughout your management area. Many of the trails you guys offer for recreation are gorgeous and important. I know you all as an organization understand the value of Nature. Let's make this area part of that collection of amazing sites!
10/15/2021 8:51	Broward		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Manatees are dying in record numbers. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. And 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored, benefitting Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/15/2021 8:56	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/15/2021 8:56	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing	Please leave this wonderful fishing and beautiful wildlife refuge alone.	It provides a habitat for native Florida animals and vegetation and an outstanding site for our residents and families to fish.	The ruination of a wildlife sport area and death of many many fish.	No	Please do not let a small group destroy a part of nature in our state that is enjoyed by so many
10/15/2021 9:03	Polk		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	To leave the dam alone	The wildlife are doing just fine they will be displaced by destroying the dam	The wildlife will be displaced from this thriving ecosystem		
10/15/2021 9:05	Outside of state / other	Round Hill Virginia	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklahawa River so that manatees may access additional warm water habitats.	The severe loss of manatees.	Even more manatees will die - perhaps to extinction		
10/15/2021 9:24	Orange		No	No					Breach Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River	over 15000 acres of wildlife corridor will be restored, which would benefit manatee, bears, bobcats, eagles, deer and panthers	it would be most harmful to manatee who are already struggling to survive and whose #s are decreasing	no. Wildlife cannot wait. This project is overdue	restoring the Great Florida Riverway would benefit the people, environment and wildlife of Florida.
10/15/2021 9:25	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Would like to see it continue to be used as it is. Allow the hydroplane and other grasses continue to grow to provide a nursery for all species in ROMAN. RODMAN IS HOME TO MANY SPECIES OF BIRDS, REPTILES AND EVEN MANATEES. The Ocklawaha will never be the same as it was. I would like to see it promoted more.	It is home to many species of animals and fish. I love to watch the the eagles, ospreys, alligators and manatees in Rodman.	Probably loss of revenue to the county. People come to this area to fish and visit RODMAN. They spend money in the local community	My position is to keep RODMAN in tact. Nothing other than that is acceptable too me.	Rodman is an awesome place to fish and to just go and watch the wildlife. I wish the vegetation control could be done mechanically not with chemicals.
10/15/2021 9:27	Clay		No	No										
10/15/2021 9:29	Outside of state / other	Morgan County, Alabama	No	No										
10/15/2021 9:40	Leon		No	No					I would like to have the dam removed	It would improve the water quality and enhance ecotourism in the area	Further degradation of the aquatic ecosystem	No	As outdoors person who is a FL native I have paddled the area Please restore the natural flow
10/15/2021 9:40	Marion		No	No					Dam should be removed imo.	We all know the science supports the removal and only entrenched business interests of a few powerful people is holding it up.	That we continue doing this wrangling for the next 50 years and our ecology gets worse because we're too lazy/tires/corrupt to do the Right Thing and remove this boondoggle.	Nope.	
10/15/2021 9:44	Orange		No	Yes			1 time		Breach the dam.	Breaching the dam will restore many springs, bring back fish, and help manatees. It is the best thing to do to restore the ecosystem.	Springs will not be restored. Habitats will not be restored, and manatees will not be helped.	No	Breach the dam
10/15/2021 9:46	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam. It would be good for manatees and the environment. Economically it would be a boon for tourism. Manatees at Silver Springs? Bring them on!	Restoring the environment.	Continued degradation of Florida's natural lands and waters.	The time for delays are over.	
10/15/2021 9:53	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching the dam will restore dozens of springs, providing much-needed warm water winter habitat for manatees and recreational swimming for humans. These springs can be protected by the state park systems and enrich local and state economies.	Loss of access to warm water habitats during the winter for manatees, not to mention the cost to the taxpayer of dam maintenance and repair, for a dam that does not provide any public goods (flood protection, power, etc).	No, breaching the dam is long overdue.	I am a Floridian, born and raised, who has always enjoyed the natural beauty of our state. I am an avid kayaker, springs-visitor, beach-goer, and hiker. We must do everything that we can to enrich our state's natural resources and protect the delicate ecosystems they support, which we also depend on. The rapidly declining manatee population is deeply troubling to me, the once-third-grader who founded a "save the manatee club" in the mid-90's. When I learned that 20 lost springs could be uncovered by breaching the dam, I was absolutely astonished. This could be an incredibly valuable resource -- not just for the manatees who desperately need winter habitats, but for us who love to splash in the springs! Even before the pandemic, the springs had been growing in popularity for day-trippers. But lately, every time I go to Rainbow, Gilchrest Blue, or others nearby, they are full to capacity. The addition of 20 springs would be an incredible boom to the local economies. So long as they will be protected by the State (or National) Parks system and not sold out to private investors to be bottled by Nestle. Like Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings once said, "... the earth may be borrowed but not bought. It may be used but not owned. We are tenants, not possessors, lovers and not masters."
10/15/2021 9:54	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I want it to stay! Leave it alone!	It is a thriving ecosystem! It is a refuge for manatees, bald eagles, ospreys, and many other species!	Wild life would suffer and it could detrimentally injure the manatee population.	No	
10/15/2021 10:00	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam do not waste money repairing it let the river go back to its natural flow.	Restore the springs that have dried up and then after that it would naturally follow that the fish would come back to Silver Springs manatees would have a place to go natural grass would flourish and provide food for the manatees. I use to go up to Ocklawaha all the way into Silver Springs as a child what a beautiful natural waterway with so many things of nature to enjoy man has destroyed it with that Rodman dam.	That we will run out of water we will lose our fish & our manatees we will lose so many natural habitats of the river that we things will become extinct and a lot of them already have total disaster Rodman dam was just a money maker and now that that is not the prime thing don't waste money on Rodman tear it down and bring nature back to where it should be where people can enjoy it once again and wildlife can flourish.	No because it's ridiculous to try to restore something is broken down that ultimately destroyed what used to be there get rid of Rodman Dam.	I am well-aware of all the wonderful waterways near Putnam County I grew up on the weekends in that area we were go up to Ocklawaha and you could go all the way up to the without going into the actual spring and you can see the fish everywhere we snorkeled we swim it was amazing. When we didn't go down for the entire weekend and spend the weekend at our lake place at Pomona Park we will go to Crescent Lake go up there Ocklawaha Silver Glen and other wonderful places. Rodman took away the natural flow and it ruined everything the fish died off the grasses died it is nothing like it used to be I happen to go in there recently this is not just memory from a childhood and the difference is so so sad please save the Ocklawaha once that water is restored the dams down it will naturally bring the grasses back the fish back in the manatees will have a place to go as well as perhaps what has been destroyed what's left people can enjoy and see all the beautiful nature that I saw as a child but it will take a long time to recover. take action now while the funds are available.
10/15/2021 10:00	Leon		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Please restore the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. If we don't jump on this now, that's just one more failing to the community, to the wildlife, to Florida as a whole.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway. But honestly, if we can't get this done with there is the money and public interest to do so, what are we doing here?	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/15/2021 10:01	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Not harming wildlife by boating, hunting or fishing.	Consionable env practices, more conservation	Wildlife is beautiful and I want it to thrive despite human civilization sprawl.	Wildlife areas will continue to be separate for no reason	No	
10/15/2021 10:03	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/15/2021 10:03	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					The Kirkpatrick Dam needs to be breached to restore the Ocklawaha River.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and especially manatees, who will benefit from warm water winter habitat available if the dam is breached.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Worse still, it would diminish rare and beautiful wetland that makes Florida special.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/15/2021 10:13	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, highly endangered Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Absolutely not. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Florida's fragile ecosystems must be protected for the wildlife, including manatees, that live there. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/15/2021 10:27	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	The many studies showing the health of the river, as well as many species within it, would improve.	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha river and its species.	No	
10/15/2021 10:30	Seminole		No	No									As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 10:32	Duval		No	No					remove the dam and restore the area to its pre-construction condition	expert analysis about the harmful impact resulting from the dam's continued presence	continued degradation of the area, as well as detrimental impact on key tributaries to the St Johns River.	no	
10/15/2021 10:39	Orange		No	No					Breached. To restore springs	Climate damage	rings	No	
10/15/2021 10:44	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and torn down allowing the much needed natural flow to return.	The dam is run down, in need for costly repairs that would cost the taxpayers for a useless dam. Breaching would also allow for the return of natural striped bass to repopulate the area and use the whole river to travel to other springs for summertime refuge.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No, breaching the dam is the only answer, other than spending millions to fix a useless dam or keep a useless dam up and keep hurting the natural ecosystem.	
10/15/2021 10:50	Miami-Dade		No	No					I would like to see it opened as opening the dam can help manatees find shelter	If the dam was opened then it would reveal springs in the bottom that trap heat, manatees rely on these springs to stay warm	That it could be a danger to manatees as manatees go into shock when in water around under 67 degrees		
10/15/2021 10:58	Hernando		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Please leave our lake alone	It is a thriving eco system that supports alot of fish wildlife and mantees and birds	All the polluted water coming from the ocklawaha river !	Worried about displacing all the fish and wildlife	
10/15/2021 11:00	Seminole		No	No					I'd like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the river will provide necessary habitat for hundreds of manatees, which are now dying at alarming rates.	Keeping the dam will harm the chances of survival for manatees.	No. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer for anything less than removal of the dam.	
10/15/2021 11:07	Citrus		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Allow the ecosystem to recover by allowing fish species to pass freely, etc. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs and the river.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No	

10/15/2021 11:12	Outside of state / other	KY	No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. This is imperative to help the manatees.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 11:22	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	It be removed/breached	Natural flow restoration allows for wildlife to naturally breed. Ex. Striped bass	Manatee, fish and other wildlife die off. Previously usable springs unusable	No		
10/15/2021 11:23	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	ELIMINATED...DETHRONED...	CRITICAL NEED for Environmental RESTORATION, impact on natural springs, water supply, Manatees, ALL WILDLIFE and WOODLAND SUSTAINABILITY!	UNNECESSARY" financials for repair and maintenance. Loss of CRUCIAL time for RESURRECTION of ESSENTIAL INDIGENOUS BALANCE!!!	ABSOLUTELY NOT...		It is an ESSENTIAL time to put our PRIORITIES on this Precious EARTH for the balance of Humanity...and Live in alignment...
10/15/2021 11:40	Marion		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. It's important to protect this now dying species from further destruction. In addition, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	As stated above, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. also, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. This habitat is crucial to protecting many species and it is our duty to see that it done.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. If we truly care about Florida and it's unique delicate eco system, we will stand firm in demanding breaching the dam NOW!	
10/15/2021 11:41	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawaha River should be restored to the extent possible by breaching or removing the dam.	The damage the dam caused to the ecosystem and wildlife coorridor.	Continued and irreparable damage to the ecosystem.	No. The dam needs to be removed.		Any state funds allocated for the area should be to remove the dam rather than to try to improve or upgrade it.
10/15/2021 11:46	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking	Breach or remove the Rodman dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida, in addition to saving up to 14 million dollars in repair costs to the dam.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe while providing no benefit to the public at large.	No, removing the dam is long overdue.		There will be no better time to restore this area. The springs will recover, providing habitat for wildlife and a chance for the public to enjoy a beautiful area of our wild and natural Florida once again. Fresh water will only become more scarce and precious in the future, and this is a tremendous opportunity to greatly improve our water quality. Plus, the money saved by not making repairs to an unnecessary project can be better used to benefit our citizens as a whole.
10/15/2021 11:48	Gadsden		No	No					Restore the Florida waterway					
10/15/2021 11:50	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of natural waterways and water systems and reduction of economic impacts via Dam removal and other mitigation and even penalties.	The ongoing and worsening climate crisis and the importance of healthy ecosystems and waterways in decades to come.	future generations will curse our shortsightedness	A lot of money for mitigation, imposition of fees and penalties on businesses to pay		
10/15/2021 12:00	Outside of state / other	Westchester Co New York	No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxing in nature	We need to breech the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. We have already caused enough unnecessary harm, it's absolutely time to do whatever we can to allow this magnificent area to recover.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide the warm waters needed for winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. This would be the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in Florida. In addition, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor would be restored, which will benefit many other species as well -- such as Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. THIS IS HUGE! Just imagine all of these beautiful creatures thriving right there!	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. How can we possibly continue justifying this dam when we now understand how dramatically these vulnerable creatures can benefit!? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed means that 7,500 acres of forested wetlands will remain flooded by the Rodman Reservoir. Why would we continue to harm Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer, to name a few, that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue! So, my answer is a resounding NO.	As stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for both people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 12:07	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to restore this River way for people and wildlife while fortifying the 100 mile St. John's River. It is a fisherman's paradise and an important ecosystem for many plants and animals. It is old Florida and needs to be preserved.	The history alone since 1968 shows how important it is to at least do partial restoration but the current legislature has not allotted any funds for that. It can be be done at a lower cost this way to restore river and floodplain hydrology.	Drawdowns will continue and the dam may just burst down the road.	Partial restoration is the answer after all the years and years of trying have come to naught. The water management and Florida legislature should be on board with this proposal and move forward. It has been way to long.		
10/15/2021 12:07	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	REmove the gate and let the water flow. If later it is decided otherwise the gate can be restored. As it stands now the fishing gets worse year by year and the exotics are a real problem that periodic lowering of the reservoir are inadequate to address.	The decline in bass fishing and particularly plus ten pound trophy bass is readily apparent to anyone who has been observing the last forty plus years.	we will spend alot of money to repair the locks and dam and conditions will only continue to deteriorate.	I already said that removing the gate and letting the water flow would be my suggestion. I attempted years ago to sell the idea but both the save Rodman side and the Florida defenders opposed it. Even if it was returned years later the reservoir would be much cleaner with less exotics and in a few years with much b etter bass fishing like it was in the early years of the impoundment.		I have wondered if south Florida has designs on the water like building a pipeline to supply them with cheap fresh water because little Putnam county and the bass fishermen alone could not have stalled the restoration of the free flow of the river by themselves.
10/15/2021 12:09	Lee		No	No					To restore the Ocklawaha river and breach the Kirkpatrick dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha river is so important for manatee habitat and provides warm water for the manatees in the winter 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longe	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 12:13	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No					Dams need to be removed to restore the area and free flowing water	The ecosystem. keeping the water cool and the lives of the manatees and other marine life	Extinction of the manatees, collapse of the ecosystem	No		Please please return the area to it's natural state and help save the manatees and the whole areas ecosystem
10/15/2021 12:16	Outside of state / other	El Segundo, CA	No	No							Please protect the wildlife/manatees.	No		
10/15/2021 12:19	Outside of state / other	OREGON	No	No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	I fear the Manatees will die off if we don't do something to help them now! If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/15/2021 12:21	Pinellas		No	No					I would really like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The dam choles up our springs and is hurting our Florida environment. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy. water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The dam serves no purpose. It was built as part of the cross-Florida canal and that project was stopped years ago. Why keep something that serves no purpose, requires maintenance, and harms wildlife?	The state of our wild and scenic rivers (and associated forested banks) in Florida will continue to erode, including loss of significant freshwater flow into the St. John's estuary..	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife have to be considered. Are taxpayers funding an expensive bass fishing lake for the select few? At what cost to Florida residents and wildlife?		Glad that you are considering wide input. Given what I know, it seems overdue that a benefit/cost analysis that includes all of the impacts doesn't point assertively to breaching the dam and restoring the Oklawaha.
10/15/2021 12:39	Outside of state / other	Maricopa County, AZ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles and white-tailed deer. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees.	The survival of manatees and other wildlife. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping it dammed would keep 7500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact panthers, black bears, bobcats and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Breaching the dam will allow manatees to access Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the river's 20 springs would provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage to the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkey, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 12:41	Outside of state / other	Upland, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/15/2021 12:43	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached.	The damn is way too old.	Continued deterioration of our beautiful Springs.	No breaching the dam is my only suggestion.		I am also concerned with fish flow, increased fishing and manatee situations.
10/15/2021 12:46	Outside of state / other	Orange County, Texas	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 12:46	Escambia		No	No										restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's manatees
10/15/2021 12:50	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing						
10/15/2021 13:05	Outside of state / other		No	No					Environmental progress in all possible ways! Anything that can benefit the animals, plants, land people which will come around to benefiting the whole world!	The decline in the well-being and health of all I mentioned.	Tremendous losses for our world now, and I'm the future.	Whatever comes closest to achieving The Best.		
10/15/2021 13:05	Outside of state / other	Tallmadge, OH	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/15/2021 13:12	Outside of state / other	Yachats, Oregon	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Florida's manatees and other marine wildlife are in a crisis. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Manatees and other critical wildlife would become extinct.	No		Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.
10/15/2021 13:14	Outside of state / other	Cincinnati, OH	No	No					Keep the reservoir.	Please protect the endangered manatees and abundant wildlife. Friend and businessman in the area says what a beautiful, great outdoor recreation area.	Tragic death of manatees and wildlife.	Bring in Wildlife/Manatee Rescue organizations to save them.		Please do not destroy a pristine wildlife and recreation area
10/15/2021 13:15	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	I want it to remain as it is. It supports great fishing and boating and it also feeds Manatees.	Jobs for fishing guides and food for the Manatees.		No		Please leave it alone.
10/15/2021 13:24	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/15/2021 13:28	Taylor		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	NO	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/15/2021 13:31	Orange		No	No					This has been talked about and put off for years. The construction of the dam was done by the corps when they thought every project should conquer nature instead of work with it. It's time to let nature heal.	That this is a very cost effective use of environmental dollars.	That we are once again missing an opportunity to fix something the corps damaged.	Government tends to spend money where it will put money in the pockets of companies that will make political donations. Nature doesn't make political contributions so it always gets short changed.	
10/15/2021 13:32	Outside of state / other	Teaneck NJ	No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Danger / loss to wildlife & Mother Nature. Dangerous pollution .	No	All the wildlife kingdom, all the animal kingdom on land in the air &sea; are God's children too & they deserve life, respect ,safety &love .
10/15/2021 13:41	Outside of state / other	Pw. ny	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing					
10/15/2021 13:41	Outside of state / other	gon, but have vacationed MANY time	No	No					Breach the dam and restore the river. Tourism dollars lost from fishing will easily be replaced by tourism to view wildlife (manatees, bird watching, etc.) and other forms of recreation (canoeing, hiking, camping).	It is the right thing to do. The dam should not have been built in the first place. With climate change and habitat loss, we must restore the river and watershed for the animals that are suffering there and for the future of people that will need clean air and good water quality.	Heartbreaking, irresponsible loss of endangered species (manatees, Florida panther), etc. that belong to our nation.	I would be willing to hear options, but the benefit to more should outweigh the benefit to the few. I'm sorry for the loss of bass fishing opportunity, but the benefit of a restored watershed to native animals and all people, in the form of habitat, clean air and clean water should be worth removing the dam.	While I am not from Florida, I have many relatives there and have spent many years visiting and contributing to the Florida economy. Florida has such special resources and endangered animals that do not live anywhere else but Florida. The manatees in particular are likely to go extinct without more habitat - which breaching the dam would provide. A Univ. of Florida study showed that the recreation dollars that from a restored river system would more than offset the loss from the bass fishing. Sustenance fishermen could also learn to fish from a healthy, restored river. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. save our planet
10/15/2021 13:48	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No									
10/15/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other	Murfreesboro TN	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	See the water cleaned of toxins.				
10/15/2021 13:51	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Improvement to Kenwood campground and the recreational area at the dam. Also a kayak launch.	The minimal cost to maintain vs the millions of dollars to attempt to turn back time. The river will NEVER be what it once was and now it's a wonderful ecosystem where birds, reptiles, fish, and people in Airboats, jonboats, kayaks and canoes can all appreciate.	Pollution that is currently cleaned will go directly into the St John's. The water table will drop significantly for surrounding residents.	I don't believe the dam should ever be removed until the pollution(nitrates) can be effectively removed upstream. At this point there are many other water quality issues in central and South Florida where our tax dollars would be better spent.	
10/15/2021 14:01	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 14:03	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restoration of habitat and a manatee reserve.	Removal of the dam would restore the local and state habitat balance and help our planet survive.	Our Earth planet will not survive any further destruction.	No.	Every effort made to support a healthy Earth will, hopefully, help it to survive...
10/15/2021 14:04	Broward		No	No					I would VERY MUCH like the Kirkpatrick Dam to be breached in order to restore the Ocklawaha River! Please...this is crucial!! Thank you!	Restoration (returning it as it used to be and should be!) of the Ocklawaha River is the MOST IMPACTFUL! manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Plus...15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. SO...RESTORATION is beneficial to Florida residents, wildlife, the ecology and environment!	The needless, intentionally cruel, deaths of NATIVE, valued and endangered manatees... hundreds of them by depriving them... of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. PLEASE...stop interfering with the survival of these species by STOPPING the damming of the water!!	ABSOLUTELY NOT!! Getting ridof the dam is 50 years overdue. It is ESSENTIAL that wildlife and water quality NOT wait any longer. Stop the madness.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am pleading with you to RESTORE the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees!! This will also IMPROVE water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. This will ALSO benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored! IN ADDITION...the project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor! Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife. It is a "no-brainer"!!
10/15/2021 14:13	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	I want to take down the dam and restore the flow of the river.	Quality of the Ocklawaha River and health of fish.	Having to spend tax dollars to repair the dam and continued degradation of fish numbers.	No	
10/15/2021 14:16	Orange		No	No					To have it breached in order to prevent spending a ridiculous amt of $$ to repair it, and to restore natural springs, water flow, and migratory passageways.	Currently, this Dam doesn't provide flood protection, power, water supply, or any other broad public benefits. Plus costing FL Taxpayers millions of dollars.	The increased loss of Manatees , springs, and expense to the FL Taxpayers.	No	Please tell me why this Dam needs to be restored?
10/15/2021 14:16	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating	I would love to see it gone and the original river restored and allowed to flow freely.	The aquatic weeds that accumulate, requiring periodic and extensive use of pesticides to clear. I often can't even use two boat ramps near my home...Orange Springs and Kenwood, due to them always being clogged with aquatic vegetation. During the drawdown, I finally get to experience several springs that are covered over and appreciate their beauty.	The continued loss of the use of PUBLIC boat ramps due to the vegetation, and the continued applications of pesticides to kill the vegetation.	I do not know an alternative unless the county or state wants to foot the bill to keep all public boat ramps usable to boaters, by keeping the ramps and water access free and clear of the accumulated vegetation.	
10/15/2021 14:17	Orange		No	No						I would like to see the river returned to it's natural flow.	I would be concerned if habitat for native plants and pollinators is not prioritized.		
10/15/2021 14:27	Brevard		No	No					Remove the dam	Record numbers of manatee deaths this year	Continuing deaths of manatees in the Indian River lagoon and central Florida area	No	
10/15/2021 14:27	Pinellas		No	No					Hebbine it so manatee can have food.				
10/15/2021 14:28	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		The dam should be taken down so that the downstream rivers can renew to their pristine selves				
10/15/2021 14:30	Lake		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Clean-up	The litter around the Reservoir.	Lack of a place to find serenity, and to the maintenance of wildlife habitat.	Clean water Act, and electing the best possible governance.	Do a major clean-up of this beautiful piece of land/water
10/15/2021 14:33	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please preserve the wildlife habitat.	Global Warming and environmental decay.	Biosocial loss and consequences.	NO	
10/15/2021 14:35	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Seriously, if we harm our natural environment, we harm our ability to entice and profit from tourism. It is that simple. You like money and tax revenue? Restore the river!	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. Again, see above about our natural environment directly linked to our tourist dollars.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. We have put these measures off for far too long (perhaps as a gamble by the older generations that were sure to be deceased before reaping what they have sown) and we are at the point of necessitating dire and immediate action.	Think about your money, think about your family. If you do right by either of those virtues, you will Restore the River!
10/15/2021 14:39	Duval		No	No					I'd like for the Dam to be breached and to restore the normal flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The environmental benefit and the economic benefit to this area. I know the area. My in-laws had a place on a canal in Georgetown for many years. It was their weekend home. If there were more recreational opportunities, it might have provided a better resale when they decided they were "too old" to keep it.	That the dam will regard expensive maintenance	Breach the dam--restore the river.	
10/15/2021 14:42	Flagler		No	No						The natural area restored to the benefit of fish and the whole ecosystem.	Other dams have been removed to show scientifically that doing so restores a better natural environment.	Continued ecological degrading.	fish ladders?
10/15/2021 14:51	Outside of state / other	Tulsa. OK	No	No						Taken down. removed	Critical wildlife habitat is being destroyed.	Loss of entire species.	No
10/15/2021 14:57	Flagler		No	No					Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 15:00	Sumter		No	No									Please clean up the pollution of Florida's lakes and rivers. Those algae blooms, fertilizer run offs, etc are bad for our wildlife, our tourism, and our residents.
10/15/2021 15:16	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					Its time to preserve the manatees and do everything possible to help them	Saving the manatees	The manatees will become extinct	Save the manatees and other endangered species. Limit boats from maiming (or worse) them	The manatees and other vulnerable species are a tourist attraction and need to be helped.
10/15/2021 15:23	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Have the water levels lowered.	Having water levels lowered would be better for fishing, viewing of wild life and a cleaner waterway system in the Oklawaha. St. John's Water Management an Silver Springs area.	I think it would cost more money in the future to fix any damage done if it were not done now.	I would support any project to make this river system better.	
10/15/2021 15:23	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam torn down and the Ocklawaha river made free flowing again.	Eliminating the dam and reservoir would improve water quality, springs, and the aquifer, with enhanced fishing and recreational canoeing and kayaking.	Important Florida waterways will continue to deteriorate.	No. The dam needs to go.	It is unfortunate that this issue has been so politicized. The expense of tearing the dam down and restoring the Ocklawaha is much less than the continuing costs of maintaining the dam and reservoir. A few fishermen have held this restoration up while the legislature has ignored the voice of most citizens.
10/15/2021 15:27	Lee		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Oklawaha River restored to a free-flowing state.	The economic benefits of clean water, expanded habitat for imperiled wildlife, and riverine recreation provided by a free-flowing river would be greater than the recreational value provided by Rodman Reservoir. Businesses reliant on the Reservoir could realign to an ecotourism recreation business model and may stand to make more profit, supported by the beauty of a restored Oklawaha River.	I am concerned that the reservoir will stand for at least another 50-60 years, depriving Floridians of the opportunity to benefit from a naturally free flowing river.	I don't know if there is a scenario short of dam removal/river restoration that I would support. There may be depending on the scenario presented.	I appreciate the SJRWMD collecting broad public comments and I hope that common ground between people with opposing visions for the Reservoir can be found.
10/15/2021 15:35	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating	As the dam degrades and reaches the end of its structural lifespan, it should not be rebuilt or reinforced. Instead the dam should be removed- allowing the restoration of the Ocklawaha River ecosystem.	The dam has a finite lifespan.	A waste of money rebuilding a ecologically damaging dam. Ecotourism dollars would replace bass fishing economics. Leave No Trace.	A complete drawdown slowly implemented. 5 feet per year. 6 inches per month roggerdless of rainfall. The dam may remain standing- made into a mural and raptor nesting structures.	
10/15/2021 15:35	Outside of state / other	Kenton County, KY	No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	I would like to see it remain in its natural, pristine state.	This is home to one of the most desired species of black bass. We catch and release to preserve this desirous bass population.	Annihilation of the natural habitat for fish and fowl. I have witnessed the destruction of similar natural habitats by our well-meaning government agencies. Once it's gone it's irretrievable.		
10/15/2021 15:36	Lake		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Open it to help improve the water and wildlife in the area.	Past wildlife are being spotted in areas, that they don't belong, because their homes are being taken away	someone will build houses in that area, instead of keeping nature in tack	no	save FLIIIII Keep it natural!!!
10/15/2021 15:42	Walton		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 15:42	Marion		No	Yes				Boating Other	Restored to its original flow. No more dam dam.	Health of the St John's and Oklawah. Critically endangered species like the Manatee could really find long term survival if this is done	Our River s and aquatic ecosystems will continue to decline.	NO only way is restoration!	
10/15/2021 15:44	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	The Kirkpatrick Dam should be permanently breached, and the Oklawaha River and flood plain restored to its pre-barge canal/dam state	Millions of taxpayer $$ to maintain a degraded dam that shouldn't have been built in the first place	An eventual storm event (storm event? in Florida?) could trigger a dam failure that would cost millions to downstream properties, along with the millions already spent on a failed project.	No. The Oklawaha ecosystem needs to be restored to its natural state	the Rodman Reservoir is not "a natural ecosystem with unique flora and fauna"; it is an artificially created environmental disaster that has disrupted the natural ecosystem, and is so organically polluted that it has to be drawn down periodically. It's been a boondoggle of the first order.
10/15/2021 15:46	Okaloosa		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached allowing the restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide warm winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Not only are the manatees endangered, but their continued health is important to the image of the state of Florida as a state where wildlife is protected.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to negatively impact wildlife like Florida panthers and black bears.	No - breaching the dam is long overdue and should NOT be postponed any longer!	
10/15/2021 15:49	Collier		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Removed as many dams have to restore original environment	Fresh water species migration and reproduction and subsequent improvements of flowing environments result from dam removal	Less flowing habitats for endangered springs	No, either a dam is removed or not. Fish ladders not feasible for migrating manatees	

10/15/2021 15:54	Manatee		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15 000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 16:01	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	I would like the dam and reservoir to be maintained as is.	The natural offering of the reservoir are numerous and breathtaking. I grew up in Orange Springs and Interlachen. That entire area around the dam reservoir, upper Ocklawaha and dam to the St. Johns offer so many opportunities to see wildlife - migrating fowl, eagles, osprey, alligators, manatees. The fish are so numerous you can almost always have a good day on the water. This area holds a place in my heart. We canoe Orange Creek from Orange Springs to the Reservoir and then down to Kenwood. We would lose half the trip in the future if the dam was removed.	That there will be a land grab, and tourists numbers will explode to levels that will make the area just another overcrowded playground for rich people.	Build a canoe/kayak slew near the damn that would connect the reservoir with the river a bit downstream of the gates.	I would hate to see this area destroyed for some person's vision of a river that is never going to go back to what it was pre 1800. This river was manipulated by man for a century before it was ever dammed. It will also take 50 years or more for the are to turn back into some semblance of a forest.
10/15/2021 16:07	Orange		No	No					Restored and protected.	Manatees are dying in large numbers. They need this sanctuary.	More manatee deaths.	no	
10/15/2021 16:21	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is.	I travel there twice per year and always catch and release trophy bass. Plus I see many ospreys, eagles, alligators and many manatees.	The whole ecology of the lake would be destroyed. I stay at a hotel in Silver Springs, hire a guide, shop and eat in the area while there. So the whole economy of the area will suffer. I'm afraid if the dam is removed hundreds of manatees will die.	None	I live in Illinois and travel there twice per year for the fishing in Rodman. I spend a considerable sum in the area each year. If this fishery is destroyed I will go to a different state to fish.
10/15/2021 16:24	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Photography and videography	I'd like to see the River at least partially restored and free flowing, and the reservoir turned into wildlife habitat.	The requirements for continued intervention in managing the waterways and the dam, including the spraying of herbicides, the monitoring of levels and the continued cost of maintenance to an aging structure that has not been adequately maintained.	Loss of critical habitat for increasingly endangered species including manatees, game fish like the striped bass, and other less well known species. A continued degradation of water quality and damage to benthic organisms do to spraying and biomass accumulation.	Maintaining a fully open dam with water levels along the Ocklawaha being allowed to fluctuate naturally and at levels found before the dam was built.	The positive economic impact of removing the dam cannot be overstated. Allowing this spring fed River to return to something close to its former state would spur national and international attention and bring much needed economic development into one of our poorest counties.
10/15/2021 16:28	Orange		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay as it is. Best fishing in Florida.	Check the trophy catch information from Florida fish and wildlife.	Totally destroy the fishing and economy in the immediate area.	No	
10/15/2021 16:34	Suwannee		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/15/2021 16:34	Seminole		No	No					Take it down!		Keep petitioning	None.	
10/15/2021 16:35	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach The Dam!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue!	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SAVE THE MANATEE!!
10/15/2021 16:42	Seminole		No	No					breach the Rodman Reservoir andKirkpatrick Dam	I understand more than 20 springs in Florida would be revived if the dam is breached. this will be an important thing because that would also affect the flora and fauna of these natural habitats downstream.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	NO. I understand breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Water is one of the most important issues today in Florida, the lack thereof, that is. It is a precious asset and the springs need the water to be restored. These springs serve so much of the Florida eco-system, it is sad to see we can do something about it and we don't. Manatees are also dying left and right, hundreds dying this year (2021) because the water quality and their environment is also dying. Breaching the dam will let the water flow. Let it go.
10/15/2021 16:45	Outside of state / other		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Please maintain what is currently there it is a great fishery. The wildlife around the reservoir is incredible to watch.		Lose of a great fishery. Lose of habitat for wildlife	No leave it alone	
10/15/2021 16:48	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 16:52	Flagler		No	No									As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 16:54	Outside of state / other	Jefferson County, KY	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River to original / natural flow - before the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River would allow for an essential warm water habitat for the struggling manatee population - allowing for a strong restoration project to move forward, creating a more natural habitat. This would also help other species under stress such as the Florida panther, black bears, bobcats, bald eagles, white tailed deer - providing a wildlife corridor for their safe passage.	Further loss of numerous animals and endangering the long term survival of various species - especially the manatees. It would prevent the use of the currently flooded wetlands caused by the damm as a wildlife corridor - again threatened the survival of various animals.	No. Wildlife don't have more time - every day is precious.	As a person who deeply cares about the environment and the future of our earth, its incumbent on those in positions of power to make wise choices for the planet's future to do so now based on strong scientific facts. Not only would restoration of the river provide a needed support for the manatees but improved water quality, resiliency for the coastal areas, and a safe wildlife corridor for numerous other animals. Now is the time for action before it is too late. Our children and grandchildren deserve to have an inhabitable planet which without our animals and their natural habitats being preserved won't survive. We are all interconnected in the web of life.
10/15/2021 17:10	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see it taken down for the good of the environment.	Reading the science information about what is happening to the water in the dam and how the dam is hurting the environment	The continued damage to the environment of the dam and surrounding area.	Yes, I would support doing away with the dam.	
10/15/2021 17:36	Outside of state / other	Idaho	Yes	No					Restore the Great Florida Riverway	manatees' survival	loss of habitat for manatees' survival	No	We owe these creatures their lives.
10/15/2021 17:39	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 65% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. Thank you for your consideration.
10/15/2021 17:41	Outside of state / other	Muskegon, Michigan	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the free flow of the river restored to what it was like when I was a frequent visitor as a child and young adult.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	So much of Florida's ecology has been destroyed. Rodman Dam was a mistake from its inception. Not freeing the river just hastens the day that Florida becomes a parking lot with a few potted palms.	No	
10/15/2021 17:45	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored	No, Breaching the dam is 50 year's over due.	
10/15/2021 18:01	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					Protect the manatees.		Losing beloved animals.		
10/15/2021 18:12	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/15/2021 18:25	Pinellas		No	No					Have it safely removed rather than spending more money to maintain a structure that continues to harmfully impact the river ecosystem.	Once the cross Florida canal project was finally cancelled, there was no good reason left to maintain this dam.	Florida will miss an opportunity to restore the Ocklawaha River at a time when public interest is very supportive and funds are available. Our communities have lost beautiful springs as a result of the dam and the animal ecosystem of the river has barken adversely impacted. It is time to fix this damage, not perpetuate it.	No. There is no reason to keep spending money on impact studies, or repairs to the dam. It is time to get rid of it.	
10/15/2021 18:27	Outside of state / other	USA, manhattan	No	No									
10/15/2021 18:30	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	I would like it to be breeched	It is impeding the natural flow of the river and ecosystem. . It has no purpose, is past its life expectancy and would cost millions to restore for no reason.	Millions of dollars wasted on rebuilding a dam that harms the natural ecosystem.	No	
10/15/2021 18:37	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Other: Visiting wildlife	Open it up!	Stop killing manatees	That you needlessly are killing animals for profit	Whatever saves wildlife	Absurd that these questions have to even be answered. Do better.
10/15/2021 18:49	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach it and let the water flow return to the Oklawaha!	As one of the most important historically free-flowing rivers in the State of Florida, to return it to its original state and allow this once might River reclaim its former glory would be one of the most beneficial things possible for the entire watershed.	We continue to hold back water and allow the accumulation of sediment and toxins upstream.	NO...!!!!	
10/15/2021 18:51	Palm Beach		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	None. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 18:53	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4.14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	Get others of like mind on board	Please consider restoring nature....it was not wrong
10/15/2021 18:57	Orange		No	No						I do not believe in dams	Native wildlive dying		
10/15/2021 19:00	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and let the Ocklawaha return to its natural state	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No, this action is way over due.	
10/15/2021 19:02	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	The ongoing ecological damage and taxpayer expenses	Lost opportunity after years and years of destruction of environment	No I will keep supporting removing dam	
10/15/2021 19:43	Outside of state / other	Santa Clarita, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I care about Florida's environment and wildlife. I'm asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 19:49	Pinellas		No	No									
10/15/2021 19:56	Outside of state / other	San Francisco, California	No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached.	It is important to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam, thus providing essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Manatees have suffered a record number of deaths this year, partly from starvation from sea grass loss but the greatest threat to manatees is the loss of natural warm water winter habitat. My concern is that manatee numbers will continue to decrease alarmingly if my desired outcome is not achieved.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River and the Great Florida Riverway would also benefit species like the Florida panther, Florida black bear, bobcats, bald eagles and white-tailed deer. Communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway would benefit as well.
10/15/2021 20:05	Polk		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam breached and the river restored.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees lose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No.	Nearly 1000 manatees have died this year and they will perhaps be moved back on to the endangered list. Breaching the dam and restoring the river and springs systems would provide unrestricted access to warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees.
10/15/2021 20:07	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Remain as it is. A valuable fresh water recreational resource.	Recreational usage in the area would plummet.	Without the dam the reservoir would disappear along with its recreational industry.	No	
10/15/2021 20:11	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: driving across	Remove it immediately	Blocking a natural waterway. Impedeing manatee aces to warm water. Overwhelming 20 springs. Many more reasons..	loss of habitat for fish reproduction. Stopping manatee migration.	not really. Get it removed ASAP!	
10/15/2021 20:14	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Have it removed so the Oklawaha can be returned to historic flow.	Observations and research.	Water quality in the river basin and watershed will continue to be impaired.	Removal of dam and the Rodman reservoir is necessary. Nothing short of this.	
10/15/2021 20:53	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating					
10/15/2021 20:57	Lee		No	No					Free the river for this important ecosystem	The entire water-system will work much better with the free-flow river	A stagnate area without freely flowing water		
10/15/2021 20:59	Sumter		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	Breach the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam	30 lost springs, manatee support, Silver Springs fishery!	Natural habitat would not be restored in Silver Springs, Oklawaha River, and the 30 lost natural springs.	No	Breach the Rodman Dam, so nature can restore the can restore the natural habitat for fish and manatee and restore Silver Springs Fishery.
10/15/2021 21:05	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam, let the water flow free, let the fish thrive and let the manatees have a place they so desperately need!!!	Saving the manatees and there's literally no purpose for this dam!	More manatees will needlessly die	The is either a dam or there isn't so I don't think there's another scenario but always willing to listen	For the manatees, take down the dam, and soon!!
10/15/2021 21:06	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Rodman Dam and return historic flow to the Oklawaha River	Breaching the dam could be the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Springs not protected. Further decline in Manatee population.	No	When this dam was being built, I was an activist against the project and actually had a bumperstcker that said "US Army Corps of Engineers- Building America or Digging it Up!"
10/15/2021 21:12	Hillsborough		No	No						The problem starts from the top, Corporations and somehow becomes a huge impact on an ecosystem using the foundations of the Business that make the politicians wealthy. When such devastation in our ecosystem and natural habits occur for Florida's Mammals, the Manatees in a record breaking number of deaths, something must be done.	If we do not act now, we will regret this because the next generation will not be able to survive without our rivers.	Florida's most important environment of our ecosystem is the only way to avoid the crucial demise of our Natural Springs, Rivers and oceans. We must not lose our Manatees!	Speak with our Government officials, go as high as needed in order to support this cause.	
10/15/2021 21:25	Sarasota		No	No					Do what the Natives would do and Stop destroying the Wildlife, Land, Water and Air.	Look.	All is lost.		
10/15/2021 21:37	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Preserve this waterway	Fantastic fishery	Destruction of wildlife		
10/15/2021 21:38	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting	Save the dam!	The abundance of life that is already in the reservoir. Manatees can access through buckman lock. That seems to be everyone's focus. There are more manatees in that river in the past 2 years than ever before.	My biggest concern would be people catching all the fish and keeping them, because it's basically like fishing in a fish bowl, it's hard not to catch one on every cast. Also the cypress trees in cypress bayou would die from lack of water. And the shrimp that migrate to lake George would likely not come that far anymore due to all the freshwater. The value of people's waterfront property will go down tremendously, because all they'll be left with is a mud flat.		Safe Rodman Reservoir!!
10/15/2021 21:39	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Protect the manatees! Do More to save them!	Highest number of manatee deaths in years just occurred. Protections must be put in place to protect the manatees.	That more manatees will be killed and eventually become extinct.	No	
10/15/2021 21:40	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restore multiple springs and manatee habitat,	Potential for catastrophic dam failure, continued harm to the natural ecology of the Ocklawaha river	Maintain reservoir drawdown indefinitely.	
10/15/2021 21:57	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Girlfriend likes to draw wildlife on the paddle board, while I kayak fish not to far ahead.	With concerns regarding destroying the dam; draining the lake side. If a healthy medium cannot be reached. I would prefer to keep it the way it is. Potentially charge a fee to fish the damn side specifically from the wall. And stricter enforcement of limits and littering.	My positions are all my opinion like everyone else's. With a basic knowledge of wild life etc. The wild life has already adjusted to the damn. Destroying would not be beneficial in the short term- eventually stabilizing again.	Is the accessabilty of the okawaha- over growth, launch, would affect how much I visit. I love going out there.	If there was a possibility to achieve somewhere between. Adding a second spill way not nessisarily a full sized dam- in hope the water level might go down - but not drastically. A creative solution. That also might draw more people.	This seems to be an On and Off issue that keeps arising; by who? Or separate entities?
10/15/2021 22:02	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river.	This dam serves no purpose and interferes with the functioning of the natural ecosystem. Fish populations, Manatees' survival and the restoration of wetlands all play into the evidence for returning the river to its natural flow. It happened with the Kissimmee River and it should happen on the Ocklawaha	Continued mismanagement of nature to its detriment at ridiculous and unnecessary cost to the taxpayers.	None comes to mind.	
10/15/2021 22:05	Brevard		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Bring it down. I can still kayak most of the river. It would be nice to kayak with manitees.	The dam is an eye sora. I would gat far more enjoyment on the river without the portage in the middle of the run. For now it has to be the beginning or the end of the trip.	Not just the manitee deaths, but the potential extension of the species. Because I promise you, broward county isn't going to do shit about the st. johns.	Manitee pass through. They need warm water and I would like to-by pass the motorized traffic near the damn.	Eco tourism. It makes alot of money. This is a good chance to save a species and make money for local outfitters.
10/15/2021 22:07	Broward		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/15/2021 22:43	Outside of state / other	Oakland, CA	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing					I of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/15/2021 22:48	Washington		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	protect habitat for manatees and other wildlife by restoring the Great Florida Riverway!	protect habitat for manatees and other wildlife by restoring the Great Florida Riverway!	protect habitat for manatees and other wildlife by restoring the Great Florida Riverway!	protect habitat for manatees and other wildlife by restoring the Great Florida Riverway!	protect habitat for manatees and other wildlife by restoring the Great Florida Riverway!
10/15/2021 22:51	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Open the waterway to natural course	Effect on natural habitat	Loss of natural habitat	No	
10/15/2021 22:53	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it alone!	Thriving fisheries along with the only food source for manatees. I live on the St. John's. There is absolutely no food for manatees or feeding areas for bass like it used to be	Another wasted waterway like the river has become.	No	
10/15/2021 22:54	Hillsborough		No	No					It needs to be breached so that manatees can thrive again.	The deaths of many manatees in the low temperature waters provoked by the dam's presence.	The extinction of a beautiful and iconic heirloom species of wildlife unique to Florida.	Unless the dam is breached and the springs are allowed to re-emerge, then no.	Please, think of the future of this state and it's inhabitants as you consider whether or not to breach this dam. We are tired of losing our wildlife to legacy mistakes that can be easily fixed.
10/15/2021 22:55	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/15/2021 23:00	Outside of state / other	Pittsburgh	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	kept as natural as possible	common sense	will not visit again		
10/15/2021 23:02	Okeechobee		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	no	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/15/2021 23:12	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove it	Largemouth bass fishing is not a Pugh of a reason to continue with mankind's intervention with nature	Florida may already be doomed, but this certainly helps us March towards that doom if the dam is left.	Nah	
10/15/2021 23:17	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see it removed.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No.	We are losing so much habitat in Florida to huge developments. We need to restore lost habitat, help the manatees, help bring back springs, help our water quality. It is a no brainer to get rid of this dam.
10/15/2021 23:18	Duval		No	No					Destroyed	reinstate the natural flow of waterways			
10/15/2021 23:23	Outside of state / other	Clifton nj	No	No					I would like it fixed so manatees have a place to be	Manatees must be protected	That manatees would go extinct	The manatees have to be protected they must survive	Please save them fix the waterways don't let them die
10/15/2021 23:41	Outside of state / other	Youngstown, Ohio	No	No					This useless relic has to be torn down.	The manatees and other creatures need this waterway to maintain a healthy ecosystem, restore natural springs and keep the St. John's River from becoming salty. Many dams have been torn down out west and the return of the eco culture has been astonishing. Flowing water is far better than stagnant water in both directions. That a handful of self interested people have held this dam removal hostage is pathetic.	That "stupid" wins again. A small group of people with self interest would benefit when the greater good is not served.	No. It was ill advised in the first place. Is a marginal fishing hole at best. And it needs to go.	Manatees are a keystone species a position which needs must supersede the wants of people with limited mentality and less foresight. Please, the many benefits of returning the flow of this waterway will become evident when you do the right thing and the ecosystem revives. My daughter lives nearby and the actual thinking caring community can't wait to enjoy the return of this waterway. Thank you.
10/15/2021 23:44	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	The Kirkpatrick Dam needs to be removed as it was ordered removed decades ago when the cross Florida Canal construction stopped. The reservoir should immediately be drawn down so the springs can flow free and then the dam should be removed to reestablish the natural flow of the river.	The health of the St Johns river along with its wildlife need the natural flow reestablished, the springs that are covered need to flow freely to aide in the declining health of the St Johns River. The structure is declining and places lives in danger if the dam should break and flood the downstream towns.	The continued decline of the St Johns River due to pollutants and lack of fresh water from the springs upstream of the dam. This harms the wildlife and will negatively affect the livelihoods of fishermen, shrimpers and the entire tourist industry that Jacksonville needs to remain a vibrant city.	The only scenario is pulling the dam down before it collapses and takes lives downstream. Why not take it down in a controlled fashion, let the springs flow and give the St Johns some first aide. The City of Jax needs the river to sustain tourism and vibrant growth all along it's banks.	I have lived on the river for over 15 years and sample the water regularly, it is not as healthy as it was even a decade ago. You need to free the Oklawaha. The springs need to flow free, there will be plenty of fishing on the river if that is what the Fisherman demand. There is so much salt my dock has barnacles. Please act, take down the dam!
10/15/2021 23:49	St Johns		No	No					It seems like allowing the area return to its natural state would be reasonable and beneficial to the ecosystem.	Word of mouth and a few online articles. Granted, I haven't researched this a lot but I trust the conservationists involved.	Impact on Local fauna like the manatee population	I'm not sure.	I wish I were better informed on this topic, so I'll admit freely that my opinions are not very firm or based on in-depth research.
10/16/2021 0:11	Outside of state / other	uville-Buncombe County, North Caro	No	No					I wish to see fragile ecosystems and their endangered wildlife already under attack be restored and PERMANENTLY protected - with fact-based media representation alerting countless Americans to the dangers the environment faces and necessities - mandatory to its protection carried out - while safer alternate methods of clean, green energy are utilized!!!		Irreversible damage to the ecosystems and species within - including extinction of subspecies - that will eventually spell vast, irreversible repercussions for other ecosystems near and far!!!		
10/16/2021 0:44	Duval		No	No					Removed	Newspaper articles over the years	More algae blooms, starving manatees	What are options, not on the table. Dams need to be removed.	

10/16/2021 0:48	Outside of state / other		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the OCKLAWAHA RIVER by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the OCKLAWAHA RIVER is the most impactful Manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of Manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water.
10/16/2021 0:54	Outside of state / other	Ogden Utah	No	No					We need to restore the ocklawaha river by breaching the Kirkpatrick dam.	Restoring the ocklawaha river is the most impactful manatee habitat in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15000+ acres of the Florida wildlife corridor will be restored or enhanced,benefitting species like Florida Panthers ,bobcats,bald eagles and white tailed deer.	Keeping the ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat,harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the ocklawaha dammed would keep 7500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the rodman reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida Panthers,Florida black bears ,bobcats,and white tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida wildlife corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment I am asking you to restore the ocklawaha river to ensure a bright future for people and wildlife especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow,support coastal resiliency and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/16/2021 1:04	Miami-Dade		No	No					Breach the dam. Let's support the manatees that this state prides itself on.	If providing more habitats for manatees helps them thrive. there is no excuse not to.	That I could possibly never see manatees in the future.	If there are any options to providing more habitats to manatees, then let's do it. If not, this seems like the best option.	
10/16/2021 2:50	Outside of state / other	Dallas, Texas	No	No					I am closely aware Florida-wide developing has changed the environmental outlook and as climate change grips the state to burning red and so I am deeply concerned at the future potential of conservation in every way as this is an all-involved effort and it will not be easy. I haven't explored any other channels yet of seeing from state initiatives what there are of tackling these issues but it definitely affects us and going ahead. Florida's vulnerability in the immediate Atlantic impact zone is as serious as it gets. Dear all as we turn attention to the collar-chafing, belt-pressing issues of this time and ones that define the future in every way and these issues are as easily illustrated in Arizona as reflect on the in-society issues there and how divided in ground-moving manner the country has become: Arizona is located in other EPA SuperFund sites, the first to mention today is a Hayden, Arizona ASARCo site that made its impression on the surroundings and at the confluence of water of the Hola and San Pedro Rivers and a state where water is a critical but exploited resource and infrastructure that has unquestionably still jeopardized and paralyzed society. There's another one in Arlington, Arizona and 10 miles west of Buckeye where the 1979-1980 where hazardous wastes were contaminating the ground and into the inner coil and water, and the 1992-1994 resolutions were air stripping pumped water, and a state that the 18 month operations amid another turn of the 1970s and 1980s US history. A scene of that exact oil crisis that the Big Numbers result in of 3.28 million gallons of liquids and 4,150 tons of solids on this Hassayampa as named, site and the original 1994-1996 soil vapor extracting system removed 3,700 pounds of these VOC materials and since 1994 the other water treatment system has removed 700 pounds of contamination, and the soil extracting system has, as of 2006 afterwards removed 223,000 pounds of VOCs. Once again in an area where crisis is a constant presence and with the suicide statistics and where it was previously illustrated this affects all demographics and including the aftermath effects of those as has the pandemic itself. There's another one afterward with the Scottsdale, Arizona and into Tempe and this is to briefly revisit that all major areas of Arizona have a SuperFund presence, Glendale, Phoenix, Tucson, etc and this one is no different or the history of the fact itself, pre-environmental regulations far from today	Hearing detailed plans how soon we can achieve on those potential conservation initiatives in hoping to secure a climate safe future.	I am heavily concerned by all current events ongoing and go out of my way to seek development projects across the country and there are some in Atlantic neighboring states that have had large swathes of land changed because of this.	None yet.	I have become closely concerned with the 1620s virgin forestry map available online of pre colonial forestry and how comparing this to today compares what still exists but is also a constant battle. Another examination is the July 2019 The Guardian article of potential new forestry from South Texas to Ohio. Another is all of the above meaning there is national need for conservation and new opportunities.
10/16/2021 3:27	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove it.	Wildlife growth.	Wildlife deterioration.		
10/16/2021 4:51	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breeching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water-quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/16/2021 5:30	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Tear it down	the 20 springs sail burned to build a damn that does nothing	That sail will fuck it	No. TEAR THE DAM OUT	
10/16/2021 5:59	Outside of state / other	Southington, Ohio	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	We cannot continue to place our interests above those of the manatee and nature. It must be remembered that humans can and will find alternatives while the animals impacted by our decisions cannot. Extinction is forever.
10/16/2021 6:43	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 6:52	Volusia		No	No					Remove the dam to allow natural free flow again				
10/16/2021 6:56	Sarasota		No	No					Let the fish swim and survive in their natural habitat	No more potolution and greed our Florida waters	Very much our narrative coming to a complete end as we know it on planet earth	Water should be clean and available for our future and our children that is clean and drinking water	Let our nation know we are in need of betterment in our presence and future generation after ours
10/16/2021 7:01	Outside of state / other	TN.	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OOO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/16/2021 7:05	Duval		No	No					I would like it removed.	Ecological science for the health of the St Johns river.	Reduce water quality in the St Johns.	No	
10/16/2021 7:06	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	breach the dam	studies supporting returning to the natural ecosystem	continue to adversely affect all rivers in that part of the state	no	
10/16/2021 7:13	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time			Remove it	Improve the ecology	Destroyed ecology	No	
10/16/2021 7:15	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam to restore the 20 lost springs.	Twenty springs are lost due to the dam.	Taxpayer money being spent on a dam that provides no flood protection, does not produce energy and blocks the natural flow of water and fish from Silver Springs to the St. John's River.	This dam was built for a project that was canceled 50 years ago there is no reason for it to remain in place.	
10/16/2021 7:21	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Enjoying Florida's natural scenery	I would think that we should remove the dam, opening up the real possibility to allow nature to restore itself, giving us Floridians even more natural habitat to enjoy.	Living in Miami and fishing the Everglades for twenty years between 1980-1995 taught me how much damage we can do via good-intentioned structural change, (South Fla's canal system), and how we can get out of the way of nature to restore our beautiful state.	Like the previously voted for restoration of the land south of lake Ockeechobee (which still hasn't happened), I don't wish to see another area doomed to pollution and lack of habitat because of our previous actions, and now, our inaction.	If there is a cheaper and better use of our fund, I would support that. It is my understanding that the money to purchase the land south of lake ockeechobee is already in an account. Let's use it, and use the money it would take for the Ocklawaha, too.	
10/16/2021 7:25	Duval		No	No					Blow it up	St. John's riverkeeper recommendations	Silver springs		Thank you
10/16/2021 7:26	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	The dam removed, the reservoir emptied and the river restored to its original course	The Dam destroys the migration patterns of fish and manatees. The reservoir is an unhealthy, relatively static body of water.	An unhealthy, unnatural and expensive alteration to a wonderful waterway would persist for no good reason.	No! The Dam either stays or it goes. The choice is binary.	A forest should return to the site, springs should be uncovered and restored. The river would return to its natural beauty, health and function. A useless expense would be eliminated.
10/16/2021 7:27	Clay		No	Yes					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	Science based studies that support aquifers, springs, manatees, forests and wildlife. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	Florida residents and tourists miss an opportunity for improving water quality, restoring fish and wildlife habitat, and reducing saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or dilateed any longer.	The dam is old and needs expensive repairs that would divert badly needing funding from preserving Florida's natural beauty and a healthy environment.
10/16/2021 7:32	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the river restored to its natural flow	Reading Ditch of Dreams then keeping abreast of various news articles from The Riverkeeper to local newspapers to national publications.	Economically, the geographic area/watershed wouldn't capitalize on its greatest resource, and, longer term our state's most important resource (water) could be compromised.	None that I've heard proposed but I'm open to new information	Thanks you for soliciting public opinion - as an avid kayaker and organizer for a group of kayakers I greatly appreciate what the District does to manage and support our waterways.
10/16/2021 7:33	Duval		No	No					Restore the free flowing River	Science!	This is a chance to restore the free flowing River and help the environment	No	Please tear down the dam
10/16/2021 7:56	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other	Remove the dam		Continued disruption of the natural habitat	No. Dam needs to go.	
10/16/2021 7:45	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam.	Uncover the many springs under the reservoir for better water quality downstream.	Continuing degradation of water quality on the river.	No.	
10/16/2021 7:50	Duval		No	Yes	1 time		More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Save it as it is	It is a outstanding fishery When I fish a tournament it is where I'm going for well over 20 years.If there is some reason it's not open for a tournament (like on draw downs) don't fish,Rodman is where I'm going)	Ruining what it is now and how long it would take to be back in its natural state.where would all the fish,birds and manatees go?	Not really,I would love it to remain as it is	I wish they would help it some by not killing all the vegetation,fish need it manatees need it.It's been awhile since we have seen hydrilla ,it helped filter the water too
10/16/2021 7:52	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Remove dam.	History books explaining that it should not have been built.	Silting of the lake. River not allowed to naturally flow.	No	
10/16/2021 8:02	St Johns		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river	The ecological damage that has been done	Further ecological damage that may not be reversible in the future	No	
10/16/2021 8:03	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove it	Nature	Further deterioration of tributaries of Ocklawaha		
10/16/2021 8:05	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other	It needs to be restored to its natural state.	Science. The st Johns River needs the spring to help with water quality along with all of the other benefits like mainted habitat and wetland restoration.	The continued demise of the St. John's River and habitat surrounding it.	No.	
10/16/2021 8:06	Flagler		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Free the waters all the way to Silver Springs including nearby spring heads	Manatee decline, more grass access and fish movement	No	Do not put money into repair
10/16/2021 8:07	Gilchrist		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and restore the river to its original beauty and purpose. There are hidden springs I've never seen, manatees would fare better, and Mother Nature is a much better steward of the resources than man has ever been.	The fate of the manatees and the recovery of springs. Knowing the dam is man made and was put there for a foolish purpose in the first place, shows it doesn't need to stay in place. Saving millions of dollars on restoring is foolish.	That the state would waste important tax dollars on such a catastrophe.	No.	
10/16/2021 8:09	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river	No need to change the natural flow	Vote out those against restoring	No	
10/16/2021 8:11	Polk		No	Yes					Remove damn restore River	Rodman reservoir is not natural. What's important is what's best for Mother Nature not man.	Continued damage to the eco system	Leave the damn in place and open it fully let the River flow	I grew up in south Putnam county. My whole life this has been an issue to restore the natural Ocklawaha River. The damage man has caused to every water shed and River in Florida is slowly killing natural Florida. Algie blooms, red tide, fish kills, wetland destruction, damage to wild life. We have a chance here at Rodman with minimal cost to right a past wrong, what are we waiting for ?
10/16/2021 8:18	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I am of the opinion that a dam without a purpose is a dam that should not be there. I would like to see this area restored to its former pristine life.	Water running freely is healthy. Water in an impoundment leads to death, siltation and decomposition.	Time will eventually take out the dam and return the river system to its natural flow. My biggest concern is seeing the dam upgraded taking tax dollars to attempt to extend the dam and present reservoir.	I do not support seeking to maintain the un-natural impoundment of this water.	
10/16/2021 8:23	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Removal	Science	continued loss of springs and flow	No	
10/16/2021 8:31	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Restore and free the Ocklawaha	Ecological and economic benefits	Diminished quality of the St John's River and all it provides to the environment	No	
10/16/2021 8:31	Duval		No	No					Make the river free flowing	The science	The continued bad impact on the environment	No	Long overdue
10/16/2021 8:32	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	It's time to remove the dam and restore the river to its natural flow	Fishing will still be good for anglers...little is lost in this way	Allowing the free flow is essential maintaining a healthy environment.	I haven't seen a compromise solution that creates an unobstructed waterway.	It's time! I've been in reading about this for the 25 years I have been in Florida. At first I thought it not important but I've come to the conclusion that the damn wasn't necessary without the canal and Florida and central Florida especially will be blessed with a restored river that will be used by folks who enjoy the river and there will be better fishing experiences without the dam lake.
10/16/2021 8:32	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam removed to restore to original conditions. It was built for a project that was abandoned and it too should be abandoned. There is no need for it.	Ongoing information reported by St Johns Riverkeeper and others in the media.	I have read that the dam could fail and affect people living downstream.	I don't know if there is a middle ground on this issue.	
10/16/2021 8:36	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Walking	All Florida waterways open and flowing So that water wildlife can move about for their livelihood and health	So that water wildlife can move about for their livelihood and health	We have already seen a huge decline in the Manatee that's only the tip of the surface	We have already seen a huge decline in the Manatee that's only the tip of the surface	Our waterways need to be open and flowing naturally and we need to have conservation to protect habitats
10/16/2021 8:39	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Stop paying for an aging piece of infrastructure that costs millions in maintenance	Public records	We are impacting the ability to access wildlife and contributing to unnecessary taxation of future generations	No	
10/16/2021 8:47	Alachua		No	No					Return to natural state & protect the springs	Condition of the springs is steadily declining and need to be protected throughout the state	Springs become polluted which will affect the fish, reptiles, birds and mammals that depend on it	Must protect the springs and rivers	Protect the springs, rivers and natural waterways.
10/16/2021 8:51	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Tear it down	Restore the original river	Lost opportunity to fix ecosystem and recreate huge ecosystem for public	Drain the reservoir	This was a boondoggle to begin with, please end it
10/16/2021 9:03	Citrus		No	No					Question: If bales of hay were put in the water could the manatees eat and live off of it?				
10/16/2021 9:04	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removed	Restoration the river	The affect the dam has on the river and southward	No	
10/16/2021 9:09	Brevard		No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam	The negative results to the St Johns and other rivers from the un-natural restriction of flow.	Continued negative effects on water quality and damage to wildlife.	Major diversions that provide the same flow rate as if there were no dam and measures that would enable all aquatic and non-aquatic wildlife to navigate from one river to another.	Thanks for the opportunity to express my concerns.
10/16/2021 9:11	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam and restore the river's natural flow	There is a deep body of research that indicates dams impact healthy rivers, fish populations, and water quality. As we see more and more algal blooms in the St John's River, better water flow can only improve that quality. Nature is the best healer - man made efforts usually have unintended consequences. Please return the river to its natural state.	Increased algal blooms, poor water quality		
10/16/2021 9:11	Putnam		Yes	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating	keep the dam in place	Great fish and wildlife one can enjoy with out having to deal with pleasure boaters	great fish an wildlife habit will be lost a place where one can enjoy nature with out dealing with crabbers large boats pleasure boaters and can be accessed by roads or water through the lock system	no	
10/16/2021 9:51	Duval		No	No			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Drain the reservoir, remove the dam and let the Oklawaha River flow freely.	The environmental benefits far outweigh the perceived (but incorrect) perception that fishing is somehow better with the dam.	The water quality will be further degraded, a diversity of fish species will never be achieved and the dam and reservoir will cost more and more each year to maintain.	No.	
10/16/2021 9:20	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time		Knock it down	My grandfather telling me how it was before the dam	More decay of the River systems	No	
10/16/2021 9:25	Duval		No	No					Taken down and allow the water to flow naturally	The condition of the St. John's River	The St. John's River continues to decline	I don't know	
10/16/2021 9:28	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		Removal	How it has negatively effected our environment for years and costs millions to maintain. It's cheaper to remove it AND will restore the ecosystem that is part of the National Forest	My wasted tax money to continue ruining our water ways and surrounding environment	No	It should have been removed when the ridiculous barge canal project was cancelled.
10/16/2021 9:28	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Recreational activities	"great Florida River waterway" booklet & presentations	Same ole same ole good ole boys regime & taxpayer expense to operate instead of user fee	Use the canal & lock for a man made whitewater rafting & kayaking venue similar to Charlotte's National whitewater center	Needs to be a win/win. Guess I don't really understand
10/16/2021 9:31	Broward		No	No					remove it, free the fish, and help Nature be Natural.	helping reconnect Florida's natural river and allowing fish to breed	loose an opportunity	partial removal, enough for fish to pass freely	The oppositions position
10/16/2021 9:31	Palm Beach		No	No					I want it to survive the corporate greed that seems to be everywhere.				
10/16/2021 9:33	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 9:34	Glades		No	No					Remove dam. As a "snowbird" Florida wildlife is a major attraction for my months long visits to Florida. Can't wait to see the states lawmakers forward further protection of its environment. Many thanks!				
10/16/2021 9:34	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Dump the dam	Letting the river flow	That we continue with a total disaster	NO	Just do it

10/16/2021 9:34	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	If you got rid of the dam you can restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	Absolutely not. It should have been done years ago. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 9:34	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam .	Environmental	Loss of wildlife and fish	No	
10/16/2021 9:36	Outside of state / other	Maine	No	No					The environment needs to be protected for these special birds!! Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I used to live in Florida for 30 years and man is destroying the environment and more needs to protect what God created it all for the wildlife. Look at the Manatee's they are dying and what is the state doing ????
10/16/2021 9:37	Broward		No	No					Remove the dam. Free up the River.	Let nature control the natural habitat.	Continuing to spend taxpayer money and resources on a failed water control project makes no sense.	No	
10/16/2021 9:38	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Other: Boat up-to-it, but am blocked from further travel	The dam has never served it intended purpose. The damage ecologically to the springs and the river can be reversed if our government would take the bold step and remove the dam. The cost to maintain a relic of the past is a waste of everyone's money. I am in full support of breaching the dam so nature can be restored.	Dams by and large are damaging to the wild areas they attempt to tame. The simple blocking of the water is so detrimental to the springs, wildlife and ecology.	Continued negative effects to the waterways being blocked to include the prevention of manatees, fish and other wildlife.	No-The dam must go	
10/16/2021 9:39	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam	Bring back the natural flow of the rivers	Costs for the maintenance of the dam will continue to increase	Not really	
10/16/2021 9:39	Sarasota		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	We must work to preserve as much as possible of our native Florida from developers.
10/16/2021 9:40	Volusia		No	No					remove the dam. restore the land to what it used to be.	15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	NO! RESTORE THE LAND AND WATERWAYS.	Look at the progress being made at the Tamiami Trail. It can be done!!! Restore the land! Let nature do it's thing. It's the best thing for humans and wildlife alike.
10/16/2021 9:40	Miami-Dade		No	No					Remove the dam	Concern wildlife			
10/16/2021 9:41	Palm Beach		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore natural flow - remove the dam!	Destruction and pollution downstream	Humans are terrible stewards of our planet. In my lifetime the destruction seen has brought us past the tipping point!!!		
10/16/2021 9:42	Outside of state / other	DOVER, DE, USA	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 9:43	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: We camped and biked as well as kayaked and used our small boat.	Remove the damn. Restore the area to its natural habitat.	The reservoir was pointless. It was a breeding ground for invasive plants like the hyacinth. The water is shallow and full of submerged trees and branches making it hard to even kayak. What is the point in preserving an expensive damn and canal that serve no purpose?	Spending money on something that does nothing to preserve our natural environment but does the opposite.	No	
10/16/2021 9:44	Suwannee		No	No					Removal of the dam will ensure habitat for birds and other wildlife and an opportunity for tourism. By far the most economical solution to the aging dam is to remove it.	Audubon press releases	Loss of potential habitat, increased state budget.	No	There is no good alternative to removing the dam; it makes no sense to spend precious state resources on rebuilding.
10/16/2021 9:45	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: Photography , video	Fix the river. The river and the wildlife. Clean water is good, essential but the most important thing is maintaining the balance of nature and the ecology of the region. I lived in Gainesville 4 years.	Research for documentaries done about threats to ecosystem and wildlife habitat	You will have a concrete jungle and a dying environment for both animals and people	s think it's time to make the choice for life, in harmony with our environment.	
10/16/2021 9:45	Charlotte		No	No					Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.		
10/16/2021 9:46	Highlands		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	It is time for Florida to have our few remains precious reserves returned to their natural life. Humans have interfered and attempted to control nature for far too long and look at the mess we're in now as a result.
10/16/2021 9:47	Orange		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 9:47	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	No more of my taxes should go to repair this environmental disaster. Take it down.	The great damage to animal populations with the damming of the river.	More springs destroyed.	no	
10/16/2021 9:48	Bay		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	It is the most impactful restoration of manatee habitat providing essential warm water sites for manatees to survie the winter.	Manatees further threatened by loss of habitat	No. Breaching the dam is overdue to protect wildlife, especially manatees, and water quality.	Habitat will be created for many wetland species like panthers, bobcats, bears and bald eagles.
10/16/2021 9:49	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The dam's got to go! Needs repair and does no good, just harm to the natural environment that brings us life.
10/16/2021 9:50	Polk		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it to restore the springs	We lost 20 springs	Water quality getting worse	No	
10/16/2021 9:50	Brevard		No	No					Deconstructed and removed restoring natural waterways.	Worthless failed infrastructure destroying natural migratory ways and water flow, flooding springs and overall stupidity.	We are completely failed as a species. We are doomed	No	How stupid can the legislators be to repair a useless and harmful structure!
10/16/2021 9:54	Duval		No	No					Take the dam down	Science	More of the same	No	None
10/16/2021 9:55	Seminole		No	No									
10/16/2021 9:55	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Other: Hiking	Take it out, return to the wild river	Nature rules! Let it do its job	Nature can't do it job	Not interested	I want to kayak on a wild river
10/16/2021 9:57	Duval		No	No						The waterway is in danger which should alarm all Florida residents!	The ecosystems peril.	Clean up our waterways. Keep pollutants out.	
10/16/2021 9:59	Outside of state / other		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 10:00	Outside of state / other	Columbia, SC	No	No					I would to see it dismantled and the area revert to as close to its natural ecosystem as possible.	The loss of bird and other wildlife habitat	An even further decline in wildlife populations	Anything that helps restore habitat is good.	
10/16/2021 10:01	Duval		No	No					I'd like to see the damn breached and the water systems returned to their natural state. This will help Silver Springs and the St Johns and provide 150 million gallons of fresh water to our ecosystem.	Studies have shown that restoring the Ocklawaha can reduce algae blooms and support a resurgence in the manatee population.	That we miss the opportunity to undo this mistake that has been allowed to sit for 50 years.	No. Breaching the dam is what is right for the delicate Florida ecosystem.	
10/16/2021 10:02	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breaching the damn and restoring the river habitat	Restoration of the warm water for the winter habitat of manatees and other wildlife that depend on the water	Extinction of manatees, panthers, bears and other wildlife in Florida. These animals are essential to the diversity of Florida and attract tourists and money into the state	No. Water and water quality is essential for the life of these animals	I spend 6 months a year in Florida. I have snorkeled with manatee. It is essential to maintain the Florida wildlife corridor and protect the natural beauty of Florida. It's what makes Florida special. Without the natural diversity Florida becomes just like any other state. Protect your communities and rivers and the economy that natural beauty and diversity brings into florida
10/16/2021 10:03	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam.	The Dam serves no purpose and valued funds could be used to address restoration of the waterways. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. This is the critical step to restoration of the waterways	Florida's natural environment is under threat of overdevelopment and our natural resources continue to be negatively impacted. It his time to step up and do the right thing by removing the Dam to restore the waterways.
10/16/2021 10:06	Volusia		No	No					Restore the dam	Breach the dam	It can help at least 20 other springs in Florida	NO	
10/16/2021 10:08	Lake		No	No					Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	The springs that are covered should be allowed to flow as nature designed.	The stagnation of this and nearby rivers which will not be able to support the fish and other wildlife.	manatee & fish health as well as the health of all the water in those springs!	It is hard to understand why we took manatees off the endangered list when we lost the most ever this year! they need our help! and so does the spring water and fish! please remove this unnecessary dam!
10/16/2021 10:09	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Dam removal to restore the natural flow of the river	Science, common sense, and the large majority of the people vs. the small minority of fishermen.	Continued degradation of an artificial, stagnant environment	No. This dam is reaching a point of marked degradation and is not worth one dollar to restore. Its time has come, and gone.	Although I currently live in Lake County, I lived in Marion County for 14 years and visited the area at that time. The wildlife and fish are important to the residents of Florida.
10/16/2021 10:09	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Some sort of an alteration to the dam that would allow for a significant amount of free flowing water	It appears that a number of ecologically centered groups with a pot more knowledge than I have determined that through extensive studies that this would benefit Several Florida river ways.	The health of several Florida rivers will deteriorate further as will the habitats they support and, selfishly, some recreational activities such as kayaking will diminish as well.	We should be open to any "science backed" solution but my faith remains with the St John's River Keeper and I would look to her for guidance on whether any solutions are not necessarily optimal, but at least feaseable.	Thank you for taking the time to solicit opinions from the public
10/16/2021 10:10	Lake		No	No									
10/16/2021 10:10	Clay		No	No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Destroy the dam to restore the Ocklawaha, St Johns and Silver Springs Rivers and restore the springs	Science - destroying the dam restores 3 rivers, many springs, 15000 acres of floodplain and the rivers regain their natural flow. Stop playing God.	Not doing this stops the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam	No, consider the dam safety issues, and correct and improve water flow must be restored to improve the quality of the waters.	
10/16/2021 10:11	Pinellas		No	No						Return river to normal. Dismantle dams	Ya news paper internet	Not good for Environment	None
10/16/2021 10:11	Manatee		No	No						See it removed and the rivers allowed to flow naturally	The damage to the environment, and the distraction of natural water ways to wildlife that have occurred by the building of the damn.	The damage to wildlife and natural flowing water and water Ways that wildlife need to migrate and live	No, the dam needs to be removed and the waters need to flow naturally
10/16/2021 10:12	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Viewing wildlife and peace and tranquility	Removing all manmade restrictions..period Serves no dam purpose	The river site it's self ,YOU SCREWED UT UO ,,,YOU FIX IT BACK TO NATURES STANDARDS ,AND THEN LEAVE THE ....S.O.B. ALONE,YALL HAVE SCREWED ENOUGH UP ALL READY	That the water district s are crooked as hell ,your on agenda ,not natures agenda AND STOP SELLING OUR DAMN spring waters to NESTLES OR ANY Other Company's AND RANCHES	No,,,we are tired of your STUPID DECISIONS AND LEAVE OUR WATER WAYS ...PRESTEEN...PERIOD!	
10/16/2021 10:13	Charlotte		No	No					Eliminate the dam and bring the river back to its natural state.	I have witnessed the waste of money that is the Cross Florida Barge Canal.	My concern is always the wildlife and the waste of taxpayer dollars.		
10/16/2021 10:15	Columbia		No	Yes			2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove dam, restore reservoir land	All results of the many researches done about this.	The "good ole boys" have too much power.	
10/16/2021 10:15	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam should be breached to allow the free flow of the Ocklawaha River The damage the dam has done over the past 50 years is an example of the negative effects that occur when man tries to re-engineer the environment.	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The priceless St Johns River, the outstanding Ocklawaha River and numerous springs continue to be impaired and one day it will be too late to save them. I grew up in Jacksonville and experienced first hand the negative effects of industrial and residential pollution on the SJR. Today it is trying to recover and we need to protect it as MUCH as possible. I have retired and live on the shore of the SJR in Putnam County and feel a personal obligation to take a stand to protect this amazing River.	No Not that I am aware of - the NATURAL flow needs to be restored.	Fishermen go into St Johns River in tournaments. The continued spraying of pesticides to control blooms is dangerous. Manatees wouldn't be killed in locks. The boat tours to Silver Springs from Jax and Pataka could resume using the beautiful river in it entirety
10/16/2021 10:18	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Remove the dam.	The dam serves no useful purpose and adversely affects wildlife and the St. John River ecosystem. If the Ocklawaha flowed freely it would reduce the salinity of the St John.	Rodman Reservoir will eventually silt up and be totally useless.	Partial dam removal	
10/16/2021 10:19	Outside of state / other	Woodbridge, VA	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Far too often man interfered with what nature put in place much to the detriment of wildlife, vegetation, and the natural flow of our valuable water resources. And human life typically ends up suffering in the long run, too.
10/16/2021 10:19	Leon		No	No					The dam needs to be removed to allow nature to prevail as it had for millions of years before the dam was built.	Protecting the environment needs to be prevail especially in this case of perpetuating a lost cause.	More animals and plants will be harmed or destroyed in an environmentally sensitive area.	No.	The dam needs to be removed as soon as possible.
10/16/2021 10:20	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Our springs provide us a source of water and support an important ecosystem in Florida. Removing the dam will preserve this gift for future generations.
10/16/2021 10:22	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the naturalflow of water.	Ecological damage causedby the dam.	Longterm death of natural eco system.	st show up with a shovel to help. No we mustyt restore the system.	
10/16/2021 10:23	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 10:24	Martin		No	No					Remove the dam	The knowledge that the springs and rivers would be restored by the removal of an unnecessary dam.	Further destruction of natural habitat in a state losing it faster than any other. Let's save the little bit we have left.	No	
10/16/2021 10:24	Outside of state / other	UGA	No	No									
10/16/2021 10:25	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'm in favor of having the dam removed.	There is plenty of science based studies which show the benefits of removing dams. This has already occurred many times throughout the United States.	None.	None come to mind.	
10/16/2021 10:26	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	treasure our wildlife, trees and vegetation. It is of the upmost importance to restore Florida to its natural state! Please make this happen.
10/16/2021 10:28	Citrus		No	No					Dam removed and natural flow retury.	Environmental issues	Continue water flow damage	No	
10/16/2021 10:28	St Johns		No	No					Remove it to restore the natural Ocklawaha river flows.	The damn has been very destructive to the springs and rivers in the area and provides little value. Restoring the rivers would greatly help the ecology of the area including flood plains and the flow of several rivers.	The continued decline of wildlife, including the manatee, and the natural ecology of the area. This is a great opportunity to use available funds and remove the dams and we may not have another opportunity like now in the future.	No. Full restoration of the Ocklawaha River is needed after 50 years.	I enjoy paddle boarding on the Springs and restoration of the Ocklawaha River would greatly enhance recreational activities in the area.
10/16/2021 10:30	Monroe		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I've lived and worked in Florida since 1975, and I've seen a HUGE amount of degradation in it's ecology and environment in general and it makes me angry! The Florida legislature seems to have only $$$$$$$$$ on it's mind and the current Governor is The DEVIL Incarnate.
10/16/2021 10:31	Manatee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. It is critically important to be good stewards of our natural wildlife and create systems that enrich habitat and enrich the beauty of the landscape for Floridians and visitors.	As a Florida resident, I cherish the natural beauty and incredible wildlife and Bird species that rely on habitat in Florida. Restoring natural systems that support wildlife enriches people lives as well, and it is so important to protect ecosystems that support wildlife, much as is being done in the Everglades. We all depend on nature to sustain us. Please allow this river system to be restored. Thank you.
10/16/2021 10:31	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	It should be removed to restore the river.	The health of the St. John's river and Florida springs.	The health of the river, springs, and needless expense of maintaining the dam.	Can't think of any.	
10/16/2021 10:31	Lake		No	No						Have it preserved	The climate	The climate	
10/16/2021 10:34	Pinellas		No	No					I'd like to see the damn removed and the whole area restored, including three rivers and all the attendant wildlife.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	Wasted money and loss of a great opportunity to restore natural flows of rivers and springs.	Absolutely not. As the old saying goes "mother nature knows best". Good intentions often have unintended consequences, as we saw in the straightening of the Kissimee River and subsequent restoration.	
10/16/2021 10:38	Brevard		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	To save the Manatees and wildlife, we did this to them now we have to save them.	We lose all our manatees and wildlife. we need help to save manatees and other wildlife from habitat destruction and pollution Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Yes restore Ocklawaha River any means necessary to save the gentle giants the Manatees and the wildlife.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.
10/16/2021 10:41	Osceola		No	No									
10/16/2021 10:41	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times		Breach the dam.	Restore the natural environment as it was 50 years ago and allow wildlife to restore back to their old habitats.	This is a great opportunity to undo the environmental damage and harm done to wildlife populations. Not too late to right a wrong.	No. Needs to be breached. The proportion of people that would benefit from this vs. people that want to keep it is astronomical. Seems to me the only people that want to keep it are a few handful of bass fisherman.	
10/16/2021 10:41	Duval		No	No					The project is dead, so no need for the dam. It should be removed.	The questionable health of the St. Johns River and need for all its tributaries.	Indolence and the uncaring attitude toward the destruction of the natural rivers of our state would lead to more unfortunate tampering with nature.	Building a whole lot of fish passages in and out of the reservoir that still wouldn't accomplish a lot.	
10/16/2021 10:43	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	There is so much development in Florida, and short term financial gains are foolhardy. Natural places are critical and integral to the health and beauty of Florida. Tourism is a huge portion of the income for the state and when Florida gets uglier, fewer and fewer visitors will spend time and money here. Let's be part of making Florida beautiful and functional again. Reverse the damage done to Florida land, water and wildlife by breaching the dam. Save lots of money by NOT trying to make an old structure safe for the future. Thank you.

10/16/2021 10:44	St Johns		No	No					Removal of the obstacles to natural flowing rivers and surrounding areas	All of the studies that I have seen indicate the restoration of the e-natural flow will benefit all the surrounding ecosystems.	Further degradation of the natural flow age patterns.	Partial restoration	
10/16/2021 10:48	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 10:49	Broward		No	No					Breach the dam and bring back the river. Restore the migratory routes for fish and aquatic mammals and reunite the river's	Environmental stewardship, return to a forest floodplain, reunite the rivers.	Environmental degradation and lost economic opportunities for visitors.	NO! Water quality, dam safety and wildlife have walked too long already.	Do the right thing.
10/16/2021 10:50	Collier		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam. Restore the land.	Impact on wildlife	More devastation to the wildlife	No	
10/16/2021 10:52	St Johns		No	No					We want the dam to be breached to restore free-flowing water to the springs and St. Johns River. When we moved to Florida 10 years ago, seeing and learning about the mighty St. Johns River was part of our education as new Floridians. What a resource it is! Taking this step to restore the watershed will result in better water quality and habitat.	Science is the key here. All of us are becoming more aware of the preciousness of our natural resources, so this is the time to act on that belief and work to reverse the stoppage of the flow of water that nourishes the fertile springs and river areas.	Continuing degradation of the springs and rivers will continue. We can't afford that!	Since I'm not a hydrologist, I can't really provide an alternative. I am a believer in clean, clear-flowing water, so I support the breaching of the dam. I can't imagine what a lesser alternative might be.	We have an opportunity now to do something that will benefit the environment on which Florida tourism depends. That it is also a chance to mitigate years of impeded water use and refresh, restore, and rehabilitate our water resources is an opportunity we don't want to miss!
10/16/2021 10:53	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 58 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 10:54	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	remove and return the river to its natural flow	the loss of natural wetlands with the growth and encroachment of development	future generations will miss out on the natural state that I have enjoyed for the last 67 years as a 3rd generation Floridian	no this boondoggle is 50 years to long	
10/16/2021 10:56	Palm Beach		No	No					Tom down to allow nature to return to its original splendor and potentially help save us from climate change by providing pathway for the natural waterways to reunite, providing regrow the of flora adding oxygen to the air and removing CO2 from the air, and restoring habitat for birds and other wildlife.	Climate change is going to be the demise of the planet.	Climate change will destroy the planet.	I am not a scientist, just an older woman who has seen much change on Earth since I was aware of what our footprint has damaged everything. I do not see how not achieving all our goals would help.	Don't keep asking for money in every email. It makes me loathe to open any of them.
10/16/2021 10:56	Duval		No	No					I would like the dam to be dismantled so the Ocklawaha River can return to it's former state.	Evidence that it would help restore sea grass in Manatee habitats.	Even higher Manatee mortality rates	No	
10/16/2021 10:58	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore ocklawaha by breaching dam, and reconnecting St. John's, ocklawaha, silver river. Restoring the many springs in these rivers. Ecological river health!	Restoring health of springs thus the aquifer	Continued degradation of the rivers, springs	No	
10/16/2021 10:59	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam to restore natural rivers.	Better for economy, people & natural Florida! Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	Drain on the economy!!! And further destruction of natural Florida!!! If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No.	
10/16/2021 11:03	Citrus		No	No					We need to remove the dam and restore the rivers! Restore the migration if the manatees, birds, and fish!! Please!! This dam does nothing. Why pour money into it???? It doesn't make sense. Please remove the dam and restore the river!!	How the dam has negatively affected the wildlife and natural lands.	Continued destruction of the land, the springs, and continued blocking of manatee and fish migration	No	There are many places to use our taxpayers money that would help our people and our economy. Repairing this useless dam is not one of them.
10/16/2021 11:05	Orange		No	No					Please remove the dam and let nature restore the natural course of the Ocklawaha River.	We are at a crossroads and the need to preserve Florida's natural resources and beauty is pressing. This is a unique opportunity that may never occur again. Removing the old dam will allow some of Florida's springs and rivers to be restored to their natural flows so that wildlife, plants, birds and waters can return. This dam is not needed.	Continued degradation of Florida's unique springs and beautiful rivers.	No. The correct answer is to remove this old structure. It is foolish to waste money repairing something that is not needed.	Florida's springs are unique. Restoring them is one piece of added value that could encourage eco tourism—a very popular and financially beneficial thing. Please remove this old thing so that we can leave a better Florida for not only our enjoyment, but for the future.
10/16/2021 11:08	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other	Restore natural flow	Science. And it's the way it's naturally supposed to be.	Apart of the demise of Florida's water quality.	Yes, fix the 500 other water quality issue contributing factors.	
10/16/2021 11:08	Outside of state / other	UK	No	Yes			1 time	Other: Vacation	The Ocklawaha River is essential to the long-term survival of manatees. The Kirkpatrick Dam must be breached with the utmost urgency. This will also benefit a huge range of other species, from Florida panthers to bald eagles, who, in turn, will naturally help to maintain a healthy ecosystem.	Manatee death records were sadly broken in the first six months of 2021, with at least 841 individuals dying. They need access to warm habitats above 68 F during the winter to survive, and to ensure an adequate supply of seagrass - their primary food source. This can only be achieved by restoring the Ocklawaha River and the associated 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	More manatees will inevitably die because of our failure to remove man-made structures. Manatees have very little winter habitat available to them. They need the areas we are depriving them of, and the optimal conditions within them, more than ever. Removing the Rodman Reservoir and dam would also open up 7,500 acres of forested habitat, that is currently flooded. The dam and reservoir is essentially a wall, when it could be transformed into a wildlife corridor, allowing currently cut off populations to integrate and strengthen their numbers and genetic diversity.	No. People have been fighting for this for 50 years. Manatees and other threatened species can not wait any longer.	Who wants to risk seeing dead or starving manatees? It is truly distressing, bad for tourism, and is the very real culmination of an intentionally degraded (because we know how to fix it) ecosystem. As a tourist, I do not see any downside to the restoration of the Ocklawaha River. Manatees are a huge draw for wildlife lovers. Residents will benefit hugely from the increase in land and nature; much of which will be threatened; whilst local water quality will undoubtedly improve, once the river is allowed to flow naturally. It is exciting to think that springs and rivers will once again be interconnected across a 217-mile stretch of currently degraded waterway. The number of communities that will be positively affected will be huge. The area can be promoted as a green destination, promoting many outdoor pursuits, to the economic benefit of the entire region. Most importantly, manatees will be saved from starving or freezing to death, whist seagrass is a huge carbon store. The restoration of manatee habitat will therefore save the state money in the long run as a means to mitigate climate change. Freeing the Ocklawaha River to flow as nature intended is a win-win situation, but time is of the essence. No one wants to see more manatees die when we know there is a simple solution. Please breach the dam now.
10/16/2021 11:13	Manatee		No	No					We must try to return it to a more natural ecosystem.	That Florida must try to protect and enhance natural diversity and ecosystems.	Degradation of our air and land.	No	This is long overdue.
10/16/2021 11:13	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam	Environmental impact of the dam	Continued impact on wildlife, ecosystem and water	No	
10/16/2021 11:15	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The removal of Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam will restore the Ocklawaha back to life	Many springs have been lost. Also the financial burden of repairing the outmoded dam would be prohibitive.	The magnificent Silver Springs, a Ft. institution, wd. continue to be degraded, & many forests that cd. have come back wd. not be able to	No! Our flora, fauna, waterways cannot wait anymore.	Please do the right thing, and overcome the historic misguided history of the Fla. Barge Canal.
10/16/2021 11:17	Alachua		No	No					The Dam MUST be removed for the sake of all of Florida and the environment. This was a monumental mistake to begin with, and the longer it is allowed to remain, the longer restoration is delayed.	•Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	Restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	•No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 11:22	Sarasota		No	No					Remove the dam. Let nature take its course and let the rivers flow.	The dam has no purpose here and removing it helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. The area will have a tremendous amount of money and water will be restored where it should be.	According to the National Audubon Society, if the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. Water is no a renewable resource. We need to do all we can now to preserve it.	No. Improved water quality and wildlife can't wait and is this is long overdue.	Although I don't live in this area or have visited the area, I do know that dams are no longer what we need. We need to work with nature and stop destroying it. Breaching the dam is a step in the right direction.
10/16/2021 11:25	Outside of state / other	El Sobrante, Ca	No	No					It is clear that the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam, has NOT provided the results that are benefiting the environment. All across the country, dams are being removed, as it had been determined that they are really an impediment to the free movement of aquatic animals, and the water quality. Additionally, Removing the Dam will improve the economic viability of the area. Helping the construction industry. Increased visitation, and with it hospitality jobs to the region.	Removal will be better for the environment	Decreased water quality.	At this point in time, NO!	
10/16/2021 11:29	Collier		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Information provided by the Audubon Society and various online publications on websites such as Radefenders.org	Loss of the opportunity to restore some of Florida's most beautiful wildlife habitat. And wasted tax payer dollars on upkeep of the dam.	Partial Restoration as proposed by the DEP and described here https://fladefenders.org/blog-greenway-management-plan-2017-2027/	
10/16/2021 11:30	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Known down the damn dam. Restore the natural flow of water for the ecosystems to flourish .	The fact that GOD intended for the water to flow which is evident by the destruction the f****** damn caused	Animals and plants that our ecosystem depends on will not be able to live there. Stocked fish are f****** garbage. Biodiversity is a good thing.	No. Knock down the fuckin damn.	I'd be real curious what the average IQ is of the average person who wants to keep the dam in place.
10/16/2021 11:31	Orange		No	No			1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. This is an environmental home run based on the numerous benefits at a relatively low cost.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/16/2021 11:31	Monroe		No	Yes			1 time		Regarding Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam: Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose. If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation and more.	I can't think of one. This needs to happen/	
10/16/2021 11:37	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	Florida relies on tourism for a huge chunk of its economy. We are killing off our ability to attract tourists in the future with the massive environmental destruction. We must act. If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	Massive loss of tourist dollars in the near future and massive spending of government dollars to mitigate disaster caused by the dam remaining	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please stop short-sighted policy. The future is important. Remove the dam now.
10/16/2021 11:41	Seminole		No	No					Remove Dam and restore Oklawaha River.	Costly repair costs for the aging dam would be better spent on permanently restoring the Real Florida instead of maintaining a reservoir.	If the restoration of the Oklawaha it's not addressed now, Florida misses an opportunity to make a lasting improvement in its natural habitats which are fast disappearing due to population growth and development.	Reduction of the size of the reservoir. If feasible, might be an option.	
10/16/2021 11:49	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 11:50	Highlands		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removed - return to original habitat	Natural system is best. Wildlife needs the original River for better habitat and food source.	Lack of suitable habitat for birds and other creatures.	Don't believe so	
10/16/2021 11:51	Seminole		No	No					matching up with each area			no	
10/16/2021 11:54	Lake		No	No					Free the Ocklawaha and dam the Kirkpatrick Dam! Stop wasting taxpayer dollars and damaging future water & wildlife.	The 56 million dollars estimated (so we know it will cost much more), to keep it.	If the dam is kept....the future damage to our water & wildlife.	No.	
10/16/2021 11:55	Taylor		No	No					Remove dam	Studies that show benefits of removal	Continued environmental mess	Not really	Cross FL barge canal was a horrible idea 50 years ago but just like draining everglades it takes a long time and greater awareness for all to realize. Read "A Time to Remember" and "The Swamp"
10/16/2021 11:56	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Other	I would like to See it breached to set the water free to its natural state.	the lack of fish diversity, manatees, and endangerment to water supplies.	Lack of recreational use for everyone and lack of species of fish and wildlife because of harbicide use that is necessary now.		
10/16/2021 11:57	Outside of state / other	New Rochelle. New York	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Manatees have already reached record numbers of deaths this year due in part to starvation from seagrass loss. The greatest and looming long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. We can make a difference by restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida RiverwaylAs a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("COO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam.
10/16/2021 12:01	Brevard		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The world is watching. Florida should be LEADING the nation, not dragging it down.
10/16/2021 12:04	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the natural habitat	Scientific evidence!	Loss of wildlife.	NO!	
10/16/2021 12:06	Duval		No	No					I would like to see it opened. The cross-Florida canals system was short-sighted and this dam just further aggravates that. While I appreciate the fishing opportunity, I don't see that area growing at all. It becomes a "private" club to the detriment of the majority. It was not intended to be blocked. Our springs and other areas need it to be opened and provide a far larger economic opportunity in the long term	the peril the springs are facing and the manatees	this dam will founder and then just sit there. deteriorate and not be of any benefit.	opening the dam regularly for refreshment? not sure I know the subtleties enough.	the landscape and nature and weather and water are what make Florida so awesome. it should not be limited by prior poor short-term decisions. we need to think LONG term. if we are a state bound by water, we need to allow it to flow in all its forms. Not bottle it up.
10/16/2021 12:07	Duval		No	Yes					Restore the flow	it is the natural state of the river, changed only by a failed project. I am a native Floridian and am the most interested in preservation of this beautiful state.	Continued human interference with nature	No	Thank you for your support in restoring Florida to greatness
10/16/2021 12:09	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Nothing	The loss of all the manatees that come into Rodman Reservoir to feed on the all the vegetation that it holds. If the damn we're removed we would lose that vegetation	No	
10/16/2021 12:09	St Johns		No	No									
10/16/2021 12:09	Palm Beach		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	The dam breeched	Updates from environmental agencies	Detriment to manatees, fish, and wildlife	No	No
10/16/2021 12:10	Hillsborough		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove if it would benefit wildlife.	Love of birds	Damage to current eco systems	Need to read about it before I can make a decision.	
10/16/2021 12:12	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoying the area	Please breach the dam.	Support of Audubon Soiety	Wildlife will suffer	Not aware of one	Preserving natural habitat is extremely important to me and my husband and the wildlife.
10/16/2021 12:14	Broward		No	No					PLEASE Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please, I am a FLORIDA Native, born and raised here and want to preserve what I Remember of this great wilderness (what is left of it) for my children and grandchildren

10/16/2021 12:16	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	breach the dam	The dam does not support wide public benefits and is crucial to wildlife populations and the health of our rivers and springs. It would restore 20 drowned springs on the Ocklawaha River. It would also provide safe winter habitat to our endangered Florida Manatee.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No the dam should be breached it is 50 years overdue and crucial to our Florida ecosystem	2021 has been the deadliest year on Record for the Florida Manatee who are dieing at alarming rates due to water pollution and lack of vegetation for food. The restored flow of the river could be key to their survival.
10/16/2021 12:16	Escambia		No	No									
10/16/2021 12:21	Pinellas		No	No				Damn removed	Ecosystem back to working order.	Ecosystem not back to working order.			
10/16/2021 12:21	Orange		No	No				removal	the success of the Kissimmee River restoration	Continued degradation of Silver Springs, Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	I dont think so.		We owe it to future generations to preserve and protect the natural heritage of Fla. And we aren't doing a very good job, are we?
10/16/2021 12:23	Outside of state / other	Kentucky	No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing						
10/16/2021 12:30	Lake		No	No				I would love to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached, and the Ocklawaha River returned to it's original natural state.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	I grew up enjoying the Ocklawaha River in it's natural state, and it was so much better that way. My parents also used to take me through the Ocklawaha River all the way to the St. John's River and out to the ocean. It's very difficult to do that nowadays, especially from Silver Springs to the St. John's River, because it's not being maintained any more. I think since it's so difficult, many people have just given up on even trying to get through there anymore, which is a shame, because it used to be a beautiful section of the river. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation fromher loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/16/2021 12:35	Lake		No	No				Get rid of the Dam so the waters can flow naturally like God made it.	There are several reasons, including 20 springs that will be restored, but most importantly to me are the manatees. They will have more locations to visit warmer water in the winter, which they need to survive.	Environmental needs that are critical and won't be met, especially for our wildlife.	There is none.		Restoration needs to be done for many reasons, including future enjoyment of the natural springs for our grandchildren.
10/16/2021 12:37	Clay		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Fishing	Remove it!	A vast improvement in water quality for the St. Johns River	Even more environmental problems in the St. Johns due to the changes upstream and the deepening of the Jacksonville Port with the further invasion of salt water upstream.	Have not seen one so far.		During the 1990's I served as the chairman of the Environmental Advisory Committee of the South Florida Water Management District and the Southwest Florida Water Management District simultaneously for a period of time. Also I have qualified as an expert witness in water resources and ecological systems in a variety of court cases.
10/16/2021 12:45	Broward		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 12:45	Leon		No	No				Get rid of the dam. Restore the Ocklawaha river, and the springs and wetlands.	Removing the dam restores the springs that were drowned by the reservoir and restores the Silver and St Johns Rivers	If the dam is not removed, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits. Restoration will bring many needed jobs to the area. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline and algae blooms will continue to rise in frequency and severity.	No. The dam has to go.		Restore Florida's natural beauty. That's what brings visitors and jobs to the area.
10/16/2021 12:48	Sarasota		No	No				Remove the dam, restore the river.	Stop wasting money on a dam that serves no purpose.	Continued waste of money, continued degradation of water resources.	No. The dam needs to go. Stop wasting money on this.		
10/16/2021 12:50	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Original species of fish would be restored		The environment would continue to suffer			
10/16/2021 12:58	Outside of state / other	Berkeley, CA	No	No				Remove the dams.		Restore the environment.	No.		
10/16/2021 13:00	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Remove and restore the natural flow. Remove any canals etc that were part of the Cross Florida Barge Canal.	Restoring habitat of natural Florida- of all kinds- birds, fish , vegetation, trees. My one fear is that the areas along the restored river would be open to development!	Continued degradation of our water resources and general environment! Question-would the Mosi Bluff dam also be removed as part of the restoration and how would the Lakes below be affected-Lakeharris, Lake Griffin, LakeApopka?- is our current water table sufficient now and coupled with the uncontrolled development going to maintain those lake levels?? I have many questions??	Somehow prevent development from draining Florida's aquifer-perhaps requiring developers to include desalination facilities and impact fees to any new residents to our state. Our Florida is being destroyed!	Please continue to listen to us concerned and native Floridians who remember the way it was and want to hold on to some of it! Seventh Generation Floridian
10/16/2021 13:08	Seminole		No	No				Remove it	It's not needed	The failed Cross Florida Barge Canal Project left environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest.	no		
10/16/2021 13:10	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam, which is already well past its life expectancy. It is harming water quality and wildlife.	Breaching the dam would restore three rivers and over fifty springs for people and wildlife.	Water quality declining even further, causing fish kills, blue-green algae, blockages of invasive weeds and more.	NO. Breaching the dam is long overdue. Do not spend more money on the dam.		Thank you for listening to environmentalists and ordinary citizens like me.
10/16/2021 13:13	Outside of state / other	MN	No	No				Removal of the dam and restoration of natural water flows and habitats.	Nature is much better at stewarding her resources than we humans. If we are to survive the ecological and climate catastrophe we have to stop damming up natural processes, and instead foster their restoration and learn to live with them.	Continued habitat degradation, local extinction of manatees, etc, and especially that even at this point in time humans still aren't wise enough to do the right thing when it comes to stewardship of natural spaces.	No.		
10/16/2021 13:16	Hernando		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	Environmental concerns.	Continued degradation of the river.		
10/16/2021 13:19	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	get rid of the dam	restore the natural flow for springs	eutrophication	no	
10/16/2021 13:25	Collier		No	No					Return the land to what it used to be.	Every time y'all do some thing, you mess up the ecosystem. You really need to work with the land, not against it.	Do some thing, you mess up the ecosystem. You really need to work with the land, not against it.I would be very disappointed	I would be very disappointed.	
10/16/2021 13:34	Duval		No	No				Please remove the dam. Please reunite the rivers and help the Florida ecosystem.	Removing the dam will restore the springs and rivers. This promotes a healthy ecosystem.	Hurting Florida's beautiful natural environment, including so much wildlife!	No! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	This is a chance to restore Florida's natural and beautiful ecosystem. Don't miss this opportunity!	
10/16/2021 13:44	Alachua		No	No				Restore it as it was to connect habitats and support wildlife.	Florida's growing population over the next few decades is going to cause even more problems for our natural areas.	More biodiversity loss. We're losing it fast, already.	Hard to say. Maybe targeted restoration will help.		
10/16/2021 13:45	Putnam		Yes	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxing and mental health	Remove all dams, restoration of the whole area like before the dams	The destruction of habitat fish and fowl, and furbearers	Too many thoughts to separate and keep me out of trouble, I would love to see everything the way it was, all my children are in their 50s and were very sad when I told them what was going on here… They live in the mid west now butlove to come home and bring their children and grandchildren to see the beautiful Florida they grew up in!! RESTORATION OF THE THREE RIVERS, NO DAMS IS THE ANSWER!!!!	None I can think of at this time	
10/16/2021 13:45	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam.	Allow the water from the various sources to flow freely.	Continued damage to the creatures that live in the water. Continued poor quality of water, causing toxicity to mammals, plants and humans.	no		
10/16/2021 13:49	Pinellas		No	No				Remove the dam	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 13:57	St Johns		No	No				Remove the dam please!	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.		
10/16/2021 14:03	Orange		No	No				Remove the dam.	It should not have been built in the first place.				
10/16/2021 14:05	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Returned to original state	When the water is high and finally released	Keep fighting	?	
10/16/2021 14:06	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Return waterway to previous state before dam was installed and ruined portions of the waterway	Deterioration of surrounding landscape, current negative environmental impact	Extinction of wildlife, aquatic degradation of entire waterway to remain a current stagnant embarrassment to the state and our country	Discontinue the ongoing development of surrounding real estate. Stop sacrificing this valuable area that should be protected for generations to come in order for a select group of developers to line their packets	
10/16/2021 14:08	Brevard		No	No				That it be breached. Improvement of water will help animals.	A lot of money will be saved!	That thousands of acres of land and trees will be lost which will be horrible.	No! It must be breached to achieve the right outcome.		Flora and Fauna need to continue to thrive and we will see a rather dim outlook on life if this outcome fails.
10/16/2021 14:11	Manatee		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees have already reached record numbers of deaths this year due in part to starvation from seagrass loss. The greatest and looming long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat.	No		It's needs to protect and support its natural beauty and wildlife. We need to remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River, which helps nature and manatees.
10/16/2021 14:16	St Johns		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River, for the sake of wildlife and nature.	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	wildlife dies	no		
10/16/2021 14:20	Collier		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 14:20	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	It's time for its removal. It was a mistake when it was built and now that it requires millions in taxpayer dollars to maintain let's remove it and restore the Oklawaha/Silver River connection.	Mountains of scientific data outlining the benefits of removal.	More money wasted on a bad idea and continued environmental degradation.	None comes to mind.	
10/16/2021 14:39	Jefferson		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	The dam's removal helps to restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. It will also save 4-14 million dollars on a dam that serves no purpose and is past its life expectancy.	Water quality first and foremost, keeping the dam will continue to cause it to decline, cause invasive weed blockages, contribute to toxic blue-green algae, and fish kills.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	So little of natural Florida remains, it would be a shame to waste this opportunity to restore some!
10/16/2021 14:43	Palm Beach		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The failed Cross Florida Barge Canal Project left environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. We are at a crossroads. The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that blocks the Ocklawaha River is in decline and in need of repair. Now the state has to decide whether to invest millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate a dam with no purpose or remove it, finally reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers.
10/16/2021 14:45	Suwannee		No	No				Remove it	Biological degradation	Another colossal Florida fuck up	No compromises		
10/16/2021 14:47	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Preservation and biodiversity increase				
10/16/2021 14:59	Manatee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the rivers natural courses.				
10/16/2021 15:01	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Just enjoying the area	Breach the Dam and preserve the Reservoir	The loss			
10/16/2021 15:06	Seminole		No	No					Let it flow.	Continuing damage to Florida springs and ground water.	At least open the dam to more volume.		
10/16/2021 15:11	Orange		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Orlando Sentinel article The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/16/2021 15:13	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Taken down	Overall long term environmental and human benefit	Same as above		
10/16/2021 15:20	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the dam breached!!!	This will be the most cost effective way to preserve Florida's springs. It will protect the manatees, and fish and restore our natural beauty.		no this is the path we need to take to help the Florida environment	
10/16/2021 15:20	Palm Beach		No	No					The dam blocks manatee and fish migration, has smothered 20 springs, and has destroyed thousands of acres of essential floodplain forest.	The huge waste of taxpayer dollars on a flawed project that has been and will continue to be an ecological and environmental disaster for the Everglades and the State of Florida	Is public flogging of the selfish and uneducated bureaucrats who support this environmentally disastrous project allowed?		I would hope that the St Johns Water District Management realizes the unique and exciting opportunity they have here to do the right thing and restore the river to its former glory - for the sake of their children and grandchildren and all future generations.
10/16/2021 15:27	Pasco		No	No					I would like to seathe dam removed.				
10/16/2021 15:28	Broward		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers.	Environmental research.	Continued environmental degradation.	No, it's time to remove the dam now that millions of dollars would be necessary to maintain it. It is completely unnecessary.	
10/16/2021 15:35	Collier		No	No					My wife and I would like the dam to be removed. Maintaining the dam is also expensive and removing it will save $4-14 million on a dam that has no actual function, other than causing harm to springs and rivers.	My wife and I value Florida's natural ecosystems, including our amazing springs and wetlands. The dam is impairing about 50 springs and removing it will restore over 150 million gallons of natural water flow to the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers.	The dam is impairing natural water flow and water quality. Problems that will persist if the dam is left include invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Healthy ecosystems are better for local economies, better for tourism (my wife and I enjoy ecotourism within Florida), and better for plants and animals. If the dam isn't removed, we will miss out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. Why on earth would anyone pass on these benefits for a dam that has no function?	No. The dam has to go now. It's something that should have been done decades ago. Florida's natural ecosystems are so screwed up already. This should be an easy decision for restoration.	
10/16/2021 16:03	Polk		No	No					I want what is best for the poor, African Americans impacted by this dam. They are not employed by those operating the dam and have no voice in Putnam County. By removing this dam to improve the life of the poor people living off of the river and in this county, then that is the most important action to be taken. I also support the removal of the dam to return the flow of the Ocklawaha River as a tributary of and to the St. John's River. This action will improve wildlife, aquatic and marine animals migration and use of the Ocklawaha River.	Florida Humanities - Dr. Stephen Noll's lecture: Voices from Florida - Ditch of Dreams - The Cross Florida Barge Canal, 02/16/21 Miami Main Library	African Americans will continue to struggle for survival, not improve economically and remain underprivileged among the politicians and leisure sport fisherman controlling this dam. I also believe that the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River will improve fishing, wildlife and easier access for the manatee to reach inland to Silver Springs.	Employ local African Americans in any industry or retail operation that involves the river, dam and community.	I'm a strong supporter of the environment and conservation of our state's habitat. I also promote and support equality among all humans--regardless of Race, color, nationality or gender.
10/16/2021 16:04	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The damn should be removed and the River returned to its natural state.	The damn being there has killed the springs.	That the degradation and pollution which the damn has created will continue.	diverting the water around the damn	This abomination has gone on too long. It is time to side with Mother Nature!
10/16/2021 16:05	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No				Restore the river by breaching the dam.	By breaching the dam and restoring the river, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be regained or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears and panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Hundreds of manatees will be deprived of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	Simply put, NO.		It's time that big money starts paying attention to the environment, habitats and the countless number of species that are endangered everyday. There needs to be a way to stop the loss of habitats which lead to the loss of such great species like the Florida panthers, manatees, bobcats, eagles, black bears and white-tailed deer. Move forward with this exciting restoration project and revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/16/2021 16:10	Brevard		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	You already know this, but removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow and I live near the St Johns. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	It is time to start thinking of the health of the Planet. If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	Nope. And you already know why not.		
10/16/2021 16:22	Manatee		No	No				Restoration of bird habitat	The continued decline of habitat and water quality	Eventual disappearance of species	Maybe		

10/16/2021 16:23	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Florida's DEP has assessed that the Rodman Dam is subject to catastrophic failure. Removing the dam will save $4-14 million on an unsafe dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose. In addition, removing the dam will help restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow.	The dam's catastrophic failure, which would destroy potentially hundreds of nearby properties and possibly kill people. Also, if the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	In addition to serving no good purpose, the dam is an eyesore. Why would I want to spend money visiting a decrepit, unsafe dam when there are plenty of other untouched places in Florida with more wildlife and unspoiled scenery? And even if money is spent to rehabilitate the dam, it still would be an eyesore and I wouldn't trust it to be safe.
10/16/2021 16:29	Duval		No	No					Oklawaha River's restoration		Environmental damage.	No	
10/16/2021 16:32	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the natural flow of the river be restored so that wildlife in nature could benefit from a healthy balance of the water flow as it was originally before humans caused destruction to what was natural.	The fact that wildlife and the woodlands have been compromised.	That our beautiful river might become stagnant and the health and well-being of wildlife could be diminished.		
10/16/2021 16:34	Leon		No	No					I would like for the dam never to happen.	Restoration is good, most dams are destructive.	I would be sorry for the destruction of natural beauty	No.	I care a great deal about the environment. There is too much destruction of this in our country, especially in Florida
10/16/2021 16:44	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	As a native of the area and advocate for the pristine environment that attracted my parents and so many others, much of which is sadly no more, I strongly endorse the removal of Rodman Dam and the reopening of the original watercourse of the Ocklawaha as much as is feasible. I have had the pleasure of camping both at the campground and along the river with my kayak and I find the unsullied river one of the most beautiful places I have visited during a relatively long life. I particularly enjoyed the absence of motorized watercraft that allowed me an unmatched opportunity to witness and photograph wildlife in its natural state. I am also a great fan of Florida literature and history and have a deep appreciation for the role the Ocklawaha has played a role in the shaping of the image of Florida as an unspoiled treasure, thus making it not only a thing of beauty but an irreplaceable historic resource and national treasure as well.	The dam was part of a project that all indications have shown would have spelled environmental disaster for Florida. This was the conclusion of many people speaking not from emotion but from cold, hard fact. The evidence is so compelling that the federal government deemed it appropriate to abandon the project many years ago. Yet the dam, which is becoming more costly in very respect every year it exists, still remains in place chiefly for the benefit of a relative handful of the population. We are talking about the much broader picture of the interests of all Floridians and residents, both human and non-human, and those who visit the area expecting to find a bit of the rapidly-disappearing Old Florida.	As a taxpayer, I am concerned about supporting the upkeep of this useless and damaging structure. As an advocate for the natural world and all us depending on a pristine environment, I fear for the further damage to the ecosystem, a danger that had been recognized and acknowledged time and time again by experts in their fields. There are many, many places for anglers to pursue their interests, but there are so few resources such as the Ocklawaha remaining.	I cannot envision any half-measures that would achieve the restoration of the river to its pristine state. Perhaps the experts could come up with a compromise measure, but as a lay person who simply appreciates the river for what it is, and has no appreciation for the useless damage done to it, I cannot imagine any alternative scenario other than the removal of the dam.	Thank your for the opportunity to express my observations on the removal of Rodman Dam. As I see it, the structure is doing far more harm than good. So much of the damage that has been wrought to the state's environment is beyond recovery, and corrections would significantly impact the lives of many, but this is one thing we can do to mitigate the ongoing destruction that will have minimal impact on human activity, but make all the difference to our pristine waters.
10/16/2021 16:45	Orange		No	No					removed	Our Florida springs need to be restored. The River needs to be restored to it's former location to return to supporting all the wildlife that depends on the ecosystem as it was before it was rerouted and disturbed by humans. People need to stop destroying the environment for human purposes and put it back the way it was so Florida's natural resources benefit the plants and animals that rely on them. They were here before us and they are critical to Florida.	Destruction of the ecosystem by redirecting/halting the river has disrupted the flow of water to areas of Florida that need it, now more than ever.	Can't think of one.	
10/16/2021 16:54	Orange		No	No					The closing of the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	The death of the afore mentioned water systems	No	Isn't it time to right a wrong?
10/16/2021 16:54	Manatee		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is an example of something that was done in the past that is no longer of benefit.
10/16/2021 16:56	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/16/2021 17:00	Duval		No	No					Removal or partial removal of dam and restoration of natural water flow.	Articles in local newspapers.	The health of the St Johns river.	Partial removal of dam.	
10/16/2021 17:04	St Johns		No	No					Please restore to pre-dam condition and reunite the rivers.	Wild life and the springs which were decimated.	The state of Florida will continue its decline of the environment always putting money before the people, animals and land that make up the beautiful parts of Florida.	I'm not sure	
10/16/2021 17:15	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	tear it down, I would love to see the manatee back in Silver River and the mullet eating the algae on the eel grass at Silver Springs.	personal observation and reading materials produced by environmental groups	The cost to maintain a useless structure that harms wildlife rather than supports the natural flow of the river.	I don't know, what are you suggesting?	Just tear the damn thing down, it has no purpose there is no Cross-barge canal usage. The variety of fishing will
10/16/2021 17:19	Duval		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	removed	Ocklawaha River can't flow normally.	further death of wildlife	no	improve and the health of the river and the 20 submerged springs can return.
10/16/2021 17:25	Pinellas		No	No					remove dam	restore springs and rivers to pre dam conditions.	spending public money to repair dam which does not provide environmental or broad public benefit	no	
10/16/2021 17:25	Palm Beach		No	No					We must remove the old dam and restore these rivers. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please do not let this chance for restoration go.
10/16/2021 17:28	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed	Salt water intrusion	Continued decline of the river	Alternative programs to keep the river healthy	
10/16/2021 17:43	Sarasota		No	No					Removal	Water quality for springs. Access for Manatees.	Degrading spring water quality.	No.	
10/16/2021 18:01	Outside of state / other	Albuquerque, NM	No	No					The restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River will facilitate the double benefit of providing essential warm-water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees and restoring more than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, which is essential to the welfare of Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would have adverse effects on the survival prospects of manatees, Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, white-tailed deer, and other wildlife that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor, thereby benefiting communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this issue. I write from out of state because I believe wildlife and environmental protections and improvements are a national concern.
10/16/2021 18:27	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and allow the reservoir to disapate.	The natural flow of water supports many forms of wildlife and plant communities which have been placed under unnatural stresses.	Continued interference in the natural order by this man-made dam, not to mention the unnecessary waste of taxpayer money in the maintenance of this unnecessary dam.	No!	
10/16/2021 18:45	Pasco		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 18:46	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Simply removed back to natural flow.	Science not fishing stories.	Same old same old. Have you looked at the failed canal???? YUCK!	A Partial removal? Doubt that would work.	
10/16/2021 18:50	Volusia		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/16/2021 18:51	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and let the river flow freely.	Environmental analysis	Negative environmental consequences including degraded water quality	I would like to see the dam removed.	
10/16/2021 18:55	St Johns		No	No					Take it down to let the rivers run free	State and federal studies that support opening the rivers to improve their environment.	The rivers and wildlife will continue to deteriorate. We are losing species and wildlife numbers for many reasons - failing to take down a dam that serves no purpose should NOT be one of them.	Opening the dam for only partial river flow sounds more costly than simply taking it down.	
10/16/2021 19:08	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This existing restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/16/2021 19:12	Madison		No	No					Remove it.	Growing up in Ocala in the 1950s and early '60s, such that the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers are not just names to me. Silver Springs, which I swam in and boated on many times when I was young (I am 72), remains one of the most memorable (and magical) places I have seen, and I have lived in many states, in the Canadian Arctic, and have visited many more states, as well as countries in Africa, Asia, and Europe.	Not enough fresh water.	No.	Others, whom I trust (and have for years), have far more technical knowledge on the need for removing this dam than I do. I doubt they have stronger emotions about it. Some of these memories go as far back and as deep as any I have.
10/16/2021 19:26	Outside of state / other	Warrick County, Indiana	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/16/2021 19:28	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Undamm the Ocklawaha River so that it flows freely, restoring the 15,000 acres of wetlands, a valuable resource as a carbon sink for counteracting climate change, also providing a filtering system for future water projects with Gainesville for cleaning reclaimed waters from the Gainesville area and surrounding areas.	There are not one, but, two pieces of evidence supporting my position: First, a recent paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science has found that 1/3 of the emission reductions under the United Nations Climate framework could be supported by environmental preservation and conservation. Restoring Ocklawaha and the 15,000 wetlands acreage could be part of that solution. If your Florida administration does not support the need for emissions reduction, be aware that there is a readily available market for emission reductions projections in states like California which have RPSes. Many of the states with RPSes might help support this wetlands restoration on these grounds. My second "piece of information supporting my position" is what Orlando has done with other Orlando Wetlands Park. This area was created in collaboration with a water reclamation project such that the wetlands filtration capabilities might aid the city's need to supply clean water. What happened in Orlando might be replicated in Gainesville, aka attached the restoration of the Ocklawahan wetlands into a water reclamation project for human waster use.	It is not my concern. It is the planet's concern. If you restore the Ocklawahan wetlands to the benefit of humans ,(aka water reclamation), wildlife and the river,)you also benefit your local economy as well as the planet.	What a strange question. Maybe you folks ought to seek out retribution from the original oil company who funded the canal. They made a mistake, they didn't complete their project and didn't provide any economic benefit to themselves or Florida. Maybe they should pay for the restoration.Find the contract and hold them accountable.	
10/16/2021 19:33	Broward		No	No					Remove the damn. It is old, needs lots of work and will cost a lot of money. It serves no purpose and hampers wildlife	The condition of the dam and estimated cost to repair it	red tide will become a everyday occurrence. Wildlife habitat will be lost. Tourism will also be affected	absolutely not	please help our water and Wildlife
10/16/2021 19:34	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the river restored to as close to natural as possible.	Recovery of 20 springs and a natural waterway for fish and manatees.	We will spend a lot of money to restore a completely unneeded dam. With the Cross Florida Barge Canal stopped it is not longer needed and just a continuing expense for the people of Florida.	No.	Florida's ecosystems are dependent on the natural flow of water. Our rivers are one of Florida's greatest assets and the natural flow greatly enhances that.
10/16/2021 19:38	Martin		No	No					remove the dam	I have seen too much destruction by dams in Florida. They do not produce power or any other benefit that I am aware of. All they do is prevent the rivers from their natural flow, which is good for wildlife and therefore people.	continued failure to recognize the potential of our great state	no	
10/16/2021 19:47	Outside of state / other	Oyster Bay, NY	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of them. Restore the Ocklawaha River.	The restoration of the river will benefit all wildlife preservation, especially manatees.	The loss of habitat for wildlife.	No.	Creating and preserving habitat for endangered wildlife is the most valuable thing anybody can do for Florida.
10/16/2021 19:49	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Let's give it draw down test. With open gates. To see what it looks after 5 years . Too see if mother nature restores it. Maybe it needs to close. But we can make a better decision with results or failure.	Just look up river. How those lake systems are all choked up and stagnant.	That a river is meant to be free to be alive.	To not give a real, measurable long term test.	
10/16/2021 19:56	Bay		No	No					I have never been but I would love to go.				
10/16/2021 19:59	Pasco		No	No					Free the Ocklawaha	The springs that are flooded due to this dam	I will be sad not to be able to visit the springs	Frequent drawdowns	
10/16/2021 20:11	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/16/2021 20:12	Lake		No	No					Remove the damn and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Readings from Audubon Society in Florida	Wildlife will lose habitat	Not sure what options are available	
10/16/2021 20:14	Orange		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river and 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/16/2021 20:24	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	Yes			2-5 times		Other: Nature observing	Protect wildlife more	Protect wildlife is ignored	Concern for the wildlife first.	Thank you
10/16/2021 20:27	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore it and let function accordingly!!!	Have lived all over Florida for over 40 years, so I appreciate the natural beauty and diverse Wild Life, especially have a boat at time and exploring the rivers and forests. SIMPLY FASINATING!!!	THAT WE LOSE ANOTHER NATURAL WONDER OF OUR STATE!!!	THAT PEOPLE TAKE ALL THIS NATURAL BEAUTY FOR GRANTED!!!!	LOOK TO YOUR HEART AND NOT YOUR POCKET BOOK FOR ENDURANCE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE!!!

10/16/2021 21:03	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/16/2021 21:27	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. this action is long over due.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/16/2021 21:28	Pasco		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam completely removed.	The natural flow of water protects and nourishes all the land that surrounds it. I remember reading about waterways in North Florida that have no fish, no marine life, because of effluent from paper mills in Georgia. Even the St. Johns contained flesh eating bacteria. Additional water would help bring these areas back. If I were on this board, I would reverse the flow that Jeb Bush okayed and send all that filth back to Georgia. The Audubon Society writes that "removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and the. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose." Additionally, the park rangers at Orlando Wetlands Park tell visitors that by the time the brown water from Orlando's sewage system gets to the St. Johns, it is actually cleaner than the river itself. In short, everyone knows that the dam and the reservoir have caused far more problems than they solved. Add to that the enormous success of other dam removal projects, particularly in the Northwest where healthy salmon once again find their natural spawning grounds.	My biggest concern is that it will confirm my fear that my government cares nothing for quality of life or for preserving the planet. I don't think there's any way to ignore the fact that there is a huge, validated cancer cluster in that area. Isn't it time that people are just as important as dollars?	No. Any project short of removing the dam completely will turn into an excuse to do nothing to solve major problems.	I grew up in Florida during a time when swimming in rivers, ponds, and lakes didn't mean risking your life for catching deadly amoebae, or flesh eating bacteria. It could be that way again if only those who are tasked with the care of our environment would care for our environment.
10/16/2021 21:35	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. (characters: 514)
10/16/2021 22:09	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/16/2021 22:34	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see Kirkpatrick Dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored.	Continuing to maintain Kirkpatrick Dam, not to mention the millions of dollars it will take to make repairs, is a waste of taxpayer money. In addition, breaching the Dam will restore an important aquatic wildlife corridor for manatees, striped bass, and other species. It will also restore numerous natural springs and will diversify the recreational opportunities in the area. In addition, it will improve water quality, water flow, and an unobstructed River way.	The state would spend millions of dollars to repair the dam, and then would continue to spend money maintaining the dam and doing periodic drawdowns of Rodman Reservoir to control aquatic plant growth in the reservoir, which cause fish kills. This is a wasteful cycle that could be ended through partial restoration. The Dam does not provide flood protection, power, a water supply, or any other broad public benefit. Failure to breach the Dam will also impede access by manatees to Silver Springs.	No, partial restoration of the river is already a compromise position and is long overdue.	The ecological and economic benefits of partial restoration have been extensively documented. The vested interests of a few have stood in the way of restoration, which not only makes sense but has broad public support. Also worth noting is that a significant part of Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir trespasses on US Forest Service property. If the State decides to invest millions of dollars to repair the Dam, it would be a clear indication of an intent to keep the Reservoir. This would require the State to get approval from the USFS to occupy this land. Partial restoration of the Ocklawaha River is long overdue. As a stakeholder, a 40+ year resident of Florida, and someone who enjoys the natural beauty and wildlife of the State, I strongly support breaching Kirkpatrick Dam.
10/16/2021 22:41	Manatee		No	No					Restore the wet lands	Florida is quickly building itself into masses of population growth. We need to preserve and protect wildlife habitat before it declines	I've lived here for 6 years and a nature enthusiast. I see first hand as a Master Gardener the destruction of wildlife habitat that has significantly declined.		
10/16/2021 22:54	Broward		No	No					Breaching the dam and restoring the river	Restores natural Florida ecosystems	Lost opportunity to protect wildlife, water quality, local economy	No	
10/16/2021 22:56	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. We have lost so many manatees this past year, this would be very important to their continued good health	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 479) 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521)
10/16/2021 23:06	Outside of state / other	Racine, WI is my location	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/16/2021 23:22	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	Removing the dam would help restore dozens of springs along with the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers. The renewed natural flow of millions of gallons of water would restore vital wetlands and numerous species. Also, the dam is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	Water quality is a huge issue in Florida. the dam stays, water quality will continue to deteriorate with invasive weeds causing blockages and worse, toxic blue green algae. This is a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to restore habitat, flood protection, and so much more.	No. Improving water quality and saving wildlife can't wait. Time for this dam to go.	
10/16/2021 23:26	Outside of state / other	Oak Harbor Washington	No	No					I hope the dam is removed.	Manatees are having a difficult time right now. Removing the dam and restoring the river will provide warm water and help support manatee habitat.	More manatees will die.	No. The dam most go.	
10/16/2021 23:37	Broward		No	No					Need to breach the dam to get the river into a natural state. Will be better for wildlife and climate.	I agree with leaders and scientists from the Audubon Society	Harm to wildlife and climate.	Send me a proposal.	
10/16/2021 23:38	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment, and wildlife.
10/17/2021 0:12	Orange		No	No					Legislators need to do what is best for the ecosystem and wildlife in the area.	Other areas around the country have had to make decisions like this which have negatively affected their ecosystems, and have permanently damaged these areas, causing wildlife to die, never to populate the area again.	The permanent death of wildlife.	Just keep the area the way nature has formed it.	Thank you.
10/17/2021 0:25	Santa Rosa		No	No					If the damage is simply an obstruction, remove it & low the flow of water for natural populations to thrive.	Naturalists more objective information.	Deterioration of the natural area ,& loss of living species	Perforations of the dam and slow destruction.	
10/17/2021 0:45	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No					Restore manatee habitat.	They will die without a restored habitat.	They die.	One where they don't die.	
10/17/2021 0:47	Outside of state / other	have visited Fla to observe the manat	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a concerned citizen of the world. It will benefit Florida and the planet
10/17/2021 2:49	Outside of state / other	Savannah	No	No					I want it breached to restore the river. My husband and I worry continuously that when we have children there won't be any manatees left. We worry about the damage and the impact of humans on our environment and we want a better world that thinks about wildlife and what is needed to sustain it.	It will connect three of the river ecosystems. I fully believe that everything in nature has a place and purpose, and this alone is an excellent start to bringing our manatee population back. I know it will affect the fish and plant life which will also affect our wonderful manatees.	I stated it above, but I worry about what world will be left for my children. I grew up in the mountains and we are getting it for mining and housing. I am continuously disappointed that this is an issue everywhere in America. We are in 2021, and we have no excuses left for taking care of our environment in a conscientious way.	No. I will not settle for less. This project has clearly been needed for a long time. We have plenty of resources available to make this happen, and make this happen quickly. It is simply a matter of what footprint we want left behind.	We lost a large part of our koala species in 2020. In past years we have seen declines in bats, bees, and artic animals. This year, it was our manatees. The year isn't over, and if we do not let this project happen, we will lose more, but it will be on all of us for not doing more. We have a responsibility to this planet. It is a gift, as is our wildlife, and it's our duty to treat it as such.
10/17/2021 5:01	Outside of state / other	Lacerville, CA 95667 in El Dorado Coun	No	No					Whatever is best to save and protect the Manitatees.	Manatees are large and gentle animals that deserve to live in peace and safety.	The loss of these special animals.	I do not know.	
10/17/2021 6:50	Orange		No	No					I would very much like to see a free flowing Ocklawaha River and the dam destroyed.	The deaths of forests of trees and the loss of a beautiful river and loss of access to many beautiful springs.	That the chance will not come again for it to happen in my life time.	No	The purpose of the dam was a failed project and the only benefit has been the creation of a good fishing lake. This is Florida and there is no shortage of fishing sites, so breach the dam.
10/17/2021 7:11	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the dam removed.	I don't understand why this question is being asked.	The continued negative impact to species that rely on the natural flow of the river. I also don't want to see millions of dollars in public money spent to repair the damn when it should never have been built in the first place.	Not really.
10/17/2021 7:25	Alachua		No	No					The dam needs to be breached so the Ocklawaha River can flow freely again for the good of wildlife and the natural community, as well as the human community.	Breaching the dam will begin the process of habitat restoration for fish and manatees, as well as other benefits of restoring the 20 springs currently drowned by the reservoir.	We are in the middle of very stressful times for all plants and wildlife in all ecosystems due to global climate change. My concern is that we might add even more stress to wildlife populations already fighting to survive. Since the dam is already past its lifespan, and would require millions of dollars to make safe again, there has never been a better time to breach the dam.	No. There are no other reasonable solutions. This dam was built as part of a project that for good reason was never completed. It would be an absolutely senseless waste of money and opportunity to not breach the dam at this time. Thank you very much for taking the time to consider the thoughts and opinions of Florida residents.	We must not make this yet another political pawn in a "game" affecting the sheer survival of so many of Florida's native species, both plant and animal. With human-caused climate change upon us, now is the time for us to do what is right for other species we share this planet with, as well as for ourselves.
10/17/2021 7:40	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam	Restoring flow of Ocklawaha River would retire lost springs	Adverse affect on wildlife	No
10/17/2021 8:21	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.				
10/17/2021 8:25	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the Dam	That it will restore the ecosystem	It will continue to harm the ecosystem	NO	
10/17/2021 8:27	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	The dam was a result of the cross Florida barge idea, which was correctly stopped. As a result, all actions taken should be cancelled and misguided actions returned to the natural state.	The purpose of the land grab and the establishment of the dam no longer exists!!! Florida's water flow needs to be treasured and protected.	We already have environmental concerns in state so let's correct this one.	I do not think you could support an action that was done on a plan that was cancelled. Look at the land grab that was never corrected.	The Ocklawaha is treasure that should be restored and protected.
10/17/2021 8:44	Volusia		No	Yes	2-5 times				Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is there is a lot of manatees in Rodman because most of there food is there plus Rodman is one of the top spots to bass fish	Its like it's own eco system in there	It would change an pretty much kill the eco system we would be losing one of the best bass fisheries in the state	No	Leave Rodman as it is what's done is done please don't start spraying vegetation this is why manatees are there pretty much all of food is gone in St. John's
10/17/2021 8:51	Leon		No	No						Tear it down	Audubon, Sierra Club info		
10/17/2021 8:55	Outside of state / other	UK	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am a dual US citizen living abroad, but as threatened species know no national boundaries, I speak up for the manatees. Loss of biodiversity is adversely impacting all life on the planet, so I feel deeply concerned about this matter. We are already losing species at a terrifying rate - we cannot lose the manatees The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment, and wildlife.
10/17/2021 9:01	Outside of state / other		No	Yes					restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	It is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. The breaching of that dam is necessary....PERIOD	This restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. As a frequent visitor to Florida, pre-pandemic, the wildlife and the unique and amazing wildlife was one of the greatest attractions. Many of those creatures are highly endangered and we must do all we can to prevent the loss of those species from this planet.
10/17/2021 9:10	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore it to its natural flow	Numerous environmental benefits expressed by numerous environmental scientists.	Loss opportunity for environmental restoration.	

10/17/2021 9:27	Outside of state / other	New york	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/17/2021 9:28	Lee		No	No					Breach the dam.	We now know that water flow restoration is vital throughout the state of FL. It was an error to impede it with many negative repercussions. From algae blooms, to habitat loss and more, we should reverse what damage we can.			
10/17/2021 9:40	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam in order to restore the Ocklawaha River	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Manatees cannot survive as a species in the wild for much longer if this action is not undertaken. Additionally, other native wildlife species, such as Florida panthers and black bears, are negatively impacted without this action.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/17/2021 9:41	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting	Remove the dam	The dam serves no purpose for watch it was built!	Fish, manatees, and all wildlife will suffer.	No!	
10/17/2021 9:42	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	restore environment back to original condition	original environmental research	loss of original environment	not really	it is way past time to take action
10/17/2021 9:42	Pinellas		No	No					Have the natural flow of the river/spring restored. Sam could become a bridge or wildlife viewing station highlighting native species	The dam is not in use	Disrupting Florida's natural ecosystem	Na	
10/17/2021 9:55	Alachua		No	Yes		3-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed	The Ocklawaha's eco system need to be restored, to protect the wildlife that depends upon the river and the springs should be free to flow again.	That the damage to the environment and wasted funds to keep the dam in good condition will just continue.	I don't see one.	
10/17/2021 10:10	Charlotte		No	No					I believe it is critically important to preserve, protect and restore our critically endangered Florida ecosystems and the native wildlife who live there. Taking down and fully removing the Kirkpatrick Dam would be one very significant step towards that goal. Thank you, Mark A. Highsmith, Ph.D.	Natural springs are inundated by waters resultant from the dam. Forest lands have been washed away. To some extent these ecosystems can be restored by the removal of the dam.	Further loss of habitat and native species.	no	
10/17/2021 10:13	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Get rid of the dam. I've kayaked during a drawdown, as well as during the dammed times. It's so wonderful when the river is allowed to be free.	Experience	Continuing loss of habitat for native species.	No.	
10/17/2021 10:15	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Photography/videography and paddle tours	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The chance to restore over 50 springs, the Ocklawaha River, Silver River, and St John River ecosystems as well as the populations of countless species, including the west indian manatee. Also, it would be a huge win for the new Florida Wildlife Corridor Act.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or any other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I'm sure you're sick of hearing it but...#FreeTheOcklawaha. Please don't leave yet another environmental problem for my generation to follow through on/fix.
10/17/2021 10:16	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 65% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and $50 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/17/2021 10:21	Franklin		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/17/2021 10:28	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. I'm also worried a storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/17/2021 10:29	Alachua		No	No					Remove them!	The river will be more healthy without them	The fish die out		
10/17/2021 10:29	Collier		No	No					Manatee habitat Plants that help clean water. Stop any pesticides usage.	The red tide algae - I have lived here almost 30 years. It is getting worse and worse.	Continued decline of our precious waterways and animals.		
10/17/2021 10:32	Sarasota		No	No					Open dam return river to flow				
10/17/2021 10:45	Hernando		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/17/2021 10:54	Brevard		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River	The dam is interfering with healthy springs.	We would lose the chance to restore the springs and improve the health of the struggling St. Johns River.	No	
10/17/2021 11:02	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing					
10/17/2021 11:14	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam	Pollution reports	Loss of wildlife		
10/17/2021 11:23	Pinellas		No	No					I would like the state to discontinue operating "the dam with no purpose" and remove it, finally reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers.	The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam blocks the Ocklawaha River, is in decline and millions of taxpayer dollars would be required to repair it.	Losing the opportunity to restore springs that have been smothered, restore manatee and fish migration, and rehabilitate thousands of acres of forest. Wasting millions of $ in taxpayer money.	No	Thank you for doing the right thing for our state and the environment.
10/17/2021 11:24	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Repaired	Used to be beautiful there and want all animals to be happy in river again.	That animal would eventually die.		
10/17/2021 11:30	Putnam		No	No					I would like to see it destroyed.	The manatees are dying at alarming rate and need the flow of the rivers to get to warmer water.	more manatee deaths	no, remove the dam and let the natural flow of the rivers commence.	
10/17/2021 11:36	Outside of state / other	Essex Junction, VT	No	No					Though I don't live in Florida, I am concerned about the survival of manatees. Since I was little, I loved learning about manatees and how they live. I am concerned about all the manatee deaths that have happened so far this year. I would like restorative efforts to be focused on helping manatees survive. This means restoring the flow of rivers in Florida so that manatees can find naturally warm waters and healthy sea grass habitats. We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. This move would also restore 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. It would also keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/17/2021 11:38	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the restoration back to the free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reconnect the Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River finally.	All of the Science.	The continued degradation of the springs, rivers and the St Johns River instead of restoring the wetlands, improving water quality and restoring fish and wildlife habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. I have been aware of this need for the 45 years I have lived in Florida. The Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	I have traveled by boat on the upper St Johns and I live near the point the St Johns River enters the Atlantic Ocean. What once was the only transportation system before we had roads and highways now has the science to document the mistake of the Rodman...Dam. It is time to correct this mistake to improve the springs, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, economical and recreational opportunities and help our manatees. It is time. Thank you for listening.
10/17/2021 11:54	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam to restore the health of the river, floodplain, forests and wildlife.	The report by Givler Engineering Inc., and the Ocklawaha River and Springs Environmental Analysis by The Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute			
10/17/2021 11:56	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Believe the dam should be breached & Oklawaha River restored to natural flow	Continued degradation of dam & costs to keep it from failing totally.	Wildlife habitat would continue to decline and dam failure would cause unplanned for property destruction - also manatee losses would continue to worsen.	No - this dam should have been removed years ago. It has been discussed for decades with no action taken. The disrepair of dam is reaching critical status, and cost to rebuild it would be a waste of valuable funds.n	
10/17/2021 12:01	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the rivers and ecosystem and removal of the dam	The ecosystem	The destruction of the ecosystem and river systems	No	
10/17/2021 12:07	Marion		No	No					I think allowing the flow of the river to it's natural state would be beneficial for the environment.	Many items I have read.	Loss of our Manatee population.		
10/17/2021 12:18	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Breach dam	Help rivers, springs and habitat.	Adverse effect to water quality and environment.	No	

10/17/2021 12:20	Outside of state / other	NC	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/17/2021 12:32	Charlotte		No	No					I visit the springs with my family all year long. It is one of the most natural and cool thing to do all year long. To restore more than 40 springs and improve the natural springs and waterways just by dismantling the Kirkpatrick dam and saving the counties millions of dollars in not rebuilding an outdated and not needed infrastructure seems like a no brainer to me. DISMANTLE DAM AND RESTORE OKLawaha waterways.	Restoring natural springs and waterways and not wasting money. Florida tourism depends on the natural wonders of florida.	Wasted money to prop up useless and harmful infrastructure when jobs can be created elsewhere. The water systems are already threatened by poor management and wasteful practices	No.	
10/17/2021 12:36	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I want to enjoy the lost springs which only appear when they draw down the lake level for maintenance.	Drained and restored to the natural state of the river.	The disappearing springs and natural flow of the river. Fishing could be achieved in any of the lakes in this region of Florida.	Keep pushing forward. It makes no sense to continue to maintain the canal, locks and damm. Look at the cost to maintain this debacle. It has accomplished nothing since its construction but to cost tax payers money to maintain something that was never used.		Free the Oklawaha. Let us enjoy this magnificent waterway they way nature intended. Let's do something nice for mother nature for once. The springs are declining and need to be restored instead of hampered.
10/17/2021 12:38	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam - it was unauthorized in NIXON's time. It never had any usefulness and continues to waste taxpayer money. It appears to be in need of serious repair, costing millions and achieving nothing.	It was created for a barge canal that was never built. Today, it would never have been built. The dam is dangerously degraded and would cost possibly hundreds of millions to repair. If not repaired, an uncontrolled breach could cost hundreds of lives. To do nothing is not a choice. Support the taxpayers of Florida and remove this impediment and allow the river to restore itself.	Perpetuation of an expensive, dangerous, and wasteful manmade mistake. If not removed, there may be permanent consequences for the St JOhns River (downstream) and for the restoration of the Oklawaha	No. The dam needs to be breached and done with.	When I was a child, my family would take a boat from Jacksonville, upriver to Welaka, then up the Oklawaha to Mount Dora. I fondly remember the wildness and beauty of the Oklawaha. I was also in the first boat to transit Buckman Lock into Rodman Pool. The starkness of the narrow passage and the hundreds of dead sapsrso trees in the pool struck me as sad. Truly reminded my of a scene from the Soviet Union. I hope we, as Americans and Floridians, are better than that. I hope we can admit our mistake and do what we can to fix it, instead of trying to make an ill-sided, ill-conceived project "work" as a weak and unreliable, weed-infested fishing hole.
10/17/2021 12:38	Broward		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam!	Increases necessary water flow.	Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose $47 million in economic benefits in 10 years time, not to mention the terrible environmental damage.	Absolutely not ! This is 20 years past due! Do this to protect water quality and wildlife!	
10/17/2021 12:40	Orange		No	No					Exactly what you're proposing	It's the right thing to do	Further erosion and destruction		
10/17/2021 12:41	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Drained	Taxpayer cost to maintain the barge canal, dammns and locks.	Further destruction to the forest and environment. Restore the natural rhythm of the forest.		Free the Oklawaha
10/17/2021 12:47	Alachua		No	No					That these manmade structures be safely removed or diminished to enable meaningful restoration and revitalization of natural hydrological features and natural habitats for the flora and fauna of the region feeding residents and visitors alike to a fuller appreciation of the unique beauty of our State of Florida.	The ongoing and overwhelming destruction of wild Florida that is visible everywhere across our state.	A significant, exemplary opportunity to halt and reverse the persistent destruction of wild Florida would be lost.	All efforts to restore disturbed areas are welcome, yet immediately placing more lands and waterways under protection would at the outset eliminate the need for costly rehab and restoration work in the future.	
10/17/2021 13:01	Seminole		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached so that the Oklawaha River can resume flow and join the Silver and St John's Rivers to support the delicate ecological balance that supports wildlife, clean flowing fresh and salt water and the many springs that dotted along the way.	History and science. History explains why the dam was built and science explains why theses mistakes need to be corrected.	Humans have altered natural environments in the name of progress ignorantly for more than a century. But now we see and understand the effects of these actions and that it is in our best interests to have clean unrestricted waterways, good air and soil quality. With State Federal funds to help, not correcting these mistakes is at our peril.	No. At the time the Cross Florida Barge Canal was conceived and later promoted, it was naively thought that nature was something to be conquered in the name of progress and economic gain. Today, we know through science, research and witness of cause and effect, that there is no long term advantage to keeping the ill conceived dam in place.	I moved to Florida in 7th grade. Everywhere, it seemed to me at the time, fresh and salt water was beautiful and would be forever enjoyed by all. As a student at UF, I learned about the Cross Florida Barge Canal in a Florida history class. I've lived in Alachua, Broward, Pinellas, and Palm Beach Counties but spent most of my adult life in Seminole County. Having no environmental or scientific background, I can still understand the effects of daming waterways with a grotesque example of Lake Jessup which once was dotted with fishing camps and now is a shallow, silt-filled, alligator infested mess. I would like to see the removal of dams in multiple places throughout the state that were created along with a system of canals to impose man's will to drain 'useless swamp' for agricultural and development purposes. I understand from my Florida history class that the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam seemed like a good idea at the time. But now it's time to fix that mistake and restore the Oklawaha River.
10/17/2021 13:06	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No									
10/17/2021 13:10	Hernando		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed	Removing the Dam will help restore 50 springs,the Ockawaha,Silver,and St John's River.It will also save an estimated 4-14 million dollars in taxpayer money.	As an Audubon member and nature lover it would have just be one more area in Florida that Could Have been preserved (and won't)to help wildlife ,be used for water filtraion for our aquifer and used as flood protection.	No. The Dam needs to go.	With our continuing growth in Florida we must do what we can Now to preserve whats left of our Natural Resources for future generations.
10/17/2021 13:13	Orange		No	No						Breach the dam, drain the reservoir, restore the river	My biggest concern is that the damage already done will become more and more irreversible the longer this dam and reservoir remain in place.	The damage caused by a dam cannot be mitigated short of full removal.	Wild and scenic rivers are worthy of visiting. Man-made encroachments such as development, dams, motorized recreation destroy the experience and make it not worth the effort to visit.
10/17/2021 13:15	Alachua		No	No					Would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	Reversing the adverse ecological effects caused by the reservoir and dam including uncovering 20 springs which are now flooded, enhancing warm water winter habit for manatees, and providing many miles of pristine river for kayaking.	No		The Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam are remnants of the Cross Florida Barge Canal (CFBC) project which was stopped by President Richard Nixon due to its significant adverse effects on the ecology of Florida. For the same reasons the CFBC project was stopped, removal of the reservoir and dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River is long overdue.
10/17/2021 13:17	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times		Open the dam				
10/17/2021 13:18	Hernando		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Remove Dam	Environment	The river will never be restored	No	
10/17/2021 13:18	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/17/2021 13:19	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Veaning down the dam.	This dam has restricted water flow to many natural springs down stream resulting in reduced biodiversity.	The severe decline of the rivers and springs below the dam.	No, the water management must take action while public awareness and tax payer $ is on the table.	Taking the aged dam down would be the fiscally sensible action to take.
10/17/2021 13:45	Hillsborough		No	No					I want the dam demolished, and natural river flow restored.	Flow restored in the Colorado River Basin rapidly improved water quality and ecosystems downstream. Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	No	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.
10/17/2021 13:57	Martin		No	No					Breach the dam and return the healthy ecosystem.	Protecting animals and local environmental health.	Destruction of the natural ecosystem.	No.	
10/17/2021 14:03	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it	It should not have been built in the first place	Don't know	No	
10/17/2021 14:14	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove those dam and restore the Ocklawaha river	The dam currently serves no purpose and removing it will help restore 50 springs and help restore the natural flow to the St John's river as well as the Lower Ocklawaha	Water quality will continue to decline, opportunities to restore thousands of acres of forests which will benefit everyone and wildlife	No	
10/17/2021 14:15	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I want the Oklawaha River "freed"	It will help to make our river (St. Johns) & our springs...most especially Silver...healthier & more viable.	The death of the springs.	No	
10/17/2021 14:44	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					The dam needs to be breached in order to restore the Ocklawaha River	Breaching the dam will restore or enhance 15000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, benefiting a number of species that are in need of help Restoring the river would have a bigger impact on the manatee population than any other by giving them necessary warm water habitat during the winter	Many manatees would die, perhaps enough to make them extinct in the wild. It would also further endanger the Florida Panther and other wildlife having trouble navigating the wildlife corridor	No Breaching the dam is long overdue both for the wildlife and to restore water quality.	Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/17/2021 14:44	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Leave it as is. The ecosystem that has developed here over the last several decades is precious. The waterfowl, manatees, fish and people that have adapted, and thrived, on the reservoir should be left alone. Humans have altered Florida in so many ways, and Rodman is one of the few positive ones. Rodman should be left alone and continue to be the great ecosystem into which it has developed.	My personal time on Rodman.	The loss of habitat for all the species that rely on the ecosystem as it currently exists.	Maybe, as long as the reservoir doesn't change.	
10/17/2021 14:45	Lee		No	No					We would like to see the dam removed/breached and the rivers united. Let's restore natural processes to Florida's landscape! Keep Florida beautiful, please!		Tinkering with Florida's natural landscapes bring unforeseen problems.		
10/17/2021 14:51	Miami-Dade		No	No					Keep it safe for all our ecosystems	A concerned citizen about our warming system	Life of animals	No, but for sure if we all put our efforts together it will be accomplished.	
10/17/2021 14:52	Outside of state / other	Columbia, SC	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Roughly 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your consideration. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/17/2021 15:23	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The dam may be a boon for fishing and wildlife around the reservoir but it comes at much too high a cost for the health of the Ocklawaha River and Springs that are deprived of essential water flow.	Studies have shown that lack of millions of gallons of water flow per day due to the dam is causing serious harm to the quality of the Ocklawaha, St Joh's and Silver Rivers as well as numerous Springs like the Silver. Fish, manatees, birds and other wildlife as well as essential vegetation and forests are suffering from the dam's effects. There is no good reason for spending millions of dollars to repair the dam.	The dam should be removed. If not, water quality will continue to deteriorate, resulting in invasive weeds, algae events, fish kills. The restored flow of water will also contribute to new forest growth, flood protection and improved wildlife habitat. The local communities and counties, especially around Silver Springs and Putnam County will miss out on millions of dollars in economic impact from eco tourism and jobs in the construction and hospitality industry.	No. Removing the dam is most efficient and economical way to save the Ocklawaha and other rivers and springs. Other available means of restoration are far more costly and less effective.	Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide input on this critical issue.
10/17/2021 15:26	Outside of state / other	Alaska	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/17/2021 15:36	Seminole		No	No					Allow the work to be done so as to correct all the hasardous issues that have created this undesirable predicament.	Restore the animal and fish population	Greater destruction to our environment	No	
10/17/2021 15:38	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time		Restore natural flow.	The project was questionable to proper congressional approval. Part of this project may have been to attractfishing, camping and tourism.	Natural flows are always better. There are so many developmental projects in Florida that negatively alter the environment and wild life. Think of the legacy we give to our children.		
10/17/2021 15:42	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the free-flowing rivers established.	Three rivers restored, manatees habitat restored, and multiple recreation opportunities.	Environmental needs are essential and dam is unsafe	No. Water quality is unsafe for manatees and dam is unsafe	
10/17/2021 15:52	Duval		No	No					Remove /Open it up for free flowing water to springs and tributaries!	It is no longer needed for its original purpose (canceled Florida Canal) and it preventing the natural free flow of waters to important springs and tributaries.	It would continue to cause major decline in important springs and tributaries and their water quality and quantity.	No!	
10/17/2021 15:53	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam, drain the reservoir, and re-establish the uninterrupted flow of the Ocklawaha River to the Atlantic Ocean	The science supporting the environmental benefits of this action and the economic opportunities afforded by freeing up the Ocklawaha.	Continued environmental degradation	Nope	
10/17/2021 16:05	Columbia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	The restoring of the natural flow and integration of the waterways	The integration of the ecosystems and the resiliency of the environment to come back to the most natural state.	continued and increased deterioration of the environment, especially with the additional impact of climate change and global warming.	Phased return of specific areas of the watershed with an emphasis on the most critical and the most responsive projects.	so many problems in society are overwhelmingly complex and difficult to address in manageable bites. This is one case where we know what we can do and can choose to make decisions to move forward in increments.
10/17/2021 16:07	Miami-Dade		No	No					I'd like to see it restored.	Manatees are currently dying in record numbers - but the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the long-term survival of manatees. This river system, with over 20 connected springs, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. With the species in crisis and many more die-offs likely if habitat is not restored, we need to do all we can to keep them safe from fatal temperatures.	We'll lose a habitat for manatees and they'll die off in record numbers.		
10/17/2021 16:21	Miami-Dade		No	No					The dam should be removed.	Photo and video reports about the situation and the habitat destruction this dam has caused.	More public money wasted on repairing a fam that shouldn't be there, as opposed to restoration of the wetlands and natural habitats.	No.	
10/17/2021 16:31	Outside of state / other	Erie County, NY	No	No						Breach it	Manatees are dying, because their habitat is degraded.	Florida's natural ecosystems will be destroyed.	NO
10/17/2021 16:28	Palm Beach		No	No						Remove	Native species habitats	Native species habitats	No
10/17/2021 16:46	Seminole		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	- We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. - The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. - Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. - Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. - Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. - Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/17/2021 16:49	Gilchrist		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	It is the best fishing spot in North Florida	leave it like it is. and do more hydrilla removed.	losing a great fishing habitat and taking a lifetime to get the land back to usable land.	no	
10/17/2021 16:56	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is	It is beautiful	Manatees will perish	Nope	
10/17/2021 16:58	Brevard		No	No					Remove it and restore the riverflow.	We are strangling our river sheds. We need to restore a traditional flow and reunite the rivers and the ecosystems that rely on them. And...it's far too expensive to repair the dam, and the dam is just not needed.	We're screwing it up. Again. Even when this time we could do better and smarter for our fellow creatures and our shared environment.	No, the dam is either there or it isn't.	American Rivers has shown us through their projects, over and over again, that removing failing dams is a huge boon to the environment. Look at some of their success stories, and try to emulate them.
10/17/2021 17:20	Brevard		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	If not preserved, our natural treasures will disappear forever.
10/17/2021 17:22	Outside of state / other	IL	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Just remove the dam!!!!
10/17/2021 17:32	Clay		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: nature walk	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/17/2021 17:35	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Riding my Golf cart	To be left alone	The birds and Fish and mostly the Fresh Water for Drinking	We will loose all the Fresh Water that supports Florida	No	If they don't care about the Fish and Wildlife at least save the Fresh Water !!!!!!

10/17/2021 17:45	Lee		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.
10/17/2021 18:00	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Three Rivers are restored . The Ocklawaha, the Silver, and Johns, and 50 springs restored. thousand s of acres would be restored	We would continue to destroy our environment	no	No cross Florida barge canal should equal no dam
10/17/2021 18:16	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Maintenance is required as it affects not just that area	Think about the dam breaking...	The dam would break and affect surrounding area	Of course if it involves saving the dam	Thank you for your time on this important matter!
10/17/2021 18:18	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like for the river to be free flowing.				
10/17/2021 18:20	Outside of state / other	Boone county, Missouri	No	No					If they do anything, as a tourist of Florida, I want the manatees' habitat to be protected	I just believe that nature needs us more than ever, even though I live in Missouri, I care for wildlife and I just speak for them.	That manatees habitat will be endangered so their populations will suffer	just protect manatee habitat, it is all I want and ask from officials	n.a.
10/17/2021 18:26	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Have it removed to allow the river to flow freely. This dam serves no purpose.	I have spent hours with various older people that know this river and the springs prior to the dam and they all say that most beauty was destroyed by the dam. And I understand from Bob Knight that the dam has contributed to the pollution of the silver river. The first tourist attraction in Florida prior to disney is slowly dying	Long term negative effect of the Ocklawaha and the silver river	No. The dam should be removed.	I am a member of the Florida Paddling Trails Association and many, many kayak paddlers support my position.
10/17/2021 18:32	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: photo taking	I feel its time for the dam to be removed instead of a very expensive repair and open up the river to its natural flow. Many species of fish and wildlife would benefit from this action and I feel the support is in favor of letting the river flow again. The economic factor has been decreasing and this could be heightened by more environmentally friendly sportsmen and river activity.	Recent studies	It would be a shame to not reopen the river and let nature return to what it was.	Not aware of any.	
10/17/2021 18:58	Volusia		No	No					Keep the dam up!!!	I visit the manatees at Blue Springs every year! Why are we trying to destroy one of the habitats!	The unnecessary death of all the manatees!!!	No	
10/17/2021 19:00	St Johns		No	No					I think it should be removed and let the way the river was running as nature made it. We are environmentally ruining the river in so many ways. We are letting swamps that filter the river naturally be filled in and built on. I don't see any groups actually fighting for the river.	The river should not be changed from its natural state by man.			
10/17/2021 19:03	Duval		No	No					Breach it to free oklawaha river	future harm to nature of damming other major rivers : look at colorado !!	water quality !!	tbd	
10/17/2021 19:24	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	They should be reopened/removed.	Besides restoring fish and wildlife, it will help save the endangered manatees.	Knowing that not everything ekwa done to protect our beloved manatees.	No, not in this case.	
10/17/2021 19:31	Palm Beach		No	No					ThaOcklawaha River needs to be restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most important manatee habitat restoration project in FL and it will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	This deprives manatees of essential warm water in winter harming chances for survival now and in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed keeps 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded and impacts Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats and white-tailed deer because they cannot easily travel through this area.	NO! This is 50 years overdue. Florida wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/17/2021 19:43	Lafayette		No	No					As a mother and grandmother, I believe it is our duty to protect and preserve wildlife as precious natural resources held in trust for all future generations. I also feel a deep responsibility as a Steward for all of Earth's Divine Creation. So I urge you to please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Over 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored, helping and supporting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	I am gravely concerned that keeping the Ocklawaha dammed will keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	That's a hard NO. Wildlife and waited too long already and cannot afford to wait any longer.	Our responsibility for wildlife and lands will always be more important than politics or profit.
10/17/2021 19:45	Bay		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam torn down, so that the river can flow freely as nature intended it to. This would also allow the local fish population to increase.	1.) Gainesville Sun Newspaper article "What next for Rodman." 2.) Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (2019) Rodman Reservoir. https://myfwc.com/fishing/freshwater/sites-forecasts/rwd/rodman-reservoir/	My main concerns are as followed 1.) the water system in my local area of Florida would be all messed up, nature intends rivers to flow freely, 2.) the fish population would decrease due to overfishing, and 3.) nitrogen levels could go up.	Plain and simple, removing/tearing down the dam.	As a Florida native to the Alachua county area, who has grown up going back and forth between Alachua, Putnam, and St. John's County, I would love to see the area of the St. John's river free flowing again. Everybody knows that rivers are meant to flow freely and this damn is preventing that and it needs to be torn down.
10/17/2021 19:53	Outside of state / other	Colorado Springs, CO	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/17/2021 20:15	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Full breach of the dam and restoration of the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river.	There are 20 drowned springs caused by the damming of the Ocklawaha. This is a dam that is put in place to appease the very small group of sporting fisherman. This spring fed river would be restored to its natural state and within time support the ecosystem it once did including restoring wetlands, tidal flood plains and natural habitats to a whole host of fauna and flora. Economic and tax revenue from ecotourism (like in High Springs and Ft. White) would also help the local community.	Continued degradation of our most delicate wetlands and flood plains. Continued stresses on fauna and flora due to habitat deterioration.	No.	I line Miami-Dade county but own riparian property in Alachua on the Upper Santa Fe river and truly believe that I purchased this property on this spring fed river for its beauty. I would be appalled if anyone tried to disrupt its natural flow by damming or otherwise. Please weigh the benefits (both economical and environmental) to the cost of no action. Please breach this dam and restore this Ocklawaha's flow. Please free up the 20 springs so we all can enjoy nature's most perfect pools. Thank you.
10/17/2021 20:16	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like for the dam to be breached so that the Oklawaha River can return to its original state. The reservoir has covered 20 natural springs and is destroying the River and also causing numerous issues at Silver Springs and the surrounding area. It is also restricting the natural migration of manatees during winter and could be leading to the deaths of these magnificent creatures. Since Ige dam actually requires millions of dollars in repairs, it seems getting rid of it is the most logical solution.	I have read dozens of articles regarding this issue during my 35 years of residency on Marion County. The only positive spin is because of the fishing potential; but recent numbers show that less and less fishermen are actually visiting the area.	Loss of the vitality of the Oklawaha basin and eventual destruction of Silver Springs.	Partial breaching with full removal in phases.	
10/17/2021 20:22	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Dam Gone	Bringing the river back to its natural state	Frustrated that the Ocklawaha River isn't free to bring back the buried springs and passage for Manatees	No	Remove Dam Free the Ocklawaha
10/17/2021 20:26	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	tear down the dam and restore the ocklawaha	the dam is unnatural and prevents migration of fish and manatees, tearing down the dam will restore adjacent harwood forests, reconnect silver river to st johns, improve water quality and improve recreation and ecotourism in the region	maintenance of status quo is maintenance of an unnatural condition	NO- tear down the damn and restore the Ocklawaha to a free flowing river as nature intended	
10/17/2021 20:33	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River!! Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam will restore the River ecosystem to its original natural state. The original purpose of this project was to support the cross Florida canal - which of course (thankfully) was not completed. The Dam has been harmful to water quality, wildlife and has limited environmental, recreational, and economic opportunities.	Three rivers -- Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns, and 50 Springs would be restored! Studies as well as news reports show us that water quality throughout Florida is deteriorating which effects not only human health but wildlife as well. By restoring these Rivers and Springs more diverse opportunities will be created for everyone including a robust environment, healthy living, more recreational options, increased interaction with nature, and more options for economic expansion.	The best opportunity to undue the damage caused by this Dam would be lost and the cost to NOT restore the ecosystems impacted would be astronomical. It is critical to act NOW.	No. Breaching the Dam is 50 years overdue.	
10/17/2021 20:34	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	To have it and any remnants of it completely removed.	I want the Oklawaha river, it's tributaries including the silver river, and all the wetlands surrounding it, returned to their natural state, so that amongst other things, wildlife can also use the area the way it was intended and the way many of them evolved to do.	Things will continue as they have for the past 50(?) years.	Not really. You could leave the reservoir drained, which would resolve part of the problem, but animals would still be restricted from moving freely up the river.	
10/17/2021 20:37	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam.	Manatees need more habitats.	No more habitat for manatees.	No.	
10/17/2021 20:41	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the reservoir drained, the dam breached and the gates & all mechanisms removed. The dam would not need to be completely removed to provide a safe future environment. This would allow the Ocklawaha floodplain to return to a natural state.	The Rodman reservoir provides little economic benefit to the surrounding communities and is a financial drain. Letting the river return to it's natural state (though it would be a long process) is in the best long term interest of the surrounding communities. It was an environmentally healthy and beautiful river before being destroyed for the ill-fated canal project. It is in the best interest of our descendants to return it to a natural state.	Habitat destruction is one of the most pressing problems that our planet is facing. Though the Ocklawaha floodplain is only one small segment of this problem it is still very important when looking at the big picture. Natural places are becoming more important than ever to maintain our earth's environmental balance.	Not really. Returning the Ocklawaha is long past due.	Restoring the river should have been done after the project was decommissioned. But, there were interests claiming that the reservoir was critical to the financial interests of the surrounding communities. This has not proven to be the case, AND it! In fact depresses the river ecosystem has suffered almost irreparable damage. It is time to right past wrongs against this once fertile and beautiful resource.
10/17/2021 20:51	Lee		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the river by breaching the dam	50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months.	we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	Reaching a dam or improve water quality and quality of life for all wildlife way overdue 50 years overdue	Restoring a dam or improve water quality and quality of life for all wildlife way overdue 50 years overdueEverywhere in the United States everything is becoming polluted and wallet water quality is just bleeding would it be nice in our beautiful Cape Coral and Lee County if we could keep it beautiful and clean water and if breaching the dam creates that for our wildlife habitat that's crucial to clean water and healthy living for humans as well
10/17/2021 21:03	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Fascinated by the manatees!	Leave the dam as is.	It is used by many who fish, love observing wildlife that is flourishing in the area.	It will NEVER go back to how it was before the dam and it is unrealistic to think it will. The wildlife currently flourishing will not survive removal of the dam.	NO!!!!!!!!!!!!	Why must others who are not from this area insert themselves into something that does not affect them?
10/17/2021 21:19	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Do not use. Just visited to see what it was.	Restore natural, original ecosystem !!	Continuity of Florida's beautiful waterways and wildlife. That is what Florida is all about. That is wheat makes us such a desired destination!!!!	Loss of wildlife, our natural ecosystem, loss of the real natural Florida, becoming like every other man made mess. Let's stay real. Let's stay Florida. Let's stay the beautiful place we are blessed to enjoy!!!	I don't know what that would be...	Thank you for asking!
10/17/2021 21:24	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Other	remove the dam and open the area for more manatees and a variety of fish and recreational activities	age of the dam, lack of fish varieties,	that the opportunities present today will never be achieved	no	no
10/17/2021 21:25	Alachua		No	No					Take half of it down to help restore the Ocklawaha and springs.	A letter to the Monitor several years ago from Dr. Jim Clugston, which I am mailing to you.	Loss of fish and manatees as they are unable to get to parts of the river at certain times of the year when they need warmth.	Open up part of the dam. Totally opening it would flood the surrounding area and cause a lot of damage.	In the 1960's my family took a small boat down the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. I remember the beauty of the area. Just don't want to see anymore destruction to the area. Thank you.
10/17/2021 21:43	Alachua		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Breach the dam now and improve water quality and livelihood for many animals like manatees, plants, and the citizens who live around these areas.
10/17/2021 23:23	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. !! Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. !! 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. !! Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harberlghtia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. !! Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single-greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (OSO) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. !! Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. !! Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. !! The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. !! Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. !! Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. !! The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the OSO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/17/2021 23:44	Okaloosa		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawaha River must be restored by the breaching of the Kirkpatrick Dam.	At least 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored benefitting Florida Black bears, bald eagles and deer. The restored Ocklawaha River will provide warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees making this the most impactful manatee restoration project in the state.	Continuing to dam the Ockawaha prevents hundreds of manatees from accessing essential warm water winter habitat.	NO, only the breaching of the Kirkpatrick Dam will provide the relief needed. This is very overdue.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam will provide manatees access to Ocklawaha natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels. This is critically needed. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. It is critically important to me as a Florida stakeholder..
10/17/2021 23:45	Hernando		No	No					Remove the dam and return the river to its natural state.	Improved habitat for land and water animals and plants.	Loss of habitat for native plants and animals.	No	
10/18/2021 0:16	Alachua		No	No					Destroy it and free the Oklawaha river	Don't wast taxpayer dollars repairing this dam	My tax dollars would be wasted repairing this dam and the environment will be further harmed.	No destroy this dam	Destroy this dam
10/18/2021 0:26	Volusia		No	No									
10/18/2021 0:42	Miami-Dade		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking/Walking	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 0:44	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Information from the Audubon Society about ecosystem damage caused by this dam.	Continued harm to the FL ecosystem.	No	
10/18/2021 1:45	Alachua		No	No					The dam removed and the river restored	Innumerable articles and essays from the environmentally enlightened.	Government Ethics	No	
10/18/2021 2:12	Seminole		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more. Please think long-term for our state, or pay in many ways down the line.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Our family cares about the environmental and financial impact of decisions made without important forethought for what will be driven down and/or damaged in the future. Thank you for your respectful consideration.
10/18/2021 3:48	Hillsborough		No	No									
10/18/2021 3:49	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/18/2021 3:54	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Hiking	Take it out, return to the wild river	Nature rules! Let it do its job	Nature can't do it job	Not interested	I want to kayak on a wild river
10/18/2021 4:35	Lake		No	No					I believe the Dam has to be removed	Florida Springs Council information	Continued loss of springs and manatee	No, the environment is calling for this to be done	This project seems to be the most cost effective means to reviving springs and saving manatee
10/18/2021 5:37	Escambia		No	No					It should be removed	Wildlife movement/freedom must be restored by reuniting the waterways.	Extinction of wildlife and wasted money	No	
10/18/2021 6:27	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it!	It's negative effect on springs	That you all lied about it.	No	Please.
10/18/2021 6:44	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam and make the area more habitable for manatees and all other life forms- plants, birds, bats, fly, etc.	2021 data from the Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute	Extinction and loss of natural habitat	No.	Thank you. Please consider what your actions may mean for the future of our environment and nature.
10/18/2021 7:08	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other	I would like to see the dam removed. It is not in good condition and I have property downstream in Welaka that would be adversely affected if the dam were to fail. I also fish the Ocklawaha and it needs to run free again.	The reports on the condition of the dam. My personal observations of the reservoirs habitat. It is unnatural. The flooding of the free flowing springs should be undone as they would make great recreation spots. Also they would provide manatee with winter habitat	Catastrophic dam failure and loss of life and property.	Permanent draw down.	This is the right thing to do to correct a decades old mistake. It is on par with restoring the Everglades.
10/18/2021 7:26	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/18/2021 7:50	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Maintain it	Life	Another big mistake	No, you can't half bake a cake	
10/18/2021 7:54	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Hunting	Maintain the dam, even by launch fees if necessary. It is valuable resource for North Central Florida.	The local population adamantly supports the reservior.	Adverse impact to already too few areas to hunt and fish.	no	Do not let a small vocal group of environmental extremists destroy this asset!
10/18/2021 7:54	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam removed and the restoration of the rivers in the area.	Not only will it increase the beauty of the area, but wildlife will increase and have more protection. In addition, The lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam stays Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No, Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 8:12	Duval		No	No					I would like the dam to be removed to allow the river to move freely.	The restoration of the natural flow of the water way so that the health of the river and springs can be restored.	The continued destruction of the natural river and surrounding springs.	No	
10/18/2021 8:25	Sumter		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	It will restore a healthier ecosystem - restoring more than a dozen natural springs. Fish and manatees will return as a breach opens, creating a free-flowing river. In particular, manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River to ensure a better future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating millions of gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources.
10/18/2021 8:32	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Go back to the way it was.	Nature knows best.			
10/18/2021 8:35	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and let the river flow naturally	quality of the water would be improved for all fish and manatee	dam could break it's so old	no	I have been camping and vacationing in the Ocala National Forest for more than 30 years. we use the Ocklawaha River recreationally and the dam interferes with that.
10/18/2021 8:37	St Johns		No	No					If it helps the St. john's river I'm for tearing it down. Also the cost to tax payors seems very high initially with continuing maintenance costs	Helping the St. River remain fresh farther upstream.	Cost to tax payors. St, John's county's taxes are high enough already		
10/18/2021 8:39	Marion		No	No			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Decommissioning and restoration of natural waterways	published reports of restoration project endorsed by DEP and supported by SJRWMD and more recently by FORCE	continued deterioration of springs and particularly Ocklawaha River	unknown	Altho the adverse environmental effect of the misguided barge canal was recognized decades ago, this remaining vestige has been allowed to remain for the "benefit" for a small number of bass fisherman - to the detriment of our greatest natural resource for generations to come.
10/18/2021 8:41	Lake		No	No					The Dam should be removed	Valuable springs are lost, a free flowing river is lost, all this affects the hydrology of north central Florida.	More lost springs, more dead Manatees, less natural water flow in the tributary area to the St. Johns River.	Breaching the dam would be a far less desirable scenario to removing the dam.	I've been a Florida resident, business owner, public school teacher since 1984. We need to restore the natural water flow which the Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir block. Our waterways and natural flora and fauna are treasures that Florida is all too often squandering.
10/18/2021 8:43	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	It should be breached or removed	newspaper articles	continued deterioration of waterways	unknown	

10/18/2021 8:52	Volusia		No	No					remove dam	restore the flow and improve conditions	degrading conditions	no	remove the dam
10/18/2021 8:57	Lake		No	No									
10/18/2021 9:19	Baker		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating	Freed for natural resources	Damage to animals and springs	Perpetual devastation		
10/18/2021 9:20	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I usually visit the reservoir during drawdown periods. I would like to see a test period where the Rodman is left at drawdown level for one year.	My personal observation is that the reservoir/river is much more interesting when the river is flowing within its banks. The fishing is better too, because the fish are contained in a smaller volume of water.	Continued controversy and environmental damage to the Ocklawaha River. Missed opportunity for eco-tourism instead of powerboat-centric bass fishing.	I believe a year-long drawdown is a good compromise which would give all constituents a period of first-hand experience on what the Ocklawaha would look like if the Kirkpatrick Dam was to be permanently breached. A final decision could be made at the end of the test period to extend the test period, refill the reservoir, or permanently breach the dam.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
10/18/2021 9:25	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breeching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 9:32	Outside of state / other	Rhinebeck, NY Dutchess County	No	No					Place emphasis on its role in providing habitat for some of Florida's most threatened species	The loss of habitat throughout the state, and the dwindling number of opportunities to protect what is left.	The further degradation of Florida's biodiversity.	I'm not sure what they might be.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.
10/18/2021 9:33	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river	The restoration of the springs will in turn will protect the St Johns River.	The St Johns River will continue to have more contamination and increased salinity.	No	
10/18/2021 9:43	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the flow of the Oklawaha River.	Accumulation of sediments behind dam that deprives downstream habitats of nutrients	continued deterioration of downstream floodplain habitats	no	
10/18/2021 9:46	Pinellas		No	No					REMOVE THE D AM AND RESTORE OCKLAWAHA RIVER		THE CONTINUED DESTRUCTION OF FLORIDA'S NATURAL RESOURCES = REMOVE THE DAM AND RESTORE THE NATURAL FLOW OF FLORIDA RIVERS	no	I am a Floridian and my husband was a fourth generation Floridian - protection of Florida's natural resources is critically needed. PLEASE REMOVE THE DAM AND RESTORE THE OCKLAWAHA RIVER TO ITS NATURAL FLOW. THANK YOU
10/18/2021 9:50	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	When dam is removed, this restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor, Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored and 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife If not done, water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.
10/18/2021 9:57	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Leave the Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir intact.	Comon sense.	Tax dollars spent on the destruction of the dam and the loss of habitat for everything there now.	No	The dam area and beautiful reservoir are habitat for fish and animals. Also a great area for fisherman, boaters, campers and wildlife watchers. There are people who travel from other States to enjoy the area. Use the funds spent on destroying this area to do something about the phosphate retention ponds that leak into area rivers and into the Gulf. That would be tax dollars better spent.
10/18/2021 9:58	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: For limnology class	I would like to see the dam removed so that the Ocklawaha River can run freely.	I am most concerned that the dam impedes free movement of aquatic organisms up and down the river run.	I have 3 or 4: 1) the dam will continue to prevent aquatic organisms from freely moving up and downstream, 2) costs for dam maintenance and weed control in Rodman will continue, 3) Florida will miss an opportunity to attract a larger group of tourists who could enjoy the free-flowing river system, 4) we will miss a golden opportunity to conduct an interesting restoration project	No, it really is time to undo the debacle	Assuming there is a decision to remove the dam, there will be a temptation to manage all aspects of the system during recovery (e.g. selected re-vegetation of the exposed land). I would suggest letting nature take its course, and funding large numbers of UF graduate students to monitor the recovery process. We stand to learn a lot about recovery of both aquatic and terrestrial environments, following dam removal.
10/18/2021 10:01	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river		Continued deterioration of the St. Johns River watershed	None that I am aware of	
10/18/2021 10:03	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 10:11	Sarasota		No	No					I'm definitely in favor of breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River and thereby the Great Florida Riverway. Removing key portions of this dam will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, which, especially in view of the current crisis (manatee UME) has become more and more essential for the threatened species survival. Besides, this area will also provide significant recreation area for the human population.	As a manatee researcher, teach of environmental studies, and frequent user of the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, I'm well aware of the history of the Cross Florida Barge Canal project, which the dam was part of, and it's devastating impact on the environment. Florida manatees are more than ever in need of habitat, for feeding, resting, and access to warm water refuges. Therefore, removing parts of the dam and thereby giving manatees access to critical habitat is the only reasonable decision to make. Several governors and administrators have tried it, and it's not understandable for me, why none of them was successful. Not to forget the valuable services this ecosystem, once it is restored, will provide, such as water filtering, providing recreational space, providing habitat for divers fish species, just to name a few.	Besides the ongoing destruction of natural resources in central Florida, in particular the ongoing reduction of critical manatee habitat and food sources are my biggest concern. If this trend continues, the survival of the Florida manatee is severely in danger.	Any kind of opening at least parts of the dam will be beneficial.	
10/18/2021 10:14	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and let the Ocklawaha return to a natural state	The cost of maintaining the dam is a waste of taxpayer funds	Water quality declines due to stagnation and excessing vegetation	If the dam itself cannot be removed, at least remove the gates	
10/18/2021 10:15	Clay		No	No					I have looked at the Google maps of the site. I am familiar with river dam removal in the Pacific Northwest where I lived until moving to Penney Farms in 2017. I strongly support removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam and restoration of the area to achieve benefits both ecological and economic to Florida in general and the Riverway communities along the Ocklawaha, Sliver and St. Johns Rivers.	I have seen first hand the benefits of this kind of action in WA state, for fish and other species especially.	Continued environmental degradation and the inertia realized from lacking the political will to undue engineering boondoggles from the past.	I don't know of any.	
10/18/2021 10:16	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Allow natural water flow south as nature intended without impediment. Nature will restore the natural fauna and wildlife from the upper reaches to Florida city.	NATURE - push back further impediment, the Army Corps of Engineers, development and local government involvement.	Destroying the natural flow of the river of water and the Everglades. If fresh water is continued to be hindered south Florida fresh water wells will become saline & impossible to drink. Salt water can only be stopped by the southern flow of fresh water.		
10/18/2021 10:21	Lake		No	No					Removed	Freeing the springs and the manatees	Loss of habitat		
10/18/2021 10:30	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other	I would love to see the dam breached in order to help manatees, migratory fish and other native animals and plants.	The toxic chemicals being constantly dumped in the reservoir in order to keep down the invasive weeds. Also the 20 or so natural springs that will come back in breaching it.	Disappearance of native plant & animal species	I don't think so.	
10/18/2021 10:34	Flagler		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	f Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breeching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 10:35	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to Florida's economy, drinking water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone to include tourists, increases visitation and adds hundreds of jobs during this time of economic insecurity.	5. Florida and the national economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. We are in the middle of economic hard times caused by Washington. We cant afford to lose this opportunity to reduce the possibility to put people to work.	No. I believe in the near future this dam will fail. Plus I believe we will lose the opportunity to use the money already allocated to envoirmental improvement to stave off the coming national recession caused by Washington.	As a Flori9dian who cares about Florida's economy, quality of life, environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, to ensure a bright future for our state's people, visitors and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/18/2021 10:36	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam	Saw a news program that exposed the damage being done to the Florida spring system by the dam.	Flow of water in the springs and the eco systems will be permanently be damaged	No. The dam is no longer needed	
10/18/2021 10:38	Sumter		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove it.	I love kayaking to Florida springs.	Natural Florida is being ruined by development.	No	Our springs are world famous. Let the manatees and fish enter the old river and Silver River.
10/18/2021 10:42	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Please remove the damn and free the Ocklawaha to its original state.	The springs have dissappeared/been covered up in the Ocklawaha. The stripers have dissappeared in Silver Springs, the mullet are gone and only a few manatees remain (although they are trapped). The damn was never meant to be there and it should be removed.	Silver Springs will continue to degrade.	I do not tink so.	
10/18/2021 10:42	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other	breach or remove the dam!	By breaching the dam the natural water flow would be restored. Better fishing below the dam.	This fight will continue!	NO.	
10/18/2021 10:46	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River.	Personal knowledge and experience. I boated the Ocklawaha as a child with my family, going from Palatka to Silver Springs. We have not done so since the barge canal construction. I would like for my grand children to have that experience.	That the Ocklawaha would remain degraded and a monument to our State's propensity to choose commerce over the environment.	Permanently drawdown the reservoir and allow nature to reclaim the Ocklawaha River's historic floodplain and adjacent forests.	Let's do the right thing this time.
10/18/2021 10:50	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	remove the dam restore the river to its original course so fish and mammals can travel upstream with out interference	millions of dollars wasted on up keep of the dam and lock		no	
10/18/2021 10:53	Okaloosa		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: I visited by canoe on a drawdown time to view the river as it should be. I was on the Board of the Florida Wildlife Federation at the time.	Remove the dam.	Health of the River system and allowing the Manatees to return.	Continued degradation of the River system.	No.	Fishing on the River will be available without the reservoir used by bass fisherman now. The diversity of the ecosystem as it returns to its prior state would enhance all wildlife.
10/18/2021 11:01	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other	remove the dam to restore the origional flow of water	Cost of dam maintainance, poor fishing & other wildlife	cost for maintaining dam	no	
10/18/2021 11:02	Clay		No	No					remove the dam	having the additional flow into the St Johns River will hopefully bring faster recovery to the river	not having another solution going forward	any additional help for the river would be a good outcome	
10/18/2021 11:03	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/18/2021 11:06	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: curiousity	see the ocklawaha restored to natural state	flow of the springs and health of the st johns river	further deterioration of our natural water supplies	partial removal of the dam	the barge canal should never have been started
10/18/2021 11:12	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	The disruption in the natural cycles of the river caused by the dam.	Rodman reservoir will continue to hold back essential nutrients that historically flowed with the river downstream to the Atlantic, nutrients that supported the life of the river. The dam interfers with the upstream migration of important species of fish.	No.	
10/18/2021 11:13	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Keep it	Rodman helps with lowering nutrient loads in the St. John's River.	Exposing nutrients at the bottom of Rodman will result in high nutrient loads reaching the St. John's River every time it rains. Even a effort to mine the nutrients would have a bad impact. The St. John's nutrient loads are too high even with Rodman filtering some of them.	Not really. Mitigation payments to Putnam and Marion counties would need to be in the millions each year for many year to come to offset for the positive impacts Rodman has on the economies of these relatively poor counties.	Imagine if someone wanted to drain Guntersville reservoir in Alabama where bald eagles have been reestablished into that ecosystem. Environmentalists would go nuts. Our environmentalists want to drain Rodman, home of several eagle families. It's nuts.
10/18/2021 11:15	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/18/2021 11:15	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	That Florida's manatees would go extinct	There is no substitute for breaching the dam; nothing else will help wildlife in the same way.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.

10/18/2021 11:15	Leon		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 11:23	St Johns		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife; Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 11:24	Lee		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Long term loss of natural habitat.	Long term loss of natural habitat.	No	
10/18/2021 11:24	Alachua		No	No					I do not care if the reservoir disappears and I do not want the dam to remain.	The years of proofs of environmental degradations and loss of vital habitat.	That long-range plans to restore wildlife corridors throughout the state are hampered.	no	none
10/18/2021 11:30	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be removed to allow the free flow of the river.	Removal of the project has been a project of Florida Audubon Society for over 20 years	That the flow of the river remains blocked	not really	All conservation groups support the removal of this dam. We need to listen to them and not a small group of people who wish to fish there.
10/18/2021 11:42	Duval		No	No					Free the Ocklawaha to restore the rivers and the springs.	The dam is not serving the purpose it was intended for. The dam is now causing problems with our rivers and springs.	Long term effects to our environment	No.	The time is now to free the Ocklawaha and restore our rivers and springs for all of us and for the future generations.
10/18/2021 11:52	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir restored and the dam removed	There are many species of animals that would benefit from the restoration of the river. The dam is old and in need of costly repair. These funds could be used to make the river and hidden springs a healthy ecosystem	I am concerned about the damage to habitat and the cost of keeping the dam	I believe the entire dam should be removed	
10/18/2021 11:54	Pinellas		No	No					Breach the dam.	It would recover 20 submerged springs.	We are losing 20 springs that Floridians love to visit.	No	
10/18/2021 12:03	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Events	Breach the dam	River connections restored	Fish and wildlife declines	no	Restoration is long overdue
10/18/2021 12:04	Marion		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Breach it, open river	Restore natural flow	Lose of forest if not drained, lose of saving future maintainer cost	No. Tear the dam down	Reversing a decision is hard but necessary
10/18/2021 12:09	Outside of state / other		No	No					I'd like to see the removal of this dam, as it adversely impacts to much wildlife, including Florida mandates.	The hundreds of supporters in Florida, and thousands off supporters worldwide that show many dams interfere with migration patterns of all kinds of speeches, including salmon in Alaska, fish in Canada, and now manatees in Florida. Particularly, Ed Izzwe (Director of Environmental sciences and chief scientist at SJRWMD) said that the Rodman Kirkpatrick Dam severed the vital migratory pathway for fish and wildlife that the Ocklawaha once provided. As such the dams initiated and sustained regional declines and fisheries and in fish and shellfish populations."	It would not directly affect me, but it would continue to severely harm the local wildlife. Without biodiversity, we are actually all impacted. With every species lost, we incrementally harm our life support: the very air we breathe the water we drink, and the food we eat.	They're usually no good alternatives to removing dams.	These are very well thought out questions, and I appreciate the opportunity to answer them. Also some of my answers seem "tree hugger", they are quite scientifically founded. Species dagradation/extinction affects everybody on Earth, even if only minutely. "No single snowflake feels it is responsible for the avalanche."
10/18/2021 12:12	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	Dermo/restore river and build recreation and environmental venues	People of knowledge I trust	Continued outgo of public funds Degregradation of environment	Not aware of any	I own a small fish camp on the St Johns between the river and the locks. My fisherman like the natural rivers for bream fishing primarily.
10/18/2021 12:14	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		Would like to see it breached and finally dismantled	That breaching the dam would restore the Oklawaha river to its free flowing state thereby benefiting the environment and the folks living on the River and fishing the river.	That the decision makers would still disregard the benefits of a free flowing Oklawaha in favor of so called "sport fishing" in the reservoir.	Not really	
10/18/2021 12:17	Leon		No	No					I would like to see the flow of the rivers return to their natural undammed state.	The health of ecosystems and the manatees	The health of Florida wildlife that is already threatened		
10/18/2021 12:19	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the Kirkpatrick Dam to be removed and the river to flow freely again	The dam is obsolete, serves no purpose, costs millions of our tax dollars dollars to maintain and is detrimental to wildlife and our springs	My children will never see the "real" Ocklawaha and the area will continue to decline	Yes, you can breech the dam to allow for a more natural flow	The Ocklawaha's history dates back some 14,000 years and has historical and environmental importance. We have a chance to right a series of wrongs that started with the ill-fated Cross Florida Barge Canal. Today, the digs of the canal are now a haven for hikers and bikers. I would like to see the dam removed and the river allowed to recover. This has been successful with many other dams and it is past time. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has neglected their duties to upkeep the dam and do timely environmental assessments. The St. John's and Silver Rivers would also be improved by this effort.
10/18/2021 12:21	Levy		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/18/2021 12:21	Citrus		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/18/2021 12:21	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Mostly hike in the area but also paddle. Especially during the drawdown.	Restored to its natural flow as much as possible. The Dam doesn't serve any purpose.	The Kissimmee River is a great example of other restoration projects that seem to be successful over time. I hope the same for this area someday.	Water quality for our wild animals.	Anything short of restoration isn't really restoration is it? It would depend on what the plan was and I would need to learn more about it.	It's time to free the Ocklawaha
10/18/2021 12:25	Outside of state / other	San Francisco	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a citizen who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/18/2021 12:26	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other	Vegetation issues.	Can't put a boat in at keen wood boat ramp	Destroy and hurt ecosystem		
10/18/2021 12:26	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodmon/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much needed habitat at a time when the manatee population is being decimated. Also, the dam is past its life expectancy and costs taxpayers millions every year for upkeep and repairs.	Hundreds of manatees lose access to warm water habitat and more millions $$ are wasted in the upkeep of the dam.	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue. I've been hearing about this problem for decades; it's time to act. Breach the dam.	
10/18/2021 12:29	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Education)	I would love to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha restored.	The springs and associated ecosystems are destroyed by a dam that is not needed for the reason it was created. Restoring this rare ecosystem would add valuable ecosystem services to the immediate area and Florida, overall. It's extremely rare to restore, it's very easy to destroy. For once, do the hard thing and restore.	One more riverine ecosystem continues to be destroyed. This is a chance to do something correct, but I worry that we won't even take this opportunity.	I imagine a free flowing Ocklawaha River, so I do not believe this can be done with the dam in place. So, no.	
10/18/2021 12:30	Duval		No	No					I sincerely believe the dam should be breached to allow the natural flow of water from the Ocklawaha River, eventually connecting to the St Johns River.	Hard to pinpoint just one! It would help the health of the St. John's River which is in such trouble with algae blooms. Of course the St. John's River could be helped in additional ways such as NOT dredging, eliminating septic tank ok, etc. But a free flowing Ocklawaha River is a huge step. It would also allow for Re establishment of natural flood plains, manatee habitats, native fish populations and so much more. Time has shown that previous good intentions of altering waterways throughout the U.S. has caused a multitude of problems with invasive species of plants and animals - this is a great opportunity to right this situation as the dam will need repairs - the time for restoration of the Ocklawaha River is overdue - let's get it done now!	That we lose this opportunity. In this time of realization of the effects of climate change we desperately need to restore flood plains to protect not only habitats for our wildlife but also our towns, cities and farms. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River will benefit everyone. I do recognize there are business owners that will be affected detrimentally they are in minority to the beneficiaries of restoration, not to mention the new businesses that will benefit (ie: instead of bass fishing there will be kayaking and other boating and fishing will stay - just not the same as currently.	No! There are just SO many benefits to breaching the dam I can't see how it can not be done.	
10/18/2021 12:39	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	In the past we built dams without considering the ecological impacts of the environment. The natural systems functioned for eons. It is time to rethink the impact our past actions and restore the systems as nature intended.	The effects representing the reduction of fish and shell fish as a result of the Rodman Dam, as well as reduced oxygenation of the surrounding soil and water.	The continued deterioration of the St. John's River	There is no point in half measures.	
10/18/2021 12:41	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Drive by		Blocks manatees and all other river wildlife	Please remove it and restore River to former state		
10/18/2021 12:45	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Also. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/18/2021 12:45	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it there	Many people rely on the dam for food. My father in law makes his living fishing in this river and destroying the dams will take away from many peoples way of putting food on the table			
10/18/2021 12:46	Outside of state / other	El Dorado County, CA, USA	No	No					that the steps do not hurt or alter the environment of the manatees	I have visited Florida to see the manatees and swim with them. They are creatures that are loooong protection of their wild environments and deserve protection.	That the manatees have even a less chance of survival.	I am not there to see these options.	
10/18/2021 12:50	Lake		No	No					Restore the Natural flow of the Ocklawaha River	Ecological Science	Natural Spring Degradition	No	No
10/18/2021 13:31	Outside of state / other	OH - Ohio	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha river.	Florida's beloved manatees are in trouble, and need all the help they can get, in this case a warm-water habitat during the winter months, that a breaching of the dam and river restoration could provide.	Manatees are in even bigger trouble.	Not in the case of the river and dam.	
10/18/2021 13:39	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam! Restore the natural flow to the St. Johns River!	Chronic green algae growth in the St Johns and its tributaries.	Our unique north-flowing river, a national treasure will continue to die a slow death.	No	Elected officials, vote to remove the dam that is part of a failed plan, the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Vote to Save the St.Johns!
10/18/2021 13:46	Hernando		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Other: Free diving	Restored to its natural, beautiful state and hopefully continue public use if people wouldn't trash the springs	The stripped bass population will die off without the release of the dam	That our springs will literally die	Release the dam, immediately	
10/18/2021 13:49	Pasco		No	No					Remove dam restore river	Manatees migration stifled	Wildlife area destroyed and fish died	No	
10/18/2021 13:53	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Yes	Natural flow	Sad to mess with nature	No	Thanjs
10/18/2021 13:57	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other	Breach the damn	Free up natural migration of fish and manatees	Suffering of an now endangered species. As well as the lost opportunity to right a wrong! Don't spend more money on repairs.	NO	
10/18/2021 13:59	Broward		No	No					Open up the dam to restore water flow and save money on a useless project.	Restoring natural water flow	Cost to taxpayers for something that damages the environment.	Nov, even restoring seasonal flow via locks will cost money that doesn't need to be spent.	Let's get smart and restore natural water flow.
10/18/2021 14:03	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Maintained as is	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission publishes a list of the top bass fisheries in the State of Florida each year. Rodman, Lake Crescent & the St. Johns take 3 of the top 10 consistently. St. Johns River Water Management District documented over 12 different habitat types within the Rodman Reservoir Complex, more habitats than the Oklawaha River, The Rodman Reservoir Complex includes over a mile of river and flood plain swamp and there is now a greater number of species inhabiting the Rodman Reservoir area than before impoundment	the impact on tourist as well as locals recreation would be devastating to our community.	I cant think of any	
10/18/2021 14:04	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: We only catch and release when we fish our time is mainly relaxation and a get away I actually call it my happy place	The regular upkeep done and the Dam left in place	It's beautiful so many different wildlife and plants make it their home	If it's not kept like it is where will the wildlife go? There will be so much mud and muck dieting and decaying wildlife carcasses and such will cause havoc! We will not be able to enjoy the river at all for the remainder of our lifetime our kids and grandkids will not get too either. The flooding it will produce if taken out will cause mass destruction and leave just a trickle of our river This Fam is not the only one in place	Maybe lowering the dam gates but definitely not taking it all out!	Our Lakes are lower than I've ever seen them The water table is low now it will definitely be lowered by removing the dam Leave it be
10/18/2021 14:14	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers and fifty springs are restored. Twenty lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. Historic fish and manatees return as the breach opens creating a free-flowing river. Hundreds of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. $4-14 million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	1.We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/18/2021 14:18	Columbia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 14:19	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the reservoir stay as it is, and how it has been for years. It shouldn't flow freely, it should remain as it has been.	The Floridians that enjoy the reservoir rely on it for a true Florida fishing experience. The dam supplies jobs to locals for maintenance also.	That opening the dam will cause irreversible damage to the fishery that has been established.	Allowing the water to flow more freely without fully opening the Channels.	
10/18/2021 14:19	St Johns		No	No					A free river flowing freely into the St Johns !	That a fishing place is not adequate reason to keep the dam in place!	That politicians are not willing to do the right thing as has been seen many times before!	No!	Everyone will benefit from restoring the Ocklawaha instead of just fishermen!
10/18/2021 14:32	Seminole		No	No					The removal of the dam and slow draining of the reservoir.	Twenty natural springs would be resurrected, providing habitat for numerous species of birds, animals and plants to enhance Florida's natural environment.	Money that could be better used would be wasted on trying to repair the dam, and many opportunities for Florida's native species to thrive would be lost.	No	Please do all you can to recover the treasures of natural Florida that have been lost because of the dam!

10/18/2021 14:39	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/18/2021 14:40	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/18/2021 14:40	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/18/2021 14:41	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing	Free the river	Species & water quality	That they try to save from breaching! Tim!	Free the river	Free the river
10/18/2021 14:41	Okeechobee		No	No					Restore it to the original environment	Losing manatees and birds having traditional nesting placees	That loss of environment will continue to endanger animals, fish, birds and humans	It would have to be a really good one.	
10/18/2021 14:42	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Bring it back to its natural state	Land / water as deemed by the earth itself, before the Army Corps of Engineers; is how land/water should continue	We continue to manipulate and change nature, to its and our detriment.	Making it as close to what it was, as possible.	
10/18/2021 14:42	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 14:43	Outside of state / other	Salida, CO 81201	No	No					Removal of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and opening up the Great Florida Riverway.	Re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic	Continued loss of habitat, and recreational land.	Any part of my desired outcome being achieved would at least be something in the direction of progress.	
10/18/2021 14:43	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					Open the river so it can follow its natural course	Disrupting nature disrupts the environment and our whole world is in trouble	Loss of wildlife habitat		
10/18/2021 14:44	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Remove it permanently	Freedom of the river to flow naturally	Screwing up the river, like most all dams do....	None	
10/18/2021 14:44	Brevard		No	No									
10/18/2021 14:45	Outside of state / other	new york	No	No					free the river	the environment	the environment		
10/18/2021 14:45	Outside of state / other	Durham, NC	No	No					I would like for the damn to be removed to allow natural water flow.	It is healthier for the river ecology to have free flow.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Also, historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase.	A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.
10/18/2021 14:45	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restored to natural	Environment research and past successful actions	no environment improvement	no	
10/18/2021 14:45	Outside of state / other	New York, NY	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.	NO Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Thank you for your consideration and cooperation
10/18/2021 14:45	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it the way it is	If you remove that damn it will displace wildlife and kill jobs	People that are relying on the fishery for a living will be hurt if the dam is removed ♪ also worry about the impact on the wildlife that have adapted to the way the river is now .	No keep it the way it is now or nothing	Leave the dam alone
10/18/2021 14:46	Outside of state / other	Quincy Mass	No	No					to use science and a lack of greed to assist nature in healing and allow wildlife to become visible again.	previous dam removal in Maine, NW area Oregon and Washington state, there are others I am sure.	more poor water quality, less wildlife and more algae from runoff, less area for recreation	destroy half the dam	with climate changing, wildlife threatened visitors will not visit to see dead fish and animals
10/18/2021 14:47	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	To be protected. Natural habitats provide for our economy, our natural beauty, animal habitats and us humans too. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Human destructiveness will take everything down with it. Once it's gone it will be too late to realize we NEED our natural resources. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	You are in a wonderful position to do the right thing for Florida, for people who depend on clean clear water and all the animals who cannot live without. Please take this opportunity to make the right decision.
10/18/2021 14:47	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	
10/18/2021 14:47	Outside of state / other	Denver, CO	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Siver Springs.	Habitat fragmentation is putting species at risk; breaching the dam will help ameliorate this problem.	Further damage to wildlife and natural habitat, less opportunities for recreation	No	
10/18/2021 14:47	Outside of state / other	Utah	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 517)
10/18/2021 14:48	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	Yes			2-5 times	Other	Breach the dam	Allow wildlife to be restored	We are killing this planet	No	Born and raised in Florida. Heartbreaking to see how the nature and natural ebb and flow of life is being interrupted, manipulated and destroyed by man.
10/18/2021 14:48	Outside of state / other	Vestal, NY	No	No					Free the river! Free the fish! Restore natural river systems!	Fish and other wildlife have returned to other rivers after dams were removed and river was allowed to flow free.	Continued decay of our natural environment. More climate catastrophe.	No.	
10/18/2021 14:48	Outside of state / other	Salt Lake City, Utah	No	No					Remove the dam	The damn is unnecessary	Continuation of the present situation.	No	
10/18/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	TX - Texas	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	That it be breached to restore the natural ecology of the area.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs would be restored	Manatees and other wildlife will suffer in the long term.	Unfortunately not. Wildlife and the environment have waited too long already and we are in an emergency at this point.	
10/18/2021 14:49	Baker		No	No									
10/18/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	Rhode Island	No	No					Reopening of natural waterways		Wildlife losses and habitat deterioration		
10/18/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	Saint Paul, MN	No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching the dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Restoring rivers back to the natural way they operate which in turn supports wildlife and humans, and allows nature to flow naturally.	It would be a let down and another obstacle to progress as we try to live in a world greatly affected by climate change.	Possibly but I don't know what that would be at the moment.	
10/18/2021 14:49	Outside of state / other	Cumberland, Rhode Island	No	No					Please breach the dam and unite the rivers.	Manatees are dying in unprecedented numbers. Algae growths in summer are common. Species are being choked to death	We will degrade the environment even further and species will decline. Human communities will be impacted by pollution. Lower quality of life for all organisms.	NO. Dams are being safely taken down all across the country and rivers are being restored. We must continue this process.	
10/18/2021 14:50	Outside of state / other	CO	No	No						Saving the Manatees	The Manatees.		
10/18/2021 14:50	Outside of state / other	46077	No	No									
10/18/2021 14:51	Sarasota		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 14:51	Outside of state / other	New York, NY	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.

10/18/2021 14:51	Outside of state / other	New Rochelle. New York	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 64-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.
10/18/2021 14:52	Outside of state / other	Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama	No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Removal	The dependence of the natural environment on the natural state of the river.	Continued impairment of the natural environment.	Any mitigation of the impact of the reservoir/dam.	
10/18/2021 14:52	Washington		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.				Usually, once our native lands are lost, they are never recovered. Mr. SDO, PhD
10/18/2021 14:52	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Because Florida will be inundated by sea-level rise in the future; do this now to mitigate against statewide disaster	CLIMATE CHANGE (increasingly fierce hurricanes, exacerbated by poor infrastructure)	Loss of Habitat	in Florida????	
10/18/2021 14:52	Bay		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife $50+ million gallons a day	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea-level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 14:52	Palm Beach		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 14:53	Broward		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 14:53	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					I would like to see it dismantled in order to set the rivers free, as Nature intended.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	Manatees , already extremely endangered, will not get the opportunity for critical habitat.	No.	This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for people and wildlife.
10/18/2021 14:53	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see the dam removed so that 15,000+ acres of natural habitat can be restored for fish and wildlife.	Restoration of dozens of natural springs, habitat for native fish and wildlife like manatees.	Costly upgrades to a dam that should be removed and a lost opportunity to restore natural habitat for native fish and wildlife.	No. The dam should have been removed years ago.	
10/18/2021 14:53	Marion		No	Yes				Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting	Return to it's natural state				
10/18/2021 14:53	Outside of state / other	Wayne County, Michigan	No	No					The dam must be removed and the rivers natural flow restored.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	A vital habitat will remain inaccessible to vulnerable species and a healthy ecosystem and its benefits will be denied to humanity.	Sadly, the dam can either be breached or it can remain. There is no middle ground.	Florida suffers from numerous, man-made environmental catastrophes. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway would address an important one.
10/18/2021 14:54	Outside of state / other	TX	No	No									
10/18/2021 14:54	Outside of state / other	Silver Spring MD.	No	No						I used to live in St. Augustyne as a jid and spent much time at Silver Springs and in the woods along thev St. John's River.	Further dedgradation of a ket ecological reserve and resourc e.		I used to teach environmental history at Yale.
10/18/2021 14:55	Outside of state / other	WA	No	No					I would like to see them removed so that the rivers affected by them can be returned to a more natural state.	I have seen how beneficial dam removal has been for rivers and streams here in the Pacific Northwest, to include restoration of riparian zones, improvement of habitat for salmon and other keystone species, and improved areas for tourists to visit (and bring their money!) I believe that the removal of the Kirkpatrick dam would benefit Floridians similarly.	Continued ecological degradation through the continued interruption of natural hydrological processes and the cascading negative effects on the surrounding ecology.	No, take the dam down!	
10/18/2021 14:56	Outside of state / other	Rhode Island	No	No									
10/18/2021 14:57	Outside of state / other	IL	No	No					Breach the dam for full restoration.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Loss of habitat and continued loss of natural animal population.		
10/18/2021 14:57	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 64-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea-level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	MANATEES 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 14:57	Duval		No	No						The time is now. Protect Florida's natural environment. Free The Springs.	Loss of Florida's natural beauty, death of the St Johns. This has been a disaster for our rivers!	NO!	Jacksonville wants our river back!
10/18/2021 14:57	Volusia		No	No					Removal of Rodman/Kirpatrick Dam and opening up the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Destruction of natural habitat.	No.	It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs!
10/18/2021 14:58	Outside of state / other	Grand junction, CO	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No	This is an amazing opportunity to restore habitat for manatees and fish as well as an opportunity to improve water quality. Please take this chance to restore vital habitat while also saving taxpayer dollars by removing this unsafe dam. Thank you for your time, Joe Leonhard
10/18/2021 14:59	Outside of state / other	San Francisco California	No	No					We are finally getting smarter about respecting our environment and it's beautiful attributes. Reconnecting the rivers is crucial, and shows a long term strategy for enriching our waterways, supporting the wildlife that call these areas home and need them for survival and for the overall respect for our planet. Goodness knows, it's about time. Manipulation to suit our short term needs is not working.	Any legislation that supports the removal of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Starving our rivers and ignoring what nature has provided always backfires. Environmental impacts are severe and detrimental.	I don't see a compromise option.	Thank you for considering my comments. I appreciate this opportunity.
10/18/2021 15:00	Outside of state / other	Santa Fe, NM	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 64-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 15:00	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam	Restore the Florida riverway	Extinction of wildlife, destruction of natural habitat	No	
10/18/2021 15:02	Outside of state / other	Tucson	No	No					Remove dam and restore watershed to a close to natural conditions as possible. Habitat improvement to benefit all native species, particularly manatee and other threatened species.	The decline in manatee population.	Continued loss of threatened species.	I could support dam removal without additional habitat restoration.	
10/18/2021 15:01	Lake		No	No					restoring flow of water to restore ecosystems		pollution and loss of clean water for people and wildlife	no	
10/18/2021 15:02	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No						Reunite the Rivers	Damage to the waterway ecosystem	No	The health of our rivers effects all aspects of our lives. Natural systems can be powerful forces to rebalance large areas, which results t economic and human health.
10/18/2021 15:02	Polk		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Breach the dam	The springs! We support the natural springs!	Things would continue on as they have been.	Sure, a good fish ladder would be a start!	
10/18/2021 15:03	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					that the environment is protected				
10/18/2021 15:03	Outside of state / other	Juneau AK	No	No									
10/18/2021 15:03	Outside of state / other	14527	No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for people and wildlife.	More death for the animals and fish and birds.	no	
10/18/2021 15:04	Outside of state / other	Scotrun, PA	No	No					I would like for the Rodman Kirkpatrick Dam to be removed	In removing the dam, it will allow the ecosystem to better function	the loss of essential habitat for manatees, the loss of fish and the three rivers won't be united into the Great Florida Riverway	No	
10/18/2021 15:04	Alachua		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. AND $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. AND Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	There is NO scenario short of fully achieving this desired outcome that I could support.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.
10/18/2021 15:05	Jackson		No	No									
10/18/2021 15:05	Outside of state / other	Port Jervis, NY	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.		$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea-level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/18/2021 15:06	Outside of state / other	Bedford, Virginia	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 15:06	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea-level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	reaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/18/2021 15:07	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Observing effectiveness of drawdowns...	Execute the plan to remove the spillway and restore the Ocklawaha River to its' original channel and provide enhanced recreational/fishing access to the entire floodplain.	The Rodman Pool is a corrupted, disfunctional ecosystem; a combination of facultative lagoon/retention basin that does a poor job of removing nutrients from the system while providing little ecosystem or recreational benefit. Restoring the floodplain forest would immediately reduce nutrient loading to St Johns River; very cost-effective. Bumps make power boating extremely hazardous; fishing in the pool is no better than fishing in the St Johns River. Migratory critters, including striped bass, can no longer reproduce in springs and springs suffer from lack of aquatic diversity.	Nutrients stored in the pool sediments will continue to be discharged into the St Johns during drawdowns that are required to control aquatic vegetation. Drawdowns and spillway maintenance are both a waste of taxpayer money and ineffective water quality management tools. Migratory species will still be blocked by the spillway and springs will continue to degrade due to lack of diversity. Ecotourism-based economic development in the region will continue to be blocked by political standoff between narrowly-focused Save Rodman business interests and broadly focused advocates for restoration. The many economic & ecosystem benefits claimed by Save the Rodman group have NOT been realized. A more sustainable, ecosystem approach is needed to enhance the economic & ecological value of this unique Ocklawaha River ecosystem.	Not really; over the past 30-years partial scenarios have been tried. The harsh reality is that periodic drawdowns have proven to be ineffective management approach that pleases nobody and does NOT achieve any significant water quality, economic, recreational or ecosystem benefits.	The most cost-effective management strategy for the St Johns River is to remove the spillway, leave the dam in place and allow the floodplain to naturally regenerate the hardwood swamp forest. Details were documented in the PBSJ Report some 20-years ago. Restore the river---NOW!
10/18/2021 15:07	Santa Rosa		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Dam removed and area restored to its natural state	UF scientists have produced a myriad of papers supporting this.	The literal death of one of the most beautiful areas on earth.	Banning all motorboats	Thank you.
10/18/2021 15:08	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I have gone there simply to look at it. I do not "use" the dam or the the reservoir in any practical way.	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick dam removed.	The fact that it would improve the health of the St. John's River. The river is one of the most magnificent (and vital) natural resources in the entire southeast.	That the health of the St. John's River would continue to decline.	I'm not an engineer, but perhaps we could at least let some of the water free. The reservoir would be somewhat depleted, but that's not a factor that is of much concern to me. After all, I want the dam removed entirely.	Some people will be negatively affected economically by the removal of the dam. That is unfortunate. However, let us not forget that many Floridians were harmed by this whole Cross Florida Barge Canal fiasco in the first place. Florida and the St. John's River are delicate ecosystems that have been hyper-stressed by industry, big agriculture, and an increasing population. Anything that we can do to right the wrongs that have had a negative effect on the health of the St. John's river would be a blessing. Please let Florida's rivers free. Thanks for reading this.
10/18/2021 15:09	Broward		No	No					It is my understanding that opening it is essential habitat for manatees and they need all the help they can get with all our boats on the water	animal protection	If wildlife suffered		
10/18/2021 15:09	Seminole		No	No					Breach it. Let the water flow.	Restoring the Springs affected by the useless dam, provide needed habitat for manatees, avoid unnecessary repair costs	Continual decline of manatees, more algae bloom issues	No	Now is the time. Let's do what's right for the environment
10/18/2021 15:09	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway. Opening up the river will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife - restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Thank you for considering my comments and for your efforts to find a positive solution and beneficial outcome for the interests surrounding the Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir's environmental and economic impact.
10/18/2021 15:11	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					I would like to see all dams removed so that rivers can return to normal and fish may thrive.	Everything written about America's waters by Sylvia Earle, PhD: Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 8:22 PM	My biggest concern is enormous, even fatal diminishment of most fish species.	you want me to choose something that makes fish extinction palatable?!!!	As our rivers go, so go our oceans. REMEMBER, we ARE the BLUE Planet.
10/18/2021 15:13	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam gone!	Free the natural river in its original bed.	Cost!	Nope!	Free our river now!
10/18/2021 15:14	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs	Free Water flow.	Wildlife threatened.	No	
10/18/2021 15:14	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Historic observation.	Dam breached and the environmental degradation halted.	A good look at the flooded river valley, the destruction of Wildlife, and the dead, underwater forest we allowed to be destroyed should support my position well enough. In case you shall need more, environmental reports on the destruction of the Everglades in the early 20th century and its affect on the people, flood water management, and wildlife of southern Florida should be warning enough against trying to play god and change the routes and volume of our river system. Its honestly bonkers children in middle schools do more for conservation than the people whom are paid to protect and represent us.	Continued degradation of the state of Florida's dwindling natural resources and wonder	Another renewable power source that does not absolutely destroy a once pristine river.	The author is a Historian studying Florida Studies at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Professionally a Curator of a Florida History museum, the author enjoys long walks on the beach and exercising his rights as a private pilot.
10/18/2021 15:15	Outside of state / other	Dacula, GA 39919	No	No					To reunite the Ocklrwaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - The Great Florida Riverway.	This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for people and wildlife.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea-level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. But, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	am a Georgia resident, with family and friends in Suwannee, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Miami, and Jacksonville. All of whom know I live to fish and paddle!
10/18/2021 15:16	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam to restore ecosystems in the area.	Compromised ecosystems will be restored resulting in preserved wildlife habitats, increased opportunities for recreation as well as resulting financial savings/employment opportunities for Floridians.	A huge lost opportunity for multiple positive outcomes	no. Breaching the dam is the only way to achieve any of the positive resulting outcomes	Breaching the dam is a step that is long overdue and which, if completed, will result in multiple meaningful positive outcomes for Floridians and the environment.
10/18/2021 15:16	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I've helped in cleanups.	I want it removed.	I've been on and around th St. John's River and the Ocklawaha for almost 62 years and can see the harm the dam has done to water flow, the rivers' ecosystems, and the screwing up of good old Florida!	We miss another chance to try to make things Right again.	increased water flow from the dam.	
10/18/2021 15:17	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					I would like to see it removed	The restoration of the Ocklawaha River will restore the economy, the wildlife and the water quality.	All the above mentioned areas: the economy, the wildlife and the water quality for Florida residents and international visitors will suffer.	No	
10/18/2021 15:17	Outside of state / other	Inver Grove Hts, MN	No	No					Remove Kirkpatrick Dam asap. Please see positive results on the Elwah River after two huge dams were removed.	Again, google Elwah dam removal.	Manatee deaths increasing, along with other mammals and fish. Please remove the dam.	No. Removal of the dam is the best, mist cost efficient way forward.	
10/18/2021 15:17	Outside of state / other	Oakland CA	No	No					I would like to see them removed	Knowing that this will restore fish populations that cannot migrate due to the Kirkpatrick Dam being an obstacle. Also, natural springs are currently covered, this dam has created a flood plain.	Climate change and species extinction	No	There are many dams that were useful but have silted up and outlived their utility. They are creating big problems and should be removed.
10/18/2021 15:18	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restored and maintained	environmental benefits	environmental imbalance		

10/18/2021 15:19	Outside of state / other	is reside in Florida. Parents had hom	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Dams are very harmful. I used to own property in Volusia County and my husband and I have spent many hours canoeing on Florida Rivers. Nature is one of the largest draws, if not the largest attraction for people to come to Florida. But the quality of water, the whole economy, wildlife and the flora would all be promoted by breaching the dam.	Dams harm rivers and it is well known that water will be very scarce and important to future generations. Dams are detrimental to the quality of the water. https://www.americanrivers.org/threats-solutions/restoring-damaged-rivers/how-dams-damage-rivers/ China is currently demonstrating the harm that comes from dams. It will save money to open the river. Money is saved when dams are gone. The Manatees will also be saved. My husband and I took many visitors to watch the manatees who are dying due to water quality, and degradation of plant life which causes them to starve. Make Florida more like I knew it in the old days. Beautiful, a place for animals and water life.	The further degradation of the animal, water life, and stealing clean water from our future generations. When water moves it is more lively, healthy and cleans itself.	In 2020, these states all removed dams; California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.	The number of dams already removed in the US is 1797. Last year 65 dams were removed. Consult with the states who have removed rivers. No state is more beautiful and natural than Florida. No states' rivers more deserve freedom than Florida's rivers. https://www.americanrivers.org/2021/02/69-dams-removed-in-2020/ Dams are yesteryear. Step into the future.
10/18/2021 15:19	Outside of state / other	VA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("S2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/18/2021 15:20	Outside of state / other		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 15:20	Sarasota		No	No					I want to see the dam disassembled	The evidence of the improvement of the ecosystem there , fish sustainability	This would be still another place in Florida that becomes irreparably damaged and continuing degradation of the whole ecosystem. Florida is in grave trouble.	no	I hope to visit there soon.
10/18/2021 15:20	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, reconnect the natural habitat.	Scientific studies	Pollution	No.	
10/18/2021 15:20	Osceola		No	No									
10/18/2021 15:21	Brevard		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 479)
10/18/2021 15:22	Outside of state / other	Idaho	No	No					To see a free flowing river.	Habitat loss and algae			
10/18/2021 15:22	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times		I would like to see the dam removed, which is long overdue. This is imperative to restoring the natural flow of the waterway and to save the lost springs. It's also necessary to restore the natural ecosystems threatened due to the dam.	Creating a sanctuary for hundreds of manatee each winter.	The threat to the environment. Further exasperating the issues with the lost springs. The algae becoming worse.	No. This needs to be done immediately.	For the future of our beautiful state, for our children, their children, the dam needs to be removed. It is long overdue. Thank you.
10/18/2021 15:23	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					I think dams destroyed the natural flow of rivers and aren't environmentally sound.	What has happened to the Colorado River and many rivers in California.	The environment will continue to be savaged and add to climate change		
10/18/2021 15:24	Polk		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	A river that is dying. Spring that have disappeared and only reappear during a drawdown	The death of a river	No. That stupid dam serves no purpose	
10/18/2021 15:24	Polk		No	No					Immediate removal	All Florida waterways need to be free to flow to properly maintain our natural ecosystems	Decreased wetlands, decreased native plants and animals, increased costs in clean water and increased prices of all goods and services that rely on water for production	No	
10/18/2021 15:25	Outside of state / other	Ashland, Oregon (Jackson County)	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for for family and everyone who enjoys the beauty and diversity of Florida. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. It increases visitation and creates jobs.	Florida's natural beauty and wildlife become further degraded and recreational opportunities are lost. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. It is time to get rid of un-needed dams that destroy habitat for wildlife and recreation	I have spent many wonderful days canoeing on Florida's rivers and do not wish to see these treasures destroyed for future generations.
10/18/2021 15:25	Outside of state / other	NJ	No	No					I would like it fully functional	It is needed to help animals	If it's not animals want survive	No	Please make sure it's completely fixed
10/18/2021 15:26	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					Removal	Our mighty Susquehanna has numerous dams which threaten fish species and and no longer serve any productive benefit at all!!!!	The natural world the waterway is supposed to sustain!	NONE	Keep politics out of the equation and do the right thing for the environment and the natural world!!
10/18/2021 15:27	Outside of state / other	California	No	No									
10/18/2021 15:27	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier and 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 15:27	Outside of state / other	Salt Lake City, UT	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns rivers plus 50 springs restored 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/18/2021 15:28	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam. Restore the habitat.	Preservation of endangered species	The loss of multiple species.	I see no viable alternative to dam removal.	Please, please restore water quality and coastal resiliency.
10/18/2021 15:28	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Continued death of manatees-more water degradation	No	
10/18/2021 15:29	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future.
10/18/2021 15:30	Outside of state / other	Temecula, CA	No	No					I support the restoration of rivers to their original flow patterns due to the many significant ecological benefits that follow the restoration process. The only instance in which I would oppose the destruction of a dam that has created a reservoir is if no source of drinking water, other than the reservoir, exists for the affected population.	Virtually everywhere that dams have been removed and the original river flow patterns restored, the entire regional ecology has recovered from environmental pressures including the die off of plant and animal life.	The restoration of robust fresh water flow is essential in all of Florida's waterways, especially to prevent salt water incursion into previously fresh water wetlands.		
10/18/2021 15:31	Outside of state / other	Chicago, IL	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521)
10/18/2021 15:32	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 15:33	Outside of state / other	Phoenix Az- with Florida relatives	No	No					open the Florida waterway-revoe the dam	health of ground water & everglades	compromise in water quality-salt water encroachment own stream	increase downstream flow will help-dam removal needed	
10/18/2021 15:33	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					Preserve		Construction of site		
10/18/2021 15:35	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Remove it. Let the river flow	The natural world benefits from open rivers. Humans do, too	Living things will not thrive	No.	
10/18/2021 15:36	Outside of state / other	California	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to have the Kirkpatrick Dam removed.	The Dam has caused a slow decline of wild life.	The water life will not recover	It is important to review how ecosystems have recovered when Old Dams have been removed. The steps leading up to achieve this goal need to at least be implemented.	
10/18/2021 15:36	Duval		No	No					Take it down	Its blocking the natural flow of the river	That it continues to deteriorate impact on the environment	no what's the point of leaving it up?	
10/18/2021 15:37	Palm Beach		No	No									
10/18/2021 15:38	Outside of state / other	32270	No	No									
10/18/2021 15:38	Charlotte		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Demise of our ecosystem and environment		It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.
10/18/2021 15:40	Lee		No	No									
10/18/2021 15:41	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
10/18/2021 15:41	Collier		No	No						Return to natural state	Every water's project in Florida has been a disaster	Water quality	
10/18/2021 15:42	Orange		No	No						Rivers need to flow. Otherwise it stagnates.			
10/18/2021 15:42	Broward		No	No						removal	we must restore at least some of the damage humans have done and stop allowing pesticides to keep ruining more	we will lose more native species	idk
10/18/2021 15:42	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The river needs to be free flowing for the wildlife.				
10/18/2021 15:44	St Johns		No	No					Remove the dam	restore the river to its original state	Articles and media regarding the health of the river and problems surrounding the dam	That we run this important natural ecosystem for the sake of fishing alone	No
10/18/2021 15:45	Lake		No	No						Make the Ocklawaha accessible to free-flowing		Change in habitat	No
10/18/2021 15:45	Outside of state / other	California	No	No						remove and restore the rivers and aquatic environment	You're hurting one ecosystem to help another rivers and wetlands are seriously endangered, and they protect us from diminished species, and the annual storms that are increasing	Further destruction of our environment	None
10/18/2021 15:46	Outside of state / other	Saint Paul, MN	No	No						Remove the Dam.	America's rivers should run freely. Generate electricity via less environmentally destructive means.	Loss of habitat for indigenous species.	Unknown.
10/18/2021 15:46	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam and let the natural flows return.	Science	Same	No
10/18/2021 15:47	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Restore free flow to Ocklawaha	Ecological health of the river and surrounding forest?		
10/18/2021 15:47	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No									
10/18/2021 15:50	Orange		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating		The Dam needs to be removed	The restoration of an amazing waterway and to expose springs only seen during certain times of year	Continued devastation of a spectacular waterway	Take the dam down
10/18/2021 15:51	Outside of state / other	Washington, D.C.	No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Three rivers: Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns rivers plus 50 springs restored	Not using this opportunity: funds are available from state and federal sources, plus there are strong environmental needs for manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat, and addressing the unsafe dam.	Temporarily drawing down the reservoir to 11 or 12 ft. until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from any dam failure, as well as still providing continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow, and an unobstructed waterway.	As a Florida resident of many years, I know the many benefits to citizens and municipalities from positive, healthy environments. Clean water, fishing, tourism, and a healthy environment can provide many financial benefits for the state in addition to leaving the world in a better place for children and grandchildren.
10/18/2021 15:51	Alachua		No	No						Let rivers run free	Nature	Wildlife will be adversely effected on a daily basis	No
10/18/2021 15:51	Outside of state / other	Chicago, Illinois	No	No					Preserve the natural environment and the natural waterways	Your article I just read online	Further devastation and irreversible damage to Florida waterways and wildlife	Not really	
10/18/2021 15:51	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		1 time		Other: Recreational drive	Return nature to nature	Reading about it	That wildlife will not be helped	No	
10/18/2021 15:52	Broward		No	No									
10/18/2021 15:52	Lee		No	No					Removal of the dam.	Florida's diverse ecological systems are being destroyed for outdated ideas!	Our state will be nothing, but a piece of land with buildings and parking lots, if we don't step up NOW!!	No, not with the information I have so far.	
10/18/2021 15:52	Outside of state / other	OH	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	We need to preserve our beautiful eco systems, for all animal and plant life that requires what this dam is preventing. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521)
10/18/2021 15:53	Palm Beach		No	No						removal of the dam	we need a free flowing river for many reasons.	The continued damage the dam is creating daily to animals, springs and rivers.	I don't see how an scenario, other then removal/breach of the dam would have the desired benefit to so many.
10/18/2021 15:53	Flagler		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The Dam needs to be removed and the Oklawaha River restored - ASAP!!!!!	The dam should be removed so that restoration of 50 springs as well as the Ockawaha and St John's Rivers will receive 150 + million gallons a day of restored natural flow. Millions of dollars will be saved on the dam that is way past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	Putnam county and Silver Springs will lose $47 million in economic benefits over the next 10 years. Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat and more.	NO! Breaching of the dam is 50 years overdue! Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife cannot wait. Just do it!	

10/18/2021 15:56	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Walking along the shoreline	I would want this once historic and scenic waterway restored to its once pristine, beautiful, and magnificent river as it was before the reservoir destroyed the winding river. As a multi generational native Floridian I want to see as many of our waterways protected for the generations to come.	There are many reasons both environmental and economic that supports the restoration of the Oklawaha to its natural state. This dam effects the quality of the water in at least 50 springs including the negative impact it has on Silver Springs and the Silver River. It does not permit native fish species to migrate from the St. Johns or for wildlife (fish, reptiles, manatees) to freely swim from springs, rivers, and even the ocean. The recreational value of a restored Oklawaha would have a greater benefit to the area than the current reservoir.	That continuation of this dam becomes even greater ecological impact to our environment. That more and more money will be required to repair the dam which could possibly breach one day flooding many homes along the lower river. That currently funding is available through different governmental sources to remove the dam and restore the river.	No, after all of the years of the environmental damage that has been done, it is high time that we restore the river to its life before the dam. Nothing short of total removal and restoration of the river should be considered.	About 60 years ago when I was in the Mcintosh, Florida Boy Scout Troop, our leaders borrowed two boats, launched them at Eureka and followed the Oklawaha out into the islands in the St. Johns where we camped for two nights. Both trips on the winding, scenic, pristine, beautiful river will never be forgotten. The 12 scouts, even in their golden years still talk about the amazing journey both down and up this magnificent historic Florida Waterway. It is my hope that my future great grandchildren will one day be able to have this same experience. Please restore this river so that many to come can experience it the way we did back in the 1950s. Thank you for the opportunity to add my voice to help make this back to what it was years ago.
10/18/2021 15:57	De Soto		No	No						15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 15:58	Outside of state / other	California	No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	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State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. 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For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/18/2021 15:58	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No						I would like to see Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 16:00	Citrus		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing		Preserve it.	Unsurpassed wildlife habitat for Manatees, Bald Eagles, Gators and Waterfowl. Great fishing too.	Loss of Wildlife	No	I can't imagine any better use of the land if the reservoir wasn't there
10/18/2021 16:01	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing		demolish dam and have a free-flowing river	the cross Florida canal will never be complete	More water is held and it will become poluted	no	
10/18/2021 16:02	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing		I'd like to see the dam removed and the waterways restored.	A river used to run through it, and should again.	The dam deteriorating and causing havoc on surrounding land if it were to breach.	No. I support removing the dam and restoring the river to it's natural state before we intervened.	Thanks for listening.
10/18/2021 16:03	Outside of state / other	Mesa County Colorado	No	No						Remove the dam				
10/18/2021 16:11	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time			Return to before the dam	The barge canal will never be, so remove the parts of it that are in place now			
10/18/2021 16:11	Palm Beach		No	No										
10/18/2021 16:13	Outside of state / other	Boulder, CO	No	No						remove dam, restore are flowing river environment	improved ecosystems	Further damage to eco systems	no	Thanx for removing this dam.
10/18/2021 16:14	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles, CAUP	No	No						I would like the area restored to its wild state.				
10/18/2021 16:17	Outside of state / other	1 main st NYC	No	No						v				
10/18/2021 16:19	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	Yes						Deny permit	Destruction of biological diversity in watershed	Destruction of biological diversity in watershed	small hydropower units	small hydropower has only 10% of the damage of dams but 1/3 the amount of power obtained
10/18/2021 16:26	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: To see draw-down.		Restore the free-flow of the Ocklawaha River and remove the dam.	The creation of Rodman Reservoir drowned 20 freshwater springs and drastically changed the water regime and native vegetation of the area. Removing the reservoir would allow restoration of animal movements and native plant regeneration. Of particular importance is the positive effect restoration of river and spring flow would have for the Florida manatee. This species currently passes through the locks into Rodman reservoir, and would very likely increase its use of the region, especially Silver Spring in the winter, if access was restored.	My biggest concern would be the lost opportunity to successfully restore an ecosystem, something we desperately need to be a lot more of as we move deeper into this era of climate change and its threats to man-made and natural environments. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is low-hanging fruit compared to many other environmental challenges, such as the recent loss of seagrass beds in the Indian River Lagoon. If we can't do this, at a time when the dam is failing anyway, what can we do?	Only if the Ocklawaha river-flow and springs are restored, along with the riverine habitat that has been lost.	The record-breaking number manatee deaths on the Atlantic Coast of Florida is directly related to the loss of habitat that is extremely important to manatees: seagrass. Power plant effluents that keep them warm in the winter are not sufficient. Restoring free access to springs and native riverine vegetation would help to support the Atlantic coast population of manatees, by providing both warm-water and food resources. Increased numbers of manatee sightings by Rodman lock-tenders in 2019 and 2020 may well be an indication that hungry manatees will quickly learn to utilize a restored river system.
10/18/2021 16:27	Orange		No	No						To open up the endangered springs and improve wildlife habitat.	Orlando Sentinel article of October 14, 2021	That our God given springs and associated rivers will be ruined.	Only if it will improve springs and river quality	I have been on the Lake Dora to Silver Spgs trip many times with my family over the years (I am 80 years old) and it is a piece of original old Florida. It seems this wild and wonderful natural wonder will disappear forever if something isn't done soon to arrest the abuse. We have the chance to fix things now and should act immediately!
10/18/2021 16:28	Outside of state / other	Chicago IL	No	No						Remove the dam. Restore the natural hydrology. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoration of the natural hydrology and ecosystems is the best thing for all creatures involved, and for the planet.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	NO! The dam never should have been built!	I know that some people will gooh-pooh my comments because I've never been there. I care about Earth; have a B.A. in Geography; my grandparents retired to St. Pete decades ago, so I have been to Florida and care about FL from personal experience while a child. I oppose all dams on principle.
10/18/2021 16:28	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No						I think it is best to consult the Indigenous Elders and Leaders in that region to determine the best course of action for the river.	The Indigenous people have been stewarding this land and water for thousands of years and their wisdom has nothing to do with profiteering.	Our decisions are not aligned with wisdom and we're rapidly caterwauling toward destruction. My biggest concern is none of the same.	I don't think it's time for compromises on this. The powers that be have been in power for long enough. It is time to usher in a new era that respects Mother Nature.	
10/18/2021 16:28	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
10/18/2021 16:29	Outside of state / other	Alaska	No	No						Remove	Free flow		Drought	
10/18/2021 16:30	Marion		No	No			1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha river by dismantling of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dams.	Ocklawaha, Silver and St John's rivers and 50 affected springs can be brought back to the way they should naturally be.	The money is in the bank and action has been long overdue. Water quality, wildlife and many other things would benefit from it.	No!!!	
10/18/2021 16:31	Outside of state / other	Richmond, Virginia	No	No						It should be removed	Crisis for Manatees and other animals requires new protected habitats, also water quality protections	Continuing extinctions and degradation of water quality imperils the entire ecosystem and thus humans as well		
10/18/2021 16:31	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Own a business with a tackle shop in Fort McCoy		I would like to see the Dam stay in place and Lake Ocklawaha left as it is. I would like to see some facilities added and upgraded.	My name is John Jacob Smith and I own Fort McCoy Hardware. An important part of my business is selling fishing tackle and outdoor supplies to recreational fishermen and professional guides and also I sell a lot of supplies such as 50 lb bags of feed and PVC, etc. to the commercial fishermen that use the lake. Without their business my outdoor supply portion of my business would dry up and disappear and I also think it would be such a shame for the ecosystem that is in place there to be destroyed. Where would all the animals go?	My business would be greatly hurt and all the animals would be without a home. We don't have a lot to draw people to this area to get business in the doors and that is an important part of what does bring people in.	No	
10/18/2021 16:32	Outside of state / other	Phoenix, AZ	No	No						Free-flowing rivers have better fish and wildlife mobility as well as better water quality, and Florida needs cleaner rivers and wildlife protection.	The results of dam removal along our western US rivers.	Periodic risk of downstream damage and flooding should water breach the dam.	Management of pesticide and herbicide use along the waters might help clean up the river.	
10/18/2021 16:33	Outside of state / other	IL	No	No						I am advocating for the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Dams used to be the solution, but not any more. Indeed, each day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	There are so many vitals places but this is compelling:100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier.	Again, so many concerns, but here is a hands on one:Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Not really, I'm afraid, but at least temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Many great reasons to proceed here, but here is one clear objective: breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/18/2021 16:34	Outside of state / other		No	No										
10/18/2021 16:34	Outside of state / other	California	No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionm gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 16:36	Outside of state / other	CT	No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatee would benefit from warm springs	Manatee and other threatened wildlife will have succumbed. Water quality will be diminished.	Absolutely not.	
10/18/2021 16:37	Outside of state / other		No	No						removal!	important for fishing	fewer gators		
10/18/2021 16:38	Outside of state / other		No	Yes						A decision with the least amount of environmental impact. There is a significant amount of nature and wildlife to be preserved and that is one of the beautiful aspects of Florida: the untouched and undeveloped areas of land. In these areas is where nature and wildlife can thrive. Thank you.	That I have been visiting Florida for 50 years and have lived there as well, I appreciate the pristine value of its natural habitats.	Unwanted and unneeded destruction.	It would depend.	Thank you.
10/18/2021 16:40	Marion		Yes	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: I work for a business that supplies local commercial and recreational fisherman.		My name is Jessica Ahlers and I work at Fort McCoy Hardware. I would like to see Rodman Dam left alone. My job relies a lot on the people that stop by our business to buy fishing supplies. Without them it would be a blow to our work and my job. Nature has taken over for over 50 years and doing away with the Dam would make that area a nasty scrub forest for another 50 years! Leave Rodman Dam and our business alone.	My job is helped a lot by the business that the commercial and every day fisherman that come here to buy gear and supplies brings in. Without the lake there out fishing tackle and outdoor supply business would be over.	Big chunk of our business gone and a lot of people no longer supporting our business. So many critters that would suffer and die.	Absolutely not	
10/18/2021 16:42	Outside of state / other	Elyria, OH	No	No						Restoration of the waterway!	Appropriate habitat for native animals and plants, while improving flood control	Species loss and increased flooding.	Partial is still an improvement.	
10/18/2021 16:45	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: walks		Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mg of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored. If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. NO, please take me serious as it will be a huge MISTAKE if you don't fix this. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	I have been shocked by the amount of damaged waterways where it seems like Florida is only looking at how to make a buck and our future generations of both our children, other mammals, & wildlife will be affected and the decrease in clean waterways, will continue the deaths until extinction. Let's vote YES to creating a proven strategy it be the beginning of our Political Representatives help make Florida a better place and an example to the rest of the Nation that we are wise enough to know the Earth is in CRISIS! PLEASE HELP
10/18/2021 16:49	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other		I would like from see it stay where it is and be maintained.	It is good for the community but also the wildlife including the manatees are important	The loss of Manatee habitat and jobs	I think it's very important the Rodman dam is maintained	
10/18/2021 16:49	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No						Make it accessible to and safe for manatees fish and birds.	Climate Chang's and human interference	Another block for protecting our environment	NONE	
10/18/2021 16:50	Outside of state / other	California resident, Florida visitor	No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.The dam harms the water quality and wildlife in the Great Florida Riverway	Historic fish and manatees return to a free-flowing river.	We miss this best opportunity with State and federal funds available and the dam is unsafe.	No. This should have been done long ago.	The Great Florida Riverway is a unique treasure of 217-mile system of rivers and spring that must be preserved and improved.
10/18/2021 16:51	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I care about Florida's environment and wildlife. Please restore the restore the Ocklawaha River. Restoration will reunite the other rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. (characters: 479)
10/18/2021 16:51	Outside of state / other	MELLOTT, INDIANA	No	No						KEEP IT MOVING	KEEP IT MOVING	IT IS NEEDED, PLEASE	I DO NOT BELIEVE SO	
10/18/2021 16:54	St Lucie		No	No						Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river, which also protects downstream property owners from potential flood damage.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss, while manatees and fish continue to die.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a Florida resident and stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/18/2021 16:55	Outside of state / other	WA State	No	No										
10/18/2021 16:56	Outside of state / other		No	No										
10/18/2021 16:57	Palm Beach		No	No										
10/18/2021 16:58	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	- Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	- Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. - Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. - Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. - Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. - The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 17:03	Duval		No	No						Dismantled to restore animal and plant preserves	Help manatees migration, keeping a rising sea level from turning the St. John river salty :(	Our wildlife and environment will continue to suffer as man makes selfish decisions upon selfish decision	I am not a Engineering subject matter expert, I care about Mother Nature , our people and planet	
10/18/2021 17:03	Outside of state / other	Nashville TN	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing		Please leave it alone, it is a thriving ecosystem.	Over 700 Manatees have moved there this year because of the lush vegetation.	It would wipe out a large bass fish and manatee popyu		
10/18/2021 17:04	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing		Leave it alone!!	It's a gorgeous wildlife refuge. Leave it the fkck alone!	More raping of the land to follow. Leave it the fkck alone!		

10/18/2021 17:04	Manatee		No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	free rivers benefit native wildlife	further loss of FL treasures- manatees	would need to learn more about what this questions implies.	It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.
10/18/2021 17:05	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/18/2021 17:07	Outside of state / other	Overland Park, Kansas 66204	No	No					remove the dam	restoring wetlands			
10/18/2021 17:07	Flagler		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restored natural flow	Ecological concerns	Damage to local ecology	Can't answer that question	I believe that, in addition to the positive impact on habitat and water quality, another free flowing River in Florida would be a big draw for eco- tourism and healthy tecreation.
10/18/2021 17:10	Outside of state / other	Riehen	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OOO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/18/2021 17:15	Seminole		No	No					Taken down	Restoration natural and original habitat	habitat would be lost, funds spent to repair would be wasted, lost income to local communities	this seems the only logical route but another solution is not impossible	the state needs to use wisdom and logic in making a decision
10/18/2021 17:16	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing	Wetlands protect wildlife	Wildlife thrive in these areas. Without them it would be a catastrophic loss of wildlife.	No	
10/18/2021 17:19	Hillsborough		No	Yes					It must be removed. A major part of Florida's water resource and the common good of Floridians cannot continue to be be threatened or degraded for the sake of a few anglers. That damn dam MUST GO !	Common sense and 30 years of environmental experience (FL DEP retiree).	Adequacy and quality of major water resource issues, exacerbated by the effects of climate change .	NO	Doing what it right is never wrong.
10/18/2021 17:21	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Visited to see for myself after reading articles on dam removal and restoration of the Ocklawaha	Removal of dam and restoration of the Ocklawaha River and wetlands within the current Rodman reservoir.	Poor use of the land used currently by the dam & reservoir, low biodiversity. Area better suited for river restoration & habitat restoration around the river. Much more biodiversity could be achieved with removal. Plenty of lakes in Florida to bass fish in & probably much better fisheries.	Dam removal would lead to much better habitat for a variety of native Florida species. Impossible it would not work. Dam removal and restoration is a can't miss project and improvement for the St. John's River.	No, removal or nothing. Why else spend the public funds.	Please improve the Ocklawaha River. It is wonderful resource and could be attached to the St. Johns River with dam removal. Please carry this out so I and others can visit some day and spend our vacation money in Florida.
10/18/2021 17:22	Outside of state / other	Spokane, WA	No	No					Breach or removal	Free flowing waterways are better for ecosystems and fight climate change naturally.	Ecosystem collapse		
10/18/2021 17:22	Orange		No	No					Protect it. Listen to the people.	All the emails you've gotten on this.	A damaged water way.		Thanks for your time today.
10/18/2021 17:23	Leon		No	No					Restoration and preservation of the river and floodplain.	Removing the dam will restore natural river flows. uncover springs and restore native fish and wildlife habitat.	Water quality degradation and loss of imperiled specie habitat.	The best environmental outcome will come with dam removal.	This damn can no longer be justified merely on the economics of fishing as the restoration will still provide fishing opportunities along with river and floodplain restoration.
10/18/2021 17:23	Outside of state / other	54 S Nome St Aurora Colorado 80012	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 571)
10/18/2021 17:24	Outside of state / other	San Diego County	No	No									
10/18/2021 17:26	Outside of state / other	TX Resident	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the resource as is. This is a wonderful ecosystem with many aquatic species whom appear to be thriving. Not to mention the abundance of aquatic vegetation helps to filter an already polluted river system	This is one of the best and most healthy fresh water fisheries in FL. I visit every year and bring revenue to this part of FL solely based on this wonderful resource	Refuge for manatees and bald eagles whom are already endangered. Not to mention revenue lost to parks and wildlife dept and local residents/business owners	Is the dam functioning as it should? If so it should be left alone	
10/18/2021 17:28	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking & Phography	Preservation in natural state, removing development as needed	These are irreplaceable and rare treasures	We'd become just more banal urban sprawl.		
10/18/2021 17:28	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 17:30	Outside of state / other	Penfield, NY	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	
10/18/2021 17:31	Volusia		No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as	Making sure this will benefit wildlife and the environment	Wildlife and environment and welfare of all		
10/18/2021 17:33	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No									
10/18/2021 17:33	Washington		No	No					lake dam out.	For the health of the river.			
10/18/2021 17:34	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 17:34	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Rodman should be left alone. The eco system is thriving. The fish, manatees, birds and other wildlife have a stable environment in which to survive. Any changes would devastate yet another piece of "Old Florida"	Do not alter the current landscape or waterway as it will have a negative effect on the delicate ecosystem.	Another piece of "Old Florida" would be gone.	No	
10/18/2021 17:35	Manatee		No	No									
10/18/2021 17:37	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Nothing leave it alone				
10/18/2021 17:40	Seminole		No	No					It should be breached	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by breaching the damn as well as increase the fish population that has declined by 92%.	We miss the best opportunity to address the critical needs of the wildlife (manatees and fish population) and environment (water quality) that are currently at high public interest and we continue to waste money on an unsafe dam.	No, Breaching the damn is 50 years overdue	Manatees and fish will continue to die off if we don't restore their natural habitat and many springs will suffer. We must care for our environment.
10/18/2021 17:42	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the natural flow of water restored to the Florida water system.	The restoration of habitat, saving unnecessary money on repairs and an improvement to Florida's most important business, tourism.	Continued habitat degradation with loss of flora and fauna and the lost of income to the important tourism economy.	No, removal of the dam is the only solution to repair the damage inflicted when the dam was built.	
10/18/2021 17:48	Outside of state / other	Alabama	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Preserve manatee and wildlife habitat!	Life!	Extinction!	No!	
10/18/2021 17:51	Outside of state / other	CA	No	Yes					removal	environmental damage	habitat destruction	no	
10/18/2021 17:51	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is!	The wildlife and pollution mitigation from the Ocklawaha are important, but this is one of the best fishing locations in the State. The recreational enjoyment is immense and the economic impact of fishing has to be a driver also. There are many other much more pressing issues to deal with. Leave it alone!	Water quality would diminish, wildlife would die and people would not be able to enjoy the area like they have for years.	No. Leave it alone and go deal with the countless other issues that are out there.	
10/18/2021 17:53	Outside of state / other	Douglas, Alaska	Yes	No					Civility succeeding!	The 'Golden Rule'!!	devolution	Any public necessity privatized is demeaned! Each private capitalist devalues the synergistic gains gleaned of civil relationships in producing/creating together when their contributes is costing others!	
10/18/2021 17:54	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just to look	I would like to see the dam removed and the river returned to its original configuration	Information provided by those who seek to protect the environment and the native habitat	That the continued destruction of Florida's amazing habit continues to decline	Not really	
10/18/2021 17:54	Outside of state / other	Washington State	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for Florida's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 17:55	Outside of state / other	Sacramento, CA	No	No									
10/18/2021 17:58	Outside of state / other	CT	No	No					Reunite the natural rhythms and habitat of a great waterway	Nature regaining strength without interference	Onto sad decline of habitat and species	Bring down the dam	
10/18/2021 17:59	Miami-Dade		No	No					that you get this beautiful project done and help nature heal		manatees need their habitat ,waters need to flow where they were intended to by nature		
10/18/2021 17:59	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain dam as it is.	Ecological benefits, environmental benefits. Actually is beneficial for survival of manatees.	Environmental harm, economic harm	No	
10/18/2021 17:59	Lake		No	Yes	1 time		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Bring the area back to its natural landscape.	In general, the ecology, or the natural balance of nature.	Development and its negative impact - allow the area to be preserved in its natural state	Hardly - it's either natural or unnatural	By allowing a natural flow of the stream again, will bring back a balance of nature into the entire Ocklawaha drainage area.
10/18/2021 17:59	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Leave it alone.	We are destroying the natural resources that we have. We need to protect it for future generations.	We will be taking away the habitat the birds, fish, manatees, alligators etc depend upon.	No!	Please preserve as much of our natural resources as possible. The wildlife don't get a vote but they were there first. Let's vote for them.
10/18/2021 18:03	Pinellas		No	No									
10/18/2021 18:08	Outside of state / other	Wyckoff, NJ	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored; 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored; Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river; hundreds of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat; 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier; 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife; 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow would be restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers; $4-14 million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy; restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. And $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	* Florida would miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. * The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. * Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. * A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping, resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. * Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. * The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 million gallons/day of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. As an American who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for the state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion, for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you.
10/18/2021 18:08	Alachua		No	No					Take it down!	Effect on environment is significant. Benefits to freeing up dozens of springs which could be used for recreation.	Springs would continue to be unavailable for recreation. Environmental benefits ignored.	I can't think of one.	
10/18/2021 18:10	Outside of state / other	USA	No	No									
10/18/2021 18:11	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	I like Rodman the way it is now	Rodman is know for giant bass. Let's keep it that way	Rodman will be gone		
10/18/2021 18:13	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/18/2021 18:14	Outside of state / other	MD	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees!!!!
10/18/2021 18:16	Hillsborough		No	Yes					Remove the damn and restore the waterway	The dam prevents the movement of fish and other wildlife and water disturbing the natural flow and processes	Continues damage to Florida natural areas and potential aquifer poisoning	Restoration project in the area	
10/18/2021 18:21	Lee		No	No									
10/18/2021 18:23	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Please leave it exactly as it is.	Rodman reservoir is an excellent bass fishery and also home to many manatees, as well as other wildlife.	Getting rid of it would destroy a thriving ecosystem that supports tons of wildlife.	No.	
10/18/2021 18:25	Outside of state / other	Evanston WY	No	No									
10/18/2021 18:25	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Leave it just like it is!!!enjoy all the beauty and catching bass and crappie.	It s a place to see manatee and has a great benefit that helps the cleaning of the river.	How can you replace a place like Rodman	Can't understand why you need to change anything about the lake	
10/18/2021 18:26	Outside of state / other	AZ	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please make the right decision for future generations.
10/18/2021 18:38	Outside of state / other	Ontario, canada	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	I would love to see it kept the way it is. It's a thriving eco system that supports many fish, manatees and several others animals. KEEP THE RODMAN AS IT IS!!!!	Thousands of species of fish and wildlife will be displaced and killed. Keep them alive	Killing animals.	NO!!!!!!	
10/18/2021 18:39	Outside of state / other	Tucson, AZ	No	No					I want the flora and fauna fully protected.				
10/18/2021 18:41	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it left in place.	The reservoir is teeming with wildlife! From birds to bass and manatees.	The loss of a World-class bass fishery as well as habitat loss for endangered manatees.	None that have been brought to my attention.
10/18/2021 18:42	Outside of state / other	California	No	No						Release it.	Aquatic life, indian use.	Dry marshes, dying flow/aquatic life.	Compromise.
10/18/2021 18:45	St Lucie		Yes	No					I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.

10/18/2021 18:49	Outside of state / other	Sacramento, CA	No	No					No	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repair's saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 18:53	Pinellas		No	No									
10/18/2021 18:54	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Native Plants, Butterflies & other Insects observations	Removal of all artificial impediments to the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	Restoring 7,500 acres of Wetland Forests that support habitats for native plants, animals & insects.	Reduced habitat for native plants, animals, insects etc. to thrive naturally in an artificially created environment.	No.	
10/18/2021 18:55	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other	I would love to see the beautiful ecosystem that has been created stay the same untouched. I would like to see whatever repair's necessary made to keep the dam remain in good working condition	Whether the decision in 1969 was a good one or not is irrelevant. The truth is for many years an ecosystem has been developing and now supports much wildlife. The beauty of this wildlife has brought many a visitor to our area thus providing needed revenue for our surrounding communities.	Destruction of wildlife habitat and loss of revenue!	I would say probably not but I would be willing to take such scenarios under consideration first before saying absolutely not.	It has been hard to hear arguments especially the lastest of structural unsoundness when the environmental groups have made it clear that they will settle for nothing less than river flow restoration regardless of what agruument they must derive to achieve this goal! Much change happened in 1969 with the construction of the dam maybe it was wrong or maybe it was not but regardless the years have created a complete and beautiful system that would also be completely destroyed, is this not just as tragic and destructive? Keep Rodman and show her the love she deserves!
10/18/2021 19:02	Outside of state / other	Helotes, Texas	No	No									
10/18/2021 19:02	Outside of state / other		No	No					Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riveraay.	Simply put dams create a dam to creatures that rely on the water system to flow between two points. We don't create a highway with no way to get through it. This is what a dam does.			
10/18/2021 19:04	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riveraay.	The restoration of these three rivers, the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs would allow historic fish and manatees to return as the breach opens, creating a free-flowing river.	We would miss the best opportunity to do this because state and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. It is clear to me that breaching the dam is long overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Because I care about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for Florida's people and wildlife. Although I haven't been there lately, I have relatives and friends who live in Florida, and I care about the wildlife, anyway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 19:03	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	No					removal so river and wildlife can return to pre-dam status	dam removal is being done with amazing results all over the US	it will happen happen eventually	partial removal	
10/18/2021 19:09	Brevard		No	No									
10/18/2021 19:11	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating	I would like for it to return to its natural habitat, or for it to be better taken care of going forward!	There is no real reason for the Dam to be there also have you looked at the mess out there lately?	It will be unrecognizable for future generations with no fish to be caught no wildlife period.	Opening the dam or removing it completely.	
10/18/2021 19:14	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Complete removal	Ecological and economic health of the river	Continued segregation of the natural habitat. Costly, aging infrastructure	No	
10/18/2021 19:18	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Take it down. Restore river to its natural flow.	Stats on manatee deaths.	Manatee deaths.	No	
10/18/2021 19:18	Washington		No	No									
10/18/2021 19:19	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Leave it alone	It will never be like it was it thriving now the more you mess with it the more damage is done	It will be unusable for a lot more voters and a lot of wildlife will be disrupted	No	
10/18/2021 19:22	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing	Leave it as see and stop killing all the weeds. Also remove large floating trees from the access channels especially at the State park.	The State of Florida and the Federal Government spent lot of money building Rodman and ended up with a fabulous resource for fishing and hunting. Several Bald Eagle use Rodman to fish and live on. It is ridiculous to spend money destroying a beautiful place.	It is ridiculous to destroy a place to fish. I would never come to your community again and would vote against anyone who approved this psychotic move.	No don't do anything is the best and cheapest solution for the State. Why waste money you don't have. If people want this changed that must pay all of the cost forever.	Don't let a few radical people who don't pay for anything change the beautiful Rodman reservoir.
10/18/2021 19:22	Duval		No	No					Eliminate it	Many wetlands and their inhabitants have suffered because of the dam.	The circle of life being broken.	No	
10/18/2021 19:32	Putnam		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Reserve it and keep the same	The money that local captains get from it	Lose of money for local captions	Yes	
10/18/2021 19:32	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					If it serves no useful purpose then the dam should be removed.	Restoration of natural water flow in Florida.	How continued blockage by the dam would be environmentally damaging.		How do the Native Americans of Florida, I assume mainly the Seminoles, view removal of the dam?
10/18/2021 19:32	Outside of state / other	d' ca	No	No									
10/18/2021 19:34	Pasco		No	No					complete destruction of the dam and reservoir.	saving the manatees - restoring our precious springs.	it is IMPERATIVE that the desired outcome IS achieved.	none	We must work diligently to keep our beautiful State of Florida in top condition always.
10/18/2021 19:45	Brevard		No	No					Clean up	earth falling apart	we will all die	work together	Thanks.
10/18/2021 19:45	Marion		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is. Its a refuge for wild animals and one of the top bodys of water for fishing in the state.	My business relies on customers coming in to buy fishing supplys year round.	Loss of business.	Leave it as is	
10/18/2021 19:58	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Oklawaha River	I took my family kayaking on the Ocklawaha during a drawdown a couple years ago and it was an amazing, educational adventure. Restoration would benefit the fishermen but would allow many others to enjoy it as well. A free flowing river would also benefit the wildlife, especially the fish and manatees.			
10/18/2021 19:59	Lee		Yes	No					Removal				
10/18/2021 20:00	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it be	Many people enjoy using the property for fishing, boating, and many other activities.	You would be taking a lot pleasure from people who have used this Beautiful place and count on it for their livelihoods.	No	Leave this place alone.
10/18/2021 20:02	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Rimove the dam and create a natural environment that helps wildlife and allows for recreational activities like kayaking bird watching and even fishing from the river and in boats	The dam is old and needs repair. It should never have been built and the whole project has been scrapped	The environment is the big loser and we are throwing away money.		
10/18/2021 20:04	Outside of state / other		No	No									
10/18/2021 20:05	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Wildlife Photograph	Take it back to pre construction conditions.			no	
10/18/2021 20:06	St Johns		No	No					The dam removed and the Oklahaha restored to its original flow	degradation of St. Johns River water quality	further degradation of St. Johns River water quality	partial removal of the dam, if feasible	
10/18/2021 20:09	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Birding	Remove the dam and reservoir and restore the natural flow of the river.	A multitude of studies and the 2001 restoration plan. There are 40 to 50 suppressed springs. This water is vital to the future of Florida for both the natural environment and for human consumption. We have to mange water properly to avoid scenarios similar to California	Again - water flow lost, recreation opportunities and growth missed. Optimizing this area for multiple interests in the population, not just for special interests. Mitigate explosive growth in the state and manage resources to support that growth.	NO	Let's restore our waterways to their beautiful roots.
10/18/2021 20:10	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Take down the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	o. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	The birds I've seen on the Silver and Ocklawaha River in their current state are magnificent. If the Ocklawaha was restored, I can imagine an amazing increase in the birding available
10/18/2021 20:10	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No									
10/18/2021 20:10	Lee		No	No					Anything and everything to promote a healthy ecosystem, encourage and protect wildlife habitat, and protecting the water from pollution, pesticides and herbicides.	The water quality everywhere is degrading, habitat for wildlife grows increasingly smaller, climate change.	That we lose the most important and treasured things that make up Florida	Without a full commitment to improve all the aspects I said above it will fall like a deck of cards eventually.	
10/18/2021 20:11	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and free the Ocklawaha!	$15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No.	Remove the dam. It was a mistake that needs to be rectified.
10/18/2021 20:14	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Other: To check out what's happening with it (safety...why it is there, what it looks like)	I would like to see the Dam removed and the Reservoir returned to its part of a normal, healthy, flowing river.	Science...to many studies to count. Riverine connectivity.	Continued degradation of the natural system!	Partial restoration (with the dam still being removed to allow for water to flow).	The time has come to finally allow the Ocklawaha River to run free!!!
10/18/2021 20:25	Palm Beach		No	No									
10/18/2021 20:27	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I read about the area and went exploring. I am a 3rd generation Floridian and like to visit different parts of the State.	Remove the Dam and restore the natural flow and course of the rivers. Do not fund repairs to the Dam, reduce and remove it.	I've read about the cross Florida Barge Canal and its aftermath for many years in Local Florida Newspapers	That Florida does not make environmental progress. Future residents and visitors will depend upon Florida having a desirable landscape.	Minimum is to lower the dam and let the water overflow, remove the sediment from the bottom of the reservoir.	
10/18/2021 20:29	Outside of state / other	Northampton,MA	No	No					I would like to see it removed.	Manatees are endangered and I think this would improve their chances of survival by enriching their habitat.	The environment would be endangered.	Probably not.	
10/18/2021 20:41	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					removal	springs restoration	corporate pollution	strong sanctions and laws stopping corporate irresponsibility	hollering that Jesus is coming soon does not excuse anti-conservation corporate actions. i.e. "Git yore profit rat now! the earth is evil! money is king, not some jesus guy!" (regards to James Watt...sick)
10/18/2021 20:46	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Even though I have fished there many times over the years (in bass trnys & for fun) I do believe for the overall health of the St. johns river it would be best to fill the lock canal & allow the Oklawaha to go back to its banks. something that bothers me is with all talk of removing Rodman dam there is no mention of Moss Bluff dam or the locks at Eustis/Griffin that also impede the historic flow of Oklawaha waters. It might be the best thing to just bring Rodman Pool down to its drawdown level & just leave it that way for an extended time say a year or two & just see how the area begins to recover.	I do not have one other than with the estimated cost of lock &dam maintenance it just seems like the perfect time to try & bring a more historic flow to the Oklawaha.	I guess it would be cost of keeping the lock & the dam in operating condition.	To be honest if it is decided to keep the dam & lock then I think there may have to be a fee put in place to try & recoup costs. The same is done @ a lot of salt water ramps & piers.	
10/18/2021 20:55	Outside of state / other	Hawaii	No	No					Open the river to benefit dwindling manatee numbers.	Manatees are losing numbers due to lack of food, water pollution & boat strikes.	That manatees will continue to die faster than they can reproduce.	Other actions to increase food supplies & reduce water pollution.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees.
10/18/2021 20:55	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No									
10/18/2021 20:56	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Take the Dam down & restore the river. Bring the stripers back, the river could be beautiful again.	All the aquatic growth in stagnant water.	River stays ugly	Open for discussion	
10/18/2021 20:56	Volusia		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha	A natural ecosystem would be restored including 50 freshwater springs. Florida needs water, and restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha into the St. John's is an important step to conserving and maintaining our water supply.	More invasive species and the loss of native fish species - including at Silver Springs State Park where the invasive blue tilapia are now the dominant biomass. Loss of a natural riverine ecosystem.	Come on - take it out!	We need our wildlife corridors and this would take out a large body of water that currently is a barrier to terrestrial animals movements. At the same time, removing the dam and restoring the river will allow manatees to move inland to warmer waters during winter months.
10/18/2021 21:07	Outside of state / other	NC	No	No									
10/18/2021 21:16	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	have the dam removed	the reservoir is not a natural feature.	too expensive to maintain	no	
10/18/2021 21:18	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the riverway restored.		The continued loss of valuable habitat for the survival of manatees.	No	
10/18/2021 21:17	Pasco		No	No									
10/18/2021 21:22	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave Rodman alone to continue to thrive.	It is best to leave Rodman alone to provide precious resource for the community and the ecosystem	The ecosystem will be damaged	No	Rodman in it's current state is a valuable resource both for the community and for the ecosystem
10/18/2021 21:27	Outside of state / other	Crest Hill IL	No	No					I would like to see the dam breached.	Breaching the river would allow the manatees to be able to swim upstream to warmer water, and help many other species of wildlife.	The breaching of the dam is long overdue. 4 to 14 million dollars in repairs will have to be spent to repair the dam. Its negative environmental impact and the expense of repairing it make removing the dam perfect sense.	No	
10/18/2021 21:29	Palm Beach		No	No					Take it out, to restore the original confluence. Clean up Silver Springs, and makethe wildlife & ecosystem healthy again.	When I visit Silver Springs, the water looks "dirty" with silt. It is not nice and pretty, like other rivers that emit from our other Florida springs.	No moving forward with restoration.	I don't know these options.	
10/18/2021 21:35	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	Boating	Raise the water level in the reservoir so that boating can be safer and not so dangerous and so that marine life can prosper and flourish.	it's simple, Larger and deeper fresh water habitat increase the chances for fish, birds and other reptiles, as well as other mammals have a better chance to flourish. It also makes the reservoir more accessible to every boater as well as makes it more accessible to Floridians to enjoy, making it safer to access and enjoy the water.	If the existing reservoir is drained, it will destroy the ecosystem that exists and the existing reservoir and the surrounding area will become a big, nasty swamp.	Complete the cross Florida barge canal as planned.	
10/18/2021 21:36	Palm Beach		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it the way it is.	I have fished here for many years and have seen the wildlife and nature that exist presently it is truly one the the most unique ecosystems that have come across in my lifetime and needs to be preserved for its sheer beauty, wildlife and economic value from tourism and fisherman	The destruction of wetlands for the wildlife it supports currently	Sure leave it as is	
10/18/2021 21:37	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No							The St. John's waterway is a delicate, eco-sensitive area. Any action that would endanger it's purity or scenic value, would be extremely detrimental to Florida and the southeastern United States.	no	
10/18/2021 21:38	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Better water management and biological research to restore wildlife to its natural order		How we can have less impact on our florida water ways		
10/18/2021 21:44	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/18/2021 21:45	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 21:46	St Lucie		No	No					Please remove the dam.	Restoring the environment.	Restore wetlands.	Nope.	
10/18/2021 21:48	Outside of state / other	Ontario, Canada	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River	We need to provide more habitat for manatees	We need to stop to death and going extinct	No	Save the manatees!
10/18/2021 21:55	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Destroy the dam	Mother nature	Deteriorating Environmental health	No	
10/18/2021 21:55	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Change it improve the flow of the natural river restore the eco system. Bring its natural state back remove the damn.	I know water i grew up on lake michigan. I know natural flowage. I love florida . Have been exploring since 1973.i am very concerned about damns that hinder the natural flowage. Affecting all aqua creatures that live there.	That man would eliminate natural species into extinction.	Alternatives yes but much smarter.	I design water purification systems that can rejuvinate natural environments back to acceptable by humans and aquaculture . Its beyond most methods but feasable tangible doable.
10/18/2021 21:56	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/18/2021 21:57	Washington		No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	Preserving the ecological balance	Threats to wildlife and the environment	No	We must do what is best for our fragile environment.

10/18/2021 21:57	Outside of state / other	raymond, wa	No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	We are at a critical juncture for the Ocklawaha River. St. Johns River Water Management District wants to hear your thoughts about breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - The Great Florida Riverway. We are urging you to speak out. This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for people and wildlife. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	We are at a critical juncture for the Ocklawaha River. St. Johns River Water Management District wants to hear your thoughts about breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - The Great Florida Riverway. We are urging you to speak out. This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for people and wildlife. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	We are at a critical juncture for the Ocklawaha River. St. Johns River Water Management District wants to hear your thoughts about breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - The Great Florida Riverway. We are urging you to speak out. This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for people and wildlife. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	We are at a critical juncture for the Ocklawaha River. St. Johns River Water Management District wants to hear your thoughts about breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - The Great Florida Riverway. We are urging you to speak out. This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for people and wildlife. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.
10/18/2021 22:02	Outside of state / other	British Columbia, Canada	No	No				I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife - most especially for 100s of manatees who will gain access to essential warm water winter springs habitat.	Millions in taxpayers' money will need to be spent unnecessarily to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. In addition a storm event could trigger a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Only dam removal will avoid expensive, unnecessary dam repairs, the threat of flooding, and provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	I can see no positive reasons to maintain this dam. For me decisions are best made considering risks and benefits, and in this case I see no benefit in maintaining the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, and I see a lot of benefit in removing it. How about you?
10/18/2021 22:05	Nassau		No	No				I would like to see it removed to allow nature to resume its natural flow. It's time to celebrate the restoration of the land and waterway to its previous glory.	The dam is in need of repair and was not used for it's intended purpose. Let the land and waterway be allowed to do what nature intended.	The species and habitat loss that continues to plague our great state will only get worse. Why wouldn't we seize the opportunity to give back the natural flow to migratory birds, the communities who lost out when the dam was put in operation and aquatic species?	The least I would support would be that the largest spans are removed and if the attachments to land would reduce flow instead of prohibiting it.	Free the flow!
10/18/2021 22:05	Outside of state / other	New York City	No	No					The removal of Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and the opening up the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	This may be our last great opportunity to restore this riverway for the American people and for wildlife.	No.	
10/18/2021 22:05	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The breaching of the dams will allow the river to flow freely and allow boaters and wildlife to be free as well.	Continued disruption of the natural river and wildlife. The Dan's are unnecessary.	No	
10/18/2021 22:07	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam and reservoir should be left as is to allow for continuation of all lake related activities	It is an outstanding natural resource with incredible opportunities for fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, hunting and a varying other activities.	The fishing camp that I attend regularly would have a decreased appeal and property values for lakefront owners would diminish.	No, I can't think of any scenario where you partially blow a dam.	
10/18/2021 22:08	Outside of state / other	San Diego, CA	No	No		1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and Rodman Reservoir allowed to return to swamp forest over time and with assistance.	A free flowing Ocklawaha River will allow a major portion of the river to restore itself and allow manatees, channel catfish, stripped bass and American eel to migrate up the river once again. The St Johns River downstream will benefit from the more natural flows and improved water quality from the Ocklawaha. Drawdowns and use of herbicides will not be needed so costs will be greatly reduced and the dam and lock will not need repairs in the future, reducing costs as well. The Ocklawaha will be back on its ways to being a major waterway in the state and will provide the benefits that it has provided in the past.	The conditions in the Ocklawaha will continue to decline and costs to control the decline will only go higher. It will be a continuing disappointment for many while benefiting only a few.	Not really, it has just reached the time for Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman reservoir to go!	You must also consider the Ocklawaha River upstream of Silver River...there are four dams up to the headwaters. The largest is Moss Bluff Lock and Dam which has altered the flows to where the median flow is equal to the minimum flow and the seasonal release of water is completely altered from its natural state. Making the flows more natural at Moss Bluff requires that the lakes in the Harris Chain be allowed to fluctuate more naturally...still an ongoing project that I was involved with from the 1990's till I retired in 2015. My wish is that the conditions in the upstream portion of the Ocklawaha River will be considered as well as the downstream...consider the entire river together instead of two separte entities!
10/18/2021 22:08	Outside of state / other	Monterey County, CA	No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521)
10/18/2021 22:13	Volusia		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 22:18	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam removed and the Ocklawaha restored to its natural state.	- kayaked on the lower portion of the river and saw the beautiful trees and wildlife that exist there. I know that the reservoir is unnatural and the best thing for the environment (springs, flora, fauna) is a restored river. -It will also assist with reducing salinity in the St. Johns River, which will probably be increased due to dredging and sea level rise.	increasing salinity of the St. Johns River.	Not sure; I'm not familiar with all of the options.	
10/18/2021 22:30	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and let the river once again become free flowing.	A healthy ecosystem relies on nature to act in natural ways. What might seem like an aid to the few by trying to humanize nature will later prove to be disasterous for the many.	Future generations of Floridians will inherit an ever greater amount of spoiled land to try and reconstruct back into its natural condition.	No; once an area is spoiled it can never be returned to its original, natural, healthy condition no matter the promises. This has been proven to be true over and over again.	Will comments actually save this river? I doubt that my comments will change the powerful influence of government officials, big money and enough, if any, politicians to carry the day for a healthier environment. But, try I must. Future generations depend on some of us trying to speak out for the yet unborn.
10/18/2021 22:43	Outside of state / other	MASSACHUSETTS (MA)	No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/18/2021 22:44	Orange		No	No				Breach the dam	Restoring the twenty springs	The state and federal monies are available, to save the springs. The dam is unsafe.	No.	
10/18/2021 22:46	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/18/2021 22:47	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. The ecosystem is thriving and the wildlife is absolutely amazing there	Go look at it yourself. You won't go out there and no view the wildlife at its best	That it will take the rest of my lifetime for the ecosystem to recover from removing it.	No
10/18/2021 22:53	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I am an artist and visit frequently for painting, writing, and filmmaking. We have made a PBS film based on the Ocklawaha river the promise of restoration. of the river.	The dam needs to be breached and the river partially restored ASAP, as approved over 25 years ago by the Florida cabinet. The river needs to have its natural flow and natural level restored, giving free passage to many kinds of fish and wildlife.	it's hard to sift through all the scientific studies that support restoration. Scientific studies, studies of historical sites, economic studies of increased attendance by visitors for recreational use during the drawdowns,	In the meantime, there is toxic buildup in the reservoir from use of herbicides, dying plants, It is in fact a dig ecosystem. The dam is aging and becoming less safe as an aging infrastructure relic of the 60s. We need this river to be restored, the addition of a healthy free flowing river with its 20 springs, connecting the St. Johns to the Silver River and Silver springs is fo critical importance for species of all kinds, from aquatic to human.	No. This needs to HAPPEN. Intermittent drawdowns aren't enough to restore the river. Natural systems can only be suppressed so long. Fish and manatee populations are at a critical juncture for finding new refuge , feeding and spawning waterways. It is very important for Marion ot Putnam county to have this important treasure active and healthy, a source of touristic and recreational activity in their midst.	Thank you for your work on this project. I pray this effort leads to the health of the Ocklawaha as a natural system that has been restored. There are many reasons some resist change but the positive changes will benefit everyone.
10/18/2021 22:54	St Johns		No	No					Get rid of the dam.	Restore habitats and ecosystems.		
10/18/2021 23:07	Orange		No	No					Seeing the detrimental impact the dam has had on the springs, vegetation, and wildlife. Opening the dam will allow the area to get back to its former beauty.	The habitat will die permanently. All the springs will be killed and plants and animals will be wiped out.	More frequent draining of the reservoir can help.	
10/18/2021 23:09	Outside of state / other	CT	No	No					access to old/new habitat for endangered manatees by breaching the Rodman Reservoir/ Kirkpatrick Dam	We miss the best opportunity to do this: the dam is unsafe, state and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat).	no. breaching the dam is overdue since 50 years ago. drawdown to 11-12ft mean sea level should be only temporary if at all, only to avoid potential downstream damage in gas of dam failure. The only long-term solution is opening the dam and reuniting the Ocklawah, St. John and Silver Rivers and Ever Springs.	All through then nation, the need for restoration and dam removal is more and more obvious. This is the best time to restore the Great Florida Riverway. Manatees are like polar bears for this region: the most obvious endangered species, familiar and like by so many, and so essential for the ecosystem. But so many more (migratory and dependent) fish and wildlife would benefit, as well as recreation industry, anglers, boaters,, the entire watershed, surface waters and water cycle - the entire region...
10/18/2021 23:46	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	the welfare of the ecosystem and wildlife that inhabit these lands and waterways.	The destruction and extinction of the wildlife that inhabits these lands and waterways.	I'm afraid not.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.
10/18/2021 23:50	Outside of state / other	Sacramento CA	No	No					Removed	I was raised in central FL and understanding the importance of the natural waterways and the ecosystems that they support. After reading about the pros and cons of this project, I think that it's important to restore the natural habitat	Unintended consequences having a greater negative impact for the natural ecosystems in the area	None	
10/18/2021 23:50	Outside of state / other	LEWISVILLE, TX	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs would be restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier $5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/18/2021 23:58	Osceola		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.		
10/18/2021 23:58	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just looking	It needs to go away. Period.	It is old and in need of repair. It serves to purpose. The Springs are covered up. The manatees can't use the area.	Unexpected dam failure. Manatees continue to die off. Springs are invisible to most.	No. The dam needs to go.	
10/19/2021 0:23	Outside of state / other	Placerville California	No	No									
10/19/2021 0:24	Outside of state / other	Anchorage, AK	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state. It will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. More than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored/enhanced, benefitting other critical species as well.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their long-term chances of survival. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would also continue to negatively impact other critical species like Florida panthers, black bears, bobcats and white-tailed deer and their ability to easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No.	While not a Florida resident, I am a stakeholder. Having spent more than 40 years visiting Blue Springs State Park, I am painfully aware of the ever-increasing challenges Florida manatees (and Florida's other wildlife) face for their survival. I'm writing to strongly urge the St. Johns River Water Management District to take immediate action to restore the Ocklawaha River and its vital network of natural warm water. This habitat is critical for manatees to be able to take refuge in cold weather and restoring it will help prevent their further unprecedented loss. [illegible] have been alarmed this year about the hundreds and hundreds of manatees that have already died, many from starvation as the seagrass they depend on for survival has disappeared. Meanwhile, the greatest long-term threat they face is the loss of warm water habitat. As the number of manatee deaths rise, St. Johns River Water Management District must act now to help protect manatees and their habitat. For many, their survival literally depends on your immediate action. Thank you for your service and for your strong consideration. [illegible] Respectfully, Danielle S. Williams[illegible] 2029 Blueberry Street [illegible]Anchorage, AK 99503[illegible] domithr_70@yahoo.com
10/19/2021 0:28	Outside of state / other	California	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 0:35	Outside of state / other	MA	No	No				protect	we only have one chance to save our precious lands	permanent loss		
10/19/2021 0:39	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing				
10/19/2021 0:58	Washington		No	No				The Great Florida Riverway reconnected	life for manatees	extinction of manatees and poor water quality		Thanks,
10/19/2021 1:23	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes	1 time		1 time	Wildlife viewing				
10/19/2021 1:32	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Sightseeing along the route.	What I would like to see happen is restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam! This structure, serving no purpose, and having been constructed for a project that didn't come to completion, the dam should be removed / breached to restore the natural state of the environment. We HAVE to take the opportunity that has come to restore some of the damage done when creating the dam to begin with. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs would be restored as well as 100's of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat. With these protected mammals needing all the help they can get. Also $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. The free flow of the rivers would support endangered wildlife and help restore the native fish that aren't able to access the river system in it's entirety. There has been damage to the rivers systems in Florida enough. The most important piece of information is the fact that this dam was built to divert water to the Barge canal which NEVER happened and wasn't going to improve the environment or the interests of the citizens of Florida. Please consider that we have destroyed enough of the Earth's environment and continuing to do so is going to lead to the Earth being uninhabitable for humans.	There are several concerns should the dam not be breached, to name a few: Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. Those are necessary to improvement of life in Florida, to the environment and our ability to continue to be good stewards of the great state of Florida.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. That says it all. Common sense should prevail here.	So, in conclusion, the State of Florida has been saying they want to breach the dam and restore the environment for years and years. What is the hold up? Stop allowing special interest groups to influence the state and keep them from doing the RIGHT thing here. Stop the insanity and restore the river system. Of course we would do this gradually so to avoid flooding with a huge amount of water all at one time.
10/19/2021 2:04	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	To maintain the Rodman Reservoir for future water storage and recharge area.	There is a group of people saying Free the Ocklawaha River as to imply the river is bound or the flow is restricted. The science says the same amount of water flowing into the reservoir flows out, except for leakage thru the floor of the lake and evaporation. This recycling of water helps the springs before it continues the journey to the ocean to become salt water. The water flowing from the springs could be used rather than flowing into the ocean, with less pumping for water from underground water sources. River systems with Reservoirs exist worldwide for many functions of use, so why not repurpose the lake rather than destroying it.....	What is next, tear down the dam at Deleon Springs Park ?		
10/19/2021 2:58	Outside of state / other	Salem, Oregon	No	No					Dam removal revitalizes a river. It's happening here in the Pacific Northwest, and it could happen in your area also.	Fish populations rebounded when Elwha dam was removed from Olympic National park in Washington.	I would be disappointed.	No, the dam's got to go.	I hope that the environment gets a boost from your taking the right action.
10/19/2021 3:00	Outside of state / other	Spokane, Washington	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see Kirkpatrick Dam breached.	The decline in the manatee and fish populations and the increase in algae in the blocked and fragmented river system.	The continued decline in manatee and fish species and continued harm to the region's ecosystems and losses to the economy from a decline in outdoor recreation.	No; nothing else achieves the many and extensive benefits to Floridians and the health of their ecosystems of removing the dam.	My father spent much of his youth in Florida, where he got to know the amazing and unique Florida species and ecosystems that inspired him to become a scientist and science teacher. Please make your name as the public officials who saved and restored Florida's river system rather than as those who presided over its loss.
10/19/2021 3:19	Citrus		No	No				Take it down	This article	More muck		

10/19/2021 3:21	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing					I have always visited this area of Florida for wildlife viewing and being able to see manatees is an incredibly special experience given how critically endangered these amazing animals are. It saddens me incredibly to know that manatees have been dying in record numbers due to all kinds of human activities - pollution, boating accidents, encroachment on their natural habitats, etc - but the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. After everything that I have read, I strongly believe that restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the long-term survival of manatees. This river system, with over 20 connected springs, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. Given that the species is already in dire crisis and that many more will die if we fail to restore their habitat, we need to do everything that we possibly can to keep them safe from fatal temperatures and to ensure their survival as a species. Please help to protect this iconic and majestic creature!
10/19/2021 3:50	Outside of state / other		No	No					Breach the dam to improve water quality, wildlife habitat and economic and environmental gain.	Breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in restoration of a dam that is an environmental disaster.	Further environmental degradation on many levels.	No. The dam must go.	
10/19/2021 3:56	Outside of state / other	California	No	No									
10/19/2021 4:09	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No	No					I would like to see dams taken apart so that they no longer have such a strong impact on the surrounding environment. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River is crucial from day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	I would like to provide three very important reasons: More than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor could be restored or enhanced for people and wildlife Over 150 million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers The estimated USD 4.14 million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	The impact on wildlife and the environment in general	Perhaps temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/19/2021 4:28	Nassau		No	No					Remove these.	More fresh water going into the rivers	Our rivers would get to low	Just open the damns	
10/19/2021 5:14	Orange		No	No					Remove Kirkpatrick Dam and drain Rodman Reservoir.	These actions would restore 20 drowned springs and recreate manatee habitat.	The environment would continue to be degraded when a fully funded corrective action is available to the state.	No, we should have fixed this problem years ago.	
10/19/2021 5:35	Jackson		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored, for the benefit of human beings and wildlife, by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored and enhanced for people and wildlife. Restoration increases recreation opportunities, tourism and creates new jobs.	Hundreds of manatees are unable to access essential warm water winter habitat, native fish populations do not recover, forest habitat is not restored. Surrounding communities lose the chance for economic growth. Taxpayer money is spent on a dam which currently provides no public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	
10/19/2021 5:40	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored; we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration.
10/19/2021 5:43	Outside of state / other	NM	No	No						help the planet			
10/19/2021 6:09	Santa Rosa		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.		Loss of wildlife , habitat loss , climate concerns	I don't think so!	
10/19/2021 6:10	Lake		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River	Prevent further environmental degradation, allow native plant communities to regenerate, remove a wildlife corridor barrier, improve manatee access to warm-water habitats, improve water quality, avoid spending for dam repairs and invasive plant control.	Water quality and further native plant community degradation.	No.	
10/19/2021 6:17	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Please remove the dam!!!	It is a waste of money to fix the dam. It has no purpose. Without it it would allow the springs to come back, birds, others etc. eco tourism for our state	Waste of a lot of money to keep it up	NO	Do the right thing get rid of the damn. It is the best thing in the long run
10/19/2021 6:25	Sarasota		No	No									
10/19/2021 6:48	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times			Removal of dam	Restoring river, springs and natural ecosystem	Continued blockage of river preventing manatees to navigate waters for food and flooding of springs	Not funding dam for ongoing repairs and steadily decreasing holding ability until full restoration of river	It's time.
10/19/2021 7:01	Outside of state / other	CT	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/19/2021 7:14	Hillsborough		No	No					Eliminate dam and lock to allow for natural flow of river to pre dam amounts.	Many environmental organizations oppose the continued operation of the dam. It serves no purpose, is expensive to maintain and should be eliminated completely.	Further environmental damage.	Possibly a partial elimination of the dam that would allow the natural flow of the river and significant reduction of the Rodman Reservoir.	I feel the dam should have been destroyed years ago...the positive environmental impact on the surrounding area is something the State of Florida could be proud of if removed.
10/19/2021 7:21	Outside of state / other	Oakland, CA	No	No					The removal of Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and opening up the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	Extinction of manatees.	No-there are only two choices: a dam or no dam.	
10/19/2021 7:23	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Preserve it.	Just the love that all the fisherman and wildlife enthusiasts have for the area.	From my understanding it would turn the Rodman Reservoir into a muddy swamp land, and kill off the fish and obstruct other wildlife who have made that area their home.		
10/19/2021 7:30	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Complete dam and lock removal and river restoration. Including removal of the partial structures at Eureka.	The dam does not serve the purpose it was originally intended. The barge canal project was cancelled because of it's environmental impact. The river should be returned to its natural state.	Continued impact on species that historically used the river. Loss of potential recreational opportunities by uncovering springs and restoring one of central Florida's last wild places.	Partial removal of the control structure at the old river channel without fully decommissioning the dam/lock.	
10/19/2021 7:32	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No					restore the river, breech the dam.	manatees are already not doing well we need to help them as much as we can.	manatees going from endangered to extinct.	no	no
10/19/2021 7:34	Duval		No	No					Restore the river and let it flow naturally	Research supports this as a cost-effective, natural solution to improve our river water quality.	Water quality and wildlife impacts	Open to creative ideas	Thank you!
10/19/2021 7:42	Hernando		No	No					To see the river restored and for wildlife and fishes to return to the area	Dam is not necessary any more	Loss of habitat for endangered wildlife	Let more water through a smaller structure	
10/19/2021 7:44	Jackson		No	No					Protect for manatees				
10/19/2021 7:46	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	dam removed ant river restored to what is used to be!	we fished there in kayaks several times	it will get worse	no	
10/19/2021 8:06	Sarasota		No	No					environment impact is necessary to better understand the effects both positive and negative	more data is needed to make an informed decision	not knowing the negative outcomes before it happens	need more data	
10/19/2021 8:14	Levy		No	Yes			2-5 times		The dam should be removed	I am a professional aquatic ecologist who has worked on a number of successful river restoration projects with dam removals.	Lost opportunity for river restoration, floodplain forest habitat restoration.	Open the dam completely, leave it open.	Migratory native fishes, manatees, water birds and other wildlife would benefit from dam removal and river restoration. There are plenty of other places to go bass fishing in Florida.
10/19/2021 8:17	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Save it	Born and raised fishing Rodman Family tradition	Would be a sad day,	All	
10/19/2021 8:22	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 8:26	Outside of state / other	Stillwater MN	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore habitat	Both habitat use for migratory fish, other animals and recreational use for humans.	Habitat and natural loss.	Na	Na
10/19/2021 8:33	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times		I would like to see the dam and reservoir stay as they are.	Absolutely a great fishery and brings in money to the area and state from other counties and other states by those fishing, fishing tournaments, and people camping.	A great fishery would be destroyed.	No.	
10/19/2021 8:40	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The huge decrease in wild manatees in Florida and pollution in our waterways in Brevard	wild Manatees would become extinct	Increase the amount of manatee havens in clean water with enough sea grass for them to eat	
10/19/2021 8:42	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking	Remove th abomination	Nature	Continued destruction of the watershed	No	Return the area to it's natural state
10/19/2021 8:44	Marion		No	No					The breaching of the dam and lock, and the restoration of the natural flow of the Oklawaha River.	The fact that the dam is past its life expectancy, and was built only as a part of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal project.	The continued need for periodic Rodman Pool drawdowns, and the continuation of silt/muck deposition in that area.	No	
10/19/2021 8:44	Outside of state / other	Holland Charter Township, Michigan	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/19/2021 9:01	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see it preserved as it is.	My visit there and information from people who know the area well. It is thriving and supports lots of wildlife.	The loss of wildlife. Particularly manatees	No	
10/19/2021 9:03	Outside of state / other	Jesup, GA	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Leave it just like it is.	It's quite a treasure right now. I would hate to see it changed.	Loss of beauty and recreation	No	
10/19/2021 9:05	Outside of state / other	07830	No	No					I'm calling for the removal of Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and opening up the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	A lost opportunity to improve that environment and continued degradation of the river	Just remove the dam for the greatest effect.	
10/19/2021 9:11	Pasco		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Restored to natural state Removal of locks	Loss of striped bass fishery Notable degradation of Oklawaha River	Obstructions block free and easy movement of manatees throughout River areas Further degradation of River. A handful of boat salesmen are able to hold sway over facts of science	No	
10/19/2021 9:11	Duval		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	help the st johns river	flow	death	no	
10/19/2021 9:22	Flagler		No	No									
10/19/2021 9:23	Monroe		No	No						Breached	Habitat loss	No	Do it
10/19/2021 9:27	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing		I would like to see it left alone.	That the ecosystem would be disrupted.	No	
10/19/2021 9:30	Brevard		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	I have been there. It is beautiful and has lots of wildlife. It is obviously doing well.	Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/19/2021 9:30	Outside of state / other	Michigan 48315	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/19/2021 9:34	Wakulla		No	No						Removed	The damn destroyed several Springs Downriver so removing the dam will restore the spring		full removal is necessary to restore the original habitat
10/19/2021 9:35	Brevard		No	No					As a lifelong resident of Florida, I would like to see the buried springs restored and the Ocklawaha River system also restored. The Ecosystem services value and thus economic benefits of a restored Ocklawaha are far greater than continued presence of the dam.	The consensus plan https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/216-2/	Continued degradation of Florida's environment, which also means further degradation to Florida's economy and culture.	The Consensus Plan https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/216-2/	Dams are very destructive
10/19/2021 9:36	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibted passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 9:36	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 9:38	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawaha need to be restored to her original state of flow; allowing the desecrated 10,000 acres of flooded forest basin to return as well. Silver Springs needs the wildlife as does the St Johns.	Undam the damn dam.	The chemicals used to treat the growth between draw downs is not sustainable. The Rodman Reservoir is unusable for fishermen as it is clogged and inaccessible from ramps. When will logic prevail?	Restoring the Ocklawaha is the way, everything is in place for this.	
10/19/2021 9:40	Marion		No	No	Yes		1 time		Other: Don't.				
10/19/2021 9:41	Outside of state / other	Nampa, Idaho	No	No					Please remove the dam. It will restore the rivers and springs, provide habitat for wildlife, and help the environment. Besides, the dam is unsafe.	Why spend a lot of money to repair an unsafe dam? The dam does not provide flood control, power, and other major benefits.	Money wasted. Loss of an opportunity to restore the rivers and springs and provide wildlife habitat. Also lost, would be the economic benefits that the restored ecosystem would bring.	Not really. It's an old dam that needs to come down. The benefits of removal are too many to ignore.	
10/19/2021 9:42	Outside of state / other	Baltimore, Maryland , USA	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 479) SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. (characters: 514)
10/19/2021 9:42	Lee		No	No					I want it breached or destroyed.	Restoring wild rivers is part of restoring the integrity of the entire ecosystem.	Further siltation and degradation of riparian land combined with increased evaporation of surface water.	No.	The restoration of wild rivers is our best chance at restoring wetlands that will prevent flooding and decrease species extinctions.

10/19/2021 9:43	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	dam removed and the natural water flow restored	environment would decline with continued use of toxic chemicals to try to control harmful aquatic growth	problems worsening	no	needs to be done ASAP
10/19/2021 9:51	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	open the dam	The desiccation of the surrounding environment since the dam was built	We would forever loose the natural ebb and flow of the water and natural environment	no	
10/19/2021 9:57	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: gas cashing in the area	We would like to see the continued operations supporting the Buckman Lock, Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Lake and all of the recreational areas surrounding it. This area is a thriving wildlife habitat, with world-class fishing that helps support a largely rural economy.	This area is one of Putnam County's top tourism assets drawing thousands of visitors each year. This asset delivers much needed profitable tourism dollars for our county. Much of the success of soliciting large-scale nationally televised tournaments is due to the presence of Rodman. Rodman Lake is featured annually as one of the top ten bass fisheries in the State and in the top 100 in the United States.	Tremendous loss of critical income to an already fiscally constrained County. Putnam County is a designated RAO (Rural Areas of Opportunity) - Defined as a rural community that has been adversely affected by extraordinary economic events or natural disasters.	We are unaware of any compromise that could help both sides achieve their desired outcomes. We respectively ask that the fate of Rodman Reservoir be guided by facts and reason, not overwhelming campaigns of misinformation.	I enjoy bring all my family and friends that come to visit and share in the history and beauty that is involved with the area.
10/19/2021 10:01	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					Removed to restore essential habitat for endangered species	Reversing critical habitat destruction		Stop destruction of our natural resources and ecosystems using all means. We are destroying our beautiful life giving planet	WE DEMAND THAT YOU TAKE A STAND FOR REVERSING THE DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN DONE!!!!!!!!!!
10/19/2021 10:04	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Tha dam should be removed.	The dam obstructs springs, and migratory species such as manatees and striped bass. The cost of maintaining the dam is also a significant burden of tax payer dollars.	The impact on migratory species and the ecosystem of the Ocklawaha River, as well as the cost of updating the dam as its expected life-expectancy nears its end.	I can't think of anything.	
10/19/2021 10:06	Lee		No	No					The reservoir and dam created environmental destruction and burdensome infrastructure in its wake. The damming of the Ocklawaha River and creation of the Rodman Reservoir has smothered 20 springs, blocked manatee and fish migration, and destroyed thousands of acres of floodplain forest. Although I have never visited the area, I believe that any infrastructure that has a negative effect on the health of our environment should be removed or not be repaired as in the case of The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam that blocks the Ocklawaha River. And I am 100% opposed to investing millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate it.	The damage that has been done to the environment and all the wildlife that has negatively affected by the dam.	The continued damage to the environment	I don't believe that there's another scenario that would accomplish the protection of the environment	
10/19/2021 10:11	Outside of state / other	Kentucky	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Wildlife	Tourists will not visit. Manatee that it supports. Fishing.	Not that I know	It's an awesome reservoir please leave it like it is.
10/19/2021 10:12	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Repair dam and leave it		Damage to the ecosystem and habitat that would irreversible		
10/19/2021 10:15	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Walking	Tha permanent removal or breaching of the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the free flow of the Ocklawaha River renew the connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Numerous studies by federal and state agencies have shown that free-flowing springs and rivers provide a healthier environment for plants, fish, animals and humans.	My biggest concern is the water quality in Florida. The water table is dropping putting more demands on all of our fresh water sources. There's more saltwater intrusion, dead fish and aquatic plants, invasive weed blockages, and blue-green algae occurrences. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity at this time. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Dam safety issues and all of the water and environmental safety issues I listed above cannot be ignored any longer.	As a longtime Florida resident and homeowner who cares about Florida's future, I am very concerned about doing all that we can to protect the waterways and water quality. I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River by allowing the waters to flow freely over its 200+ mile system of rivers and springs. This restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. In addition, this project would uncover 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and it is it is essential to the restoration of Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world and a major source of tourism. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. This project will benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems throughout Florida. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 10:32	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing					
10/19/2021 10:35	Pinellas		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other	I would love to see it completely removed.	My grandparents owned land near where the dam was, that forest has since been destroyed by the flood from the dam. Before I die, I would love to see it restored and back to its natural state.	Environmental disaster-it's already happening.	Just remove the dam.	
10/19/2021 10:35	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/19/2021 10:36	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: viewing and crying	remove the dam restore the river	The environment, the river wants and needs to flow, the manatees want to survive	That Silver Springs will never become the haven for the fish and aquatic creatures that it was and still needs to be	no	
10/19/2021 10:37	Outside of state / other	Harvey, Louisiana	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam & let Nature restore its most natural condition.	I'm not Donald Trump or the pseudo-governor of Florida.	The maximum environmental benefit would not be achieved.	Florida voting Democrat.	You know what to do. Stop wasting time.
10/19/2021 10:42	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Other	Keep it the same.	I live on the lake	Mismanagement of shoreline properties and access.	Check again if conditions change.	I think this would be a disaster for homeowners here as their property values would fall and giving shoreland access could make the area more susceptible to crime and destruction of property. This is just a pending disaster for the wildlife in the area and especially the manatees.
10/19/2021 10:50	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Other: I ride my ATV starting at the Rodman Trailhead	Remove the dam. Expose the Springs.	I just believe like many do, that the dam serves no purpose. Afterall, if a drawdown needs to be conducted every four years to rid the waters of bacterial waste. that in itself says enough.	Generations missing out on the beautiful hidden springs: Depleting eelgrass and other vegetation due to the growing number of manatees in overpopulated areas.		
10/19/2021 10:51	Outside of state / other	Louisville Kentucky	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I have been visiting (hotel) the area for over a decade and one of the highlights is our trips to Rodman (fishing for me/scenery wildlife for my wife). Watching the world wake up at daybreak is truly spectacular! I hope that a compromise can be made that allows this reservoir to thrive for years to come.	The area is Alive with birds , fish , trees and even manatees. I am certainly not a biologist but how would they survive without the dam creating the environment that has evolved since it was built?	Loss of a diverse and thriving habitat	I am not sure	Thanks for the opportunity to have a voice
10/19/2021 10:57	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone, it will never be returned to its natural flow	Common sense	None	No	
10/19/2021 10:57	Clay		No	No					Dam removed and riverine system reestablished	species survival	Extirpation of native species dependent upon river habitat	No	
10/19/2021 11:00	Marion		No	No					Please remove it.	As a long-time resident of Florida, I have watched this natural wonder of this state die. We must do something to breathe life back into it before it is too late. The environmental and wildlife experts are in substantial and significant agreement that the dam needs to go.	would see this as another nail in the coffin of the environment.	None that have come to my attention.	From a cost/benefit perspective, the dam removal is a great investment of taxpayer dollars. It will immeasurably help the natural environment at relatively low cost. I cannot think of any investment of taxpayer money with a better return to the citizenry of this state.
10/19/2021 11:06	Outside of state / other	Cologne, Germany	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river and 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Nature is the most important value in our lives. Please restore as natural as possible. Manmade dams have to be removed asap. If nature is dying, mankind is following suite.
10/19/2021 11:11	Outside of state / other		No	No					Manatees need protecting!	Updates from many environmental groups			
10/19/2021 11:11	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/19/2021 11:12	Outside of state / other	WI	No	No					Just protect the wildlife, including the manatees. Please!	Just protect the wildlife, including the manatees. Please!	Devastation for manatees	N/A	
10/19/2021 11:12	Miami-Dade		No	No									
10/19/2021 11:12	Outside of state / other	chicago	No	Yes	2-5 times		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Loss of wildlife habitat, loss of tourism, loss of nature	no	
10/19/2021 11:14	Outside of state / other	Northport, AL	No	No					We have entered a time when the ecological changes resulting from damming rivers and streams can generally be categorized as large. In the instance that a dam can be removed without adverse effect to property and safety, it is beneficial to carefully consider removal. In the case of Kirkpatrick dam, it appears that the benefits to the local economy, water quality, and ecology are positive. So, I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored to a free flowing river.	The Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, 50 springs, 20 lost springs, and Silver Springs ecosystem would be restored. Hundreds of manatees would return to warm winter habitat. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor would benefit. Plus millions in dam repairs could be avoided, and millions in potential flood damages could be avoided.	We miss a great opportunity to do restore the Ocklawaha River to free flow. State and federal funds are available, and public interest is high. The Kirkpatrick dam is unsafe.	Given the availability of funds and the unsafe condition of the dam, I think that removal or permanent breeching of the dam make the most sense.	Generally we are at a point in time that all dams that can be removed, should be removed. The damage to ecosystems was unforeseen, so we need to restore as many of these ecosystems as possible. The situation of the Orca and the salmon in the Pacific Northwest is a perfect example of this problem.
10/19/2021 11:15	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 11:15	Outside of state / other	IL	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/19/2021 11:16	Outside of state / other	Raleigh,NC	No	No					Preserve for marine life	Death rate of manatees is too high. Need food & warm water.	Extinction of species		
10/19/2021 11:16	Pasco		No	No					Keep it clean and safe for the wildlife	Caring about the wildlife.			
10/19/2021 11:16	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 11:17	Outside of state / other	Scottsdale,AZ	No	No					Have it removed	It would help restore the needed manatee and other wildlife sanctuaries.	The harm to wildlife and flooding dangers. Plus its upkeep continues to be a drain on financial resources better spent on things such as roads,and education		
10/19/2021 11:18	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it all, but I would be thrilled to kayak on the Ocklawaha if the dam comes down.	I would like to see the dam removed and the river be free flowing again. I would like to see an eco-tourism industry arise-canoeing, kayaking, fishing, wildlife tours on the river.	I understand the dam needs expensive repairs and that the lake must also be drawn down every year to maintain water quality. We should not be spending money on these things that would not be necessary if the river were flowing in its natural state. Those in favor of the dam wish to keep it for basic fishing, but the savings from maintaining the dam could be used to help the fishing guides pivot to guide us fishing and touring on the river. It seems logical that allowing the river to resume its natural flow would benefit all the surrounding ecosystems, tributaries and the ST. John's as well.	The massive $$ that will need to be spent bringing the dam up to standards, and that the water quality in the St. John's River system will continue to deteriorate.	The dam is either there or it isn't. I'm not sure how there could be a partial scenario?	I think now is the time to remove the dam. You have ecological and financial reasons to remove it at this point in time.
10/19/2021 11:18	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep as is, don't mess with a good thing.	Large m Mouth bass.			

10/19/2021 11:19	Outside of state / other	California	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	- Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. - Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 11:20	Manatee		No	No				I want to see it open for Manatees.	A habitat for Manatees			
10/19/2021 11:21	Outside of state / other		No	No								
10/19/2021 11:21	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No				I'd like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached to allow the Ocklawaha River restored	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees.	By keeping the Ocklawaha dammed, it deprives hundreds of manatees warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait.	By breaching the dam, other wildlife will be positively impacted as well.
10/19/2021 11:22	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 11:22	Outside of state / other	Fleetwood, PA	No	No				I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	By restoring the Ocklawaha River, it will provide an essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. This habitat will have a great impact on the manatee habitat restoration project in the state. This restoration will also benefit species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	The death of hundred of manatees and the possible extinction of the manatees.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Please protect the manatees for our children and for all the children to come. These gentle mammals deserve to be protected and be provided with a warm safe place to live during the winter months. By restoring the Ocklawaha River, you not only help and protect the manatees, but other Florida wildlife that need a place to live. They are losing their habitats due to human encroachment every day. It is our job to protect these beautiful animals. Thank you for listening to me and considering my hopes and dreams.
10/19/2021 11:22	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 478) This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 536)
10/19/2021 11:23	Outside of state / other	MICH	No	Yes	1 time		Other- HIKING	KEEP IN NATURAL STATE - DO NOT DESTROY ENVIRONMENT	ANIMALS DO NOT DESTROY THEIR ENVIRONMENT - ONLY MANKIND DOES	HA, DESTROYERS OF NATURE	KEEP AREA IN A NATURAL STATE	
10/19/2021 11:23	Seminole		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha river.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns rivers. The lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers will receive 150 + million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that is past its life expectancy.	When the dam remains, Putnam county and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years: restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife can't wait.	
10/19/2021 11:24	Outside of state / other	Kansas City, MO	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also 15,000 + acres of the Florida Wildlife corridor will be restored, benefitting other wildlife species.	The death of many manatees because of lack of warm water winter habitat.	No. The breaching of the dam is way overdue.	None at this time.
10/19/2021 11:24	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other Dismantled	The desire for a free flowing Oklawaha River	Costs of upkeep for an unnecessary dam	Totally unnecessary dam	No
10/19/2021 11:25	Alachua		No	No				I have followed this story for years and it seems that the dam only benefits the fisherfolk but not the native environment. I would like to see the river free flowing once again.	environmental considerations	The lack of follow-through on a process that was started years ago.	I am not sure whether there is at this point. Perhaps a smaller lake could be created alongside the river to catch any overflow but that would still impede the natural flow.	
10/19/2021 11:26	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time		Boating Wildlife viewing	Dismantle Dam. Free river.	Statistics about return of wildlife. Dam unnecessary per many opinions.	Status Quo.	No	
10/19/2021 11:28	Volusia		No	No						The deaths of more Manatees & the possible effect on other marine life. Ongoing issues with the red tide & blue/green algae.		
10/19/2021 11:29	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	Yes				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 11:30	Outside of state / other	Ithaca, N.Y.	No	No				Take it down and restore the warm water for vulnerable wildlife.	Manatees are dying.	Wildlife extinction.	No.	We are responsible for the world's future and must take that responsibility very seriously.
10/19/2021 11:30	Outside of state / other	Louisville, KY	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Florida is quickly becoming overpopulated and over developed meaning both aquatic and land wildlife habitats are shrinking and what remains is more pollcted and less suitable. Providing relief means manatees and other species wildlife can have some room to breath instead of humans continuing to push them off a cliff (closer to extinction or extirpation). Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As an ecotourist who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 11:32	Outside of state / other	Concord CA 94521	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future and keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/19/2021 11:35	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	From the articles that I have read about manatees, springs, and the natural flow of the river and compared this to the information that I have gathered from fishing they do not match. Firstly the pattern of the manatees has been changed since the dam was constructed and therefore the manatees would have found other options for warm waters in the winter. Secondly the springs that are on the main lake portion of the the reservoir, (the part of the lake that is east of the Orange Spring boat ramp) those few springs are very small and while they do provide water to the lake there are not going to have the type attraction that Gilchrist Blue Springs has. These are very small springs that go unnoticed to most of the people that visit Rodman Reservoir. They do provide warmer water in the colder months for fish and other aquatic wild life to take refuge on to stay warm. This provides good fishing for those who do fish there in the colder months of the year. Lastly, the natural flow of the river is still flowing even though it has been "flooded over."Rivers will keep their natural path of flow unless the river channel it self is changed or damaged. This is proved to be true every 3-5 years when the lake is drawn down and you can clearly still see that the flow of the Oklawaha river going through the souther side of the main pool of the lake. While some may say the the river needs to be restored to its natural flow path. they are wrong because it has always been there.	I wish for the dam to stay and nothing to change from where the current state of the water is.	My biggest concern is that if the dam is removed and the water is let go, the ones who wanted it gone will regret their decision and realize that the things they wanted from their outcome will not be practical for many many years later when nature will have to reconnect the second scar that will be made to that area. Their wants are possible but not for immediate use and it will not be an immediate fix to the massive problems that releasing the water will bring.	No.	None.
10/19/2021 11:37	Outside of state / other		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	First, the Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Secondly, restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to jacksonville will be healthier. Lastly, the dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the ecosystem and are severely impacted by invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. 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10/19/2021 11:45	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No				Sustaining conservation and protection	We must protect our Earth so she is thriving for generations to come.	Another part of our Earth dies.		
10/19/2021 11:46	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.

10/19/2021 11:46	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 11:48	Lake		No	No					Please protect and conserve our waterways, including all of the animals who rely on it.	We are stewards of God's Earth and its creatures.	It is our obligation to protect our environment and its inhabitants.	We must take every action to protect our home, now and in the future!	
10/19/2021 11:49	Brevard		No	No						While I'm aware that this year's manatee crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Over 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.		No.	
10/19/2021 11:49	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Keep it as is	Economic	Loss of an asset		
10/19/2021 11:51	Outside of state / other	Decatur, GA	No	No					Complete restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to water quality and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored including 20 lost springs. Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river and they gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further paving invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No, breech the damn now because improvements to water quality and the health of wildlife cannot wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today.
10/19/2021 11:51	Okeechobee		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman-Kirkpatrick Dam, it's essential for wildlife which is already at-risk.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and are are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Well, restrictions on feeding manatee is now being considered, But people's support, especialy children, is highly varying.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. 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10/19/2021 11:51	Brevard		No	No					The demolition of the Kirkpatrick Dam. This has worked in the Maryland area near Baltimore.	Manatee habitats are restored. Fish movement is extended upriver, thus opening a food door to black bear and other mammals.	The manatee is a Florida Treasure we have been granted by God to care for. Let's do just that.		
10/19/2021 11:51	Outside of state / other	Nashville TN	No	No					restore the river flow by getting rid of the dam	overwhelming benefits to numerous wildlife species	the depriviation of critical warm water habitat for manatees and other associated species would undermine populations and their potential for survival	Nope. The dam needs to go.	Restoring the interconnected flow among the streams and springs of this river system is vital to the health of the ecosystems and all species, including humans and their economy, along the Great Florida Riverway. I hope to visit the restored system someday!
10/19/2021 11:51	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					Protecting the natural environment.	Dams are harmful to nature	Environmental costs again.	none	
10/19/2021 11:52	Leon		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Continued destruction of habitat of vulnerable and irreplaceable wildlife and vegetation.	No	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/19/2021 11:52	Volusia		No	No									
10/19/2021 11:53	Collier		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/19/2021 11:53	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam. Restore the river.	Our ecology depends on flowing water. Constrained water requires more treatment and adds costs and unnecessary infrastructure.	Death and destruction of species and habitats reliant on the free flow of fresh water.	No.	Tear down the dam. Restore the River.
10/19/2021 11:54	Outside of state / other	Lake county Illinois	No	No					Preserve wildlife	Danger to environment and wildlife	Destroy wildlife habitat etc		
10/19/2021 11:55	Outside of state / other	428 SW Oak St. Hillsboro OR 97123	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 11:55	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					An outcome that protects manatees.	manatee die-offs	continued manatee die-offs	manatees must be protected	
10/19/2021 11:58	Outside of state / other	Tennessee	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River	help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	none	
10/19/2021 11:59	Outside of state / other	Ham Lake, MN	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Additionally, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would deprive hundreds of manatees essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future, and would also impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 12:02	Miami-Dade		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. In esaence we lose species that are as much a part of Florida as us who were born and raised here.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/19/2021 12:03	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone!	Great fishing	Best fishing days will be over.		
10/19/2021 12:03	Outside of state / other	Henderson KY 42420	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	Manatees are dying of starvation due to loss of habitat.	NO	In many other parts of the country, habitat is being improved by removing obsolete unneeded dams, with good results. The benefits of this process are clear.
10/19/2021 12:04	Outside of state / other	CT	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	More conservation measures and greater enforcement of animal protection. Especially motor boats.	increase death rate of wildlife and decrease in re-population.	Extinction	A gradual increase in protected areas.	Boater and fishing habits that break the law and threaten wildlife must have stiffer enforcement and punishment.
10/19/2021 12:05	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Visiting springs during draw-down by boat	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	Breaching the Rodmn/Kirkpatrick Dam would restore 20 drowned springs, making it the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida to date. Breaching the dam would aid migratory fish, improving fish populations in the Silver River and provide more warm water habitat to manatees, which are currently dying at an alarming rate. The ecotourism/economic benefits of restoring these ecosystems would be huge, far beyond those of keeping the dam/reservoir.	The continued decline of the lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, and loss of the 20 springs of the Ocklawaha.	No. The dam should have been removed 50 years ago. The second best time to do it is now.	Removing the dam could become a great example project, demonstrating the benefits of dam removal and river restoration.
10/19/2021 12:05	Outside of state / other	Palos Verdes Estates, CA	No	No					It's become apparent that dams are a structure that harms the environment and biodiversity. On the West Coast, dams are being dismantled in order to allow the travel of salmon as it's been shown how much harm that dams have done to the species. Electricity is no longer dependent upon hydropower. But dams also impede the water and sediment that are essential to the flow of rivers to the ocean. Estuaries, the cradle of oceanic species, depend upon this water and silt. Manatees have become endangered because of this lack of flow.	As we enter further and further into the depths of a world harmed by climate change, we need biodiversity to survive. Every species lost is lost forever and hurts not only other dependent species but human beings. We depend upon other species for survival, too, even if we do not directly interact with them.	You will have helped eradicate an important species.	We are in a time of bold action. The time for half-steps and measures has past is frankly, is not going to cut it anymore. Let the Ocklawaha River flow freely as God intended.	
10/19/2021 12:05	Outside of state / other	Beaufort, SC	No	No					Please restore the Great Florida Riverway while we can still help the wildlife who need this habitat.	The death and starvation of manatees	Extinction of manatees and other wildlife	Being a good steward mandates the ecosystem be restored, so compromise is not possible. You either fail at stewardship or you achieve what is necessary and do the right thing.	
10/19/2021 12:06	Outside of state / other	Kentucky	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	I fully support the reservoir staying the same with the dam intact. The lake has provided world class habitat for fish and wildlife. Without the reservoir, the area will revert to a much less used area. Rodman Reservoir is beautiful, supports wildlife and should remain intact.	The amount of trophy fish, habitat for birds and other wildlife	Hundreds if not thousands of anglers and other sportsmen will lose a valuable resource.	If there is concern about manatee migration, design a better solution at the locks although it sounds like the system works well now.	The Corp of Engineers needs to stop spraying the environment with dangerous herbicide. Although I don't have data, I believe the lack of forage in Rodman and surrounding areas for manatee is a larger problem for their survival than the dam.
10/19/2021 12:07	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam breached so the Ocklawaha River can flow. In addition to many other benefits, this will renew forest wetland and help native wildlife populations. There should also be economic benefits.	The Ocklawaha, Silver, and St Johns Rivers along with 50 springs would be restored.	The age and safety of the dam is of major concern. We should not miss this perfect opportunity to restore the Ocklawaha River and wildlife habitat.	NO, breaching the dam is already a compromise from total removal of the dam which would be my ideal outcome.	I am old enough to remember trips as a teenager to the Ocklawaha River before the Cross Florida Barge Canal and the Rodman Dam. It will never be the way it was, but breaching this 50 year old useless dam is our only hope of regaining any of the natural habitat and its native occupants.
10/19/2021 12:08	Outside of state / other	Washington state	No	No									My concern is for the manatees and whatever needs to be done to help these gentle creatures and save them from extinction. Manatees are an iconic part of Florida and one of our favorite things to see when we travel there..
10/19/2021 12:09	Pinellas		No	No									
10/19/2021 12:11	Palm Beach		No	No					Help the manatees, whatever that requires.	Please help protect!	Dead manatees.		
10/19/2021 12:11	Outside of state / other	Montana	No	No					One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Defenders of Wildlife	Continued loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter as currently 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter, which is an unsustainable and unnatural situation.		Thank you

10/19/2021 12:12	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and natural flow restored to the Ocklawaha River.	We're not getting our money's worth. The dam was created as part of a now-abandoned canal project; we're just dealing with the side effects without getting the intended benefits of the canal. Last I read the dam would take $20M to remove, but costs $1M a year and needs $2M in repairs. There are a few federal programs that might be able to help cover this cost. Florida has a big eco-tourism industry, and removing the dam would open up more of the Ocklawaha to water sports and related businesses (kayak rentals, campgrounds, etc). That would increase tax revenues (and general health outcomes) for a county that could use more businesses. Additionally, the manatee population has been declining in the last few years, and a restored Ocklawaha would provide another warm-water habitat for them to live. This, in turn, would be a bigger eco-tourism draw.	Ongoing ecological damage and maintenance costs of the dam.	If the river can be restored by other means, I'd support that.	
10/19/2021 12:17	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. More than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No-Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 12:20	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					to restore the Great Florida Riverway while we can still help the wildlife who need this habitat.	There are no jobs on a dead planet. Our biodiversity must be protected for the long term sake of the planet	Destruction of natural habitat and destruction of important species	No	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond.
10/19/2021 12:21	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Manatee viewing&	We would like to see it stay the same. The water is so clean. The fish you catch catch can be eaten by everyone, no restrictions. The weeds can be controlled by drawdowns, no chemicals. We have been fishing there for over 50 years as well as our large family. We love to see the many families who fish at the dam site. Many times there are so many they move to shoreline and set up umbrellas to fish from. The fish from the reservoir feed many people, some who need help. So many people are moving into Florida we need to preserve this great body of clean water for use by the surrounding counties.	Clean water available to the residents and visitors of Florida.	Loss of good source of drinkable water. Loss of great source of healthy food for everyone, especially the less fortunate who depend on this.	I don't understand why anyone would want to prevent people from fishing and boating on this body of water. Having a reservoir allows the fish to replenish and be available as food source for people and for birds and animals. If turning the reservoir into a State Park would keep the reservoir, that would be an option.	We are seeing many manatees all over the reservoir for the past several years. Mullet, both large and small, are using the reservoir. I think they are heading to the springs to stay warmer in winter and using the reservoir as a food source.
10/19/2021 12:23	Columbia		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay just as it is	This is one of the most diverse healthiest ecosystems I have ever been to	Wildlife suffering	Debris cleared from channel	This reservoir needs to be left just as it is with the channels cleared a little better for navigation purposes
10/19/2021 12:24	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 12:27	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	leave it alone 2 wrongs dont make a rite!	The river will never be the way it was.	One huge weed patch. nothing will grow if its drained thats how deserts are formed	turn rodman into a national park	
10/19/2021 12:29	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No, there is not. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 12:32	Volusia		No	No									
10/19/2021 12:33	Outside of state / other	Oakland, CA	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore it	Habitat loss and dwindling numbers of manatees	Manatee extinction		
10/19/2021 12:34	Outside of state / other		No	No					We have to to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No, there is not. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a concerned stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 12:35	St Johns		No	No					I would like that dam to be breached. Creating a free-flowing Ocklawaha River will greatly improve our state's water quality, among other benefits.	More than 150 million gallons a day of natural water will be restored to the St Johns River, the beautiful river that I live close to.	We would miss this window of opportunity to use available State and Federal funds and address critical environmental needs. Breaching the dam will improve wildlife habitat, water filtration, a cooling canopy, and natural flood protection. Leaving it in place means more invasive species and algae events. Besides we taxpayers are spending millions of dollars every year to repair this 50 year old structure on a cross-Florida canal that was never finished.	No. The world is losing habitat and species every year. Wildlife cannot wait.	I care about Florida's environment. I ask you to breach the Rodman Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River. It is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, more than 200 miles of rivers and springs that flow into the Lower St Johns estuary at the Atlantic Ocean. This is THE most beneficial and cost-effective springs project in Florida today. It will uncover 20 springs that have been submerged. It will restore Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. And the additional millions of gallons of natural water flow will help restore the lower St Johns River.
10/19/2021 12:37	Sarasota		No	No					Dam be removed	Manatee protection (let nature free)	manatee protection - they are getting trapped in the reservoir or worse in the lock system	no	
10/19/2021 12:37	Highlands		No	Yes	1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing		We need to restore the Ocklawaha River, breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Ocklawaha River is the most impactful habitat for the manatee restoration project in my state and it will give the manatee warm water winter habitat for many, hundreds even.	If the Oklawaha is dammed, would keep about 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact our species , Florida panther, Florida black bears, bobcats and white-tailed deer that can't easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	NO, Breaching the dam is overdue by 50 years and wildlife and water quality can't wait any longer. It is imperative.	As one of many stakeholders who care about Florida's environment I ask you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the very heart of the Great Florida Riverway. This will ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially the manatees. This restoration will also improve the water quality and flor, support coastal resiliency and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.
10/19/2021 12:38	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking		Remove the Dam & restore the river	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by resorting the river. Striped bass populations will restore to original numbers. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Help the falling manatee population	Continued decline of fish & manatee populations & the ongoing cost to maintain & operate the dam & lock systems could be better used by the state.	No. The dam must be removed.	Please restore the springs to their natural beauty. Also, help the manatee population.
10/19/2021 12:44	Outside of state / other	Harrisville, RI	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Flo
10/19/2021 12:45	Osceola		No	No					I would like to see the Dam removed and natural water flow restored.	The increase in diversity of native flora and fauna which will occur if the dam is removed and natural water flow restored.	Continued decline of native flora and fauna populations.	Is there a way to restore natural water flow without removing the dam?	Although I understand those who rely economically on the dam may be negatively impacted in the short term if it is removed, in the long run removing the dam is the most sustainable choice both environmentally and economically.
10/19/2021 12:46	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the river by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam.	Restoration of the ecosystem and wildlife.	Possible decline in water quality, unnecessary expense in repairing the dam. loss of funds now available.	A drawdown could lessen the risk of property damage in interim.	
10/19/2021 12:46	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach it!	Restoration of the natural flow and habitats, especially the spring environments.	It's a waste of money not too. And there's a perfect window right now - the funding is there as is public interest.	No, 50 years overdue tbh.	Manatees have enough to deal with without this ridiculous mess. Breach the dam! Restore the flow!

10/19/2021 12:50	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Part of my husband and my outings every Wednesday to drive on a road we haven't been on yet in Florida	Removed = Breached	All around Environment for Natural Florida and preserving it for the Birds and Wildlife Also to free the Springs that are under a body of Water now.	Another piece of the most beautiful state of Florida has succumb to foolish overtake of it's natural state of being. I would like to say I was part of the effort that let the Ocklawaha Flow Again! It's exciting !	No. Full removal of the Dam is the only thing that would be acceptable to me.	I believe Ron DeSantis will do the right thing. I have great confidence that this effort will result in freeing the River & Springs.
10/19/2021 12:52	Outside of state / other	SOUTH CAROLINA	No	No					BREACH THE DAM THAT IS HOLDING BACK THE OCKLAWAHA RIVER TO INCREASE THE SURVIVAL OF OUR MANATEES ALLOWING THEM ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL WARM WATER TO SURVIVE THE WINTER.	EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SURVIVAL OF OUR MANATEES	MANATEES BECOMING AN ENDANGERED SPECIES HEADING TOWARDS EXTINCTION	THIS MAY BE TOO EARLY AND TOO HARD FOR SOME PEOPLE TO BELIEVE, BUT WITH EVERY EXTINCTION THAT HAPPENS, WE GET CLOSER TO OUR OWN.	
10/19/2021 12:52	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it alone!!!!		saltwater intrusion, blue green algae and overall Destruction of a real good ecosystem	No	
10/19/2021 12:54	Outside of state / other	West Chester, PA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is over 50 years is overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/19/2021 12:55	Outside of state / other	Milwaukee, WI	No	No					I believe it is important to restore the flow of waters to the Ocklawaha River and this can only be done by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	This is key towards restoring manatee habitat by providing warm water during the winter for hundreds of manatees. This would also benefit species like the Florida black bear, Florida panther, bald eagles, white-tailed deer, and bobcats.	Keeping this area dammed and flooded certainly impacts many animal species and deprives the manatee of a critically important winter habitat. The long-term effects of not doing this would extend a myriad of negative effects well into the future all of which might be avoided	I have not heard of any scenarios that would not impact wildlife in a negative fashion.	
10/19/2021 12:57	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	Remove dam	What it used to look like	It gets worse		
10/19/2021 13:00	Outside of state / other	Champaign, Illinois	No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	eliminate the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam	15,000 acres of Florida wildlife corridor are restored for wildlife habitat	thousands of forestsed acres would not be restored which could have improved wildlife habitat. Also, the marked improvement in water quality and ecosystem quality would not be achieved. What a lost opportunity!	No. It is long overdue to eliminate this unnecessary dam	
10/19/2021 13:06	Hillsborough		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I enjoy seeing the birds, animals and especially the manatees.	We have enjoyed the reservoir for decades and would like to see it stay the same. We have spent many vacations fishing on the reservoir and at the dam.	The water is not polluted and we can enjoy eating the fish. We love to see the many birds and animals. We even see manatees all over the reservoir.	We would lose our favorite lake to fish. We love the camping in this area. I think pure clean drinking water is important in Florida since so many are moving into our area.	Maybe make it into a State park and have a camp grounds near the dam. Many of us use that area to fish and the local parks to camp. I cannot axe tearing down a wonderful lake that so many Florida citizens enjoy whenever we can.	My family and I have enjoyed this reservoir for over 40 years. We now bring our grandchildren with us. We see bears, deer, manatees, alligators, turtles, and so many different birds. We can fish the dam when we want beside many other families. The picnic and bathrooms are so nice and clean. We live in Hillsborough County and can even make the trio to and from our home in one day. We have introduced many of our Friends who now use Rodman Reservoir.
10/19/2021 13:08	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	stop spraying THE WEEDS	Caught bass with open sores , and skinny sometimes both because of chemicals	polluting out water ways	no it needs to stop	
10/19/2021 13:10	Columbia		No	No					The Dam should be torn down	Restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river could conceivably help the St. John's River with its current problems	More degradation of the natural environment in Florida	Not really	
10/19/2021 13:10	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Be removed	Quality of the river	We'll know who's pocket your in	No	
10/19/2021 13:13	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Left alone , kept at its natural environment.	Bachelor in science , enjoys nature. Grew up in Florida , here in Putnam. The Rodman is an essential piece of nature that shows the beauty of Putnam. IT we continue to destroy our environment , Putnam will be destroyed. Let's preserve our nature , conserve our ecosystem and keep Putnam beautiful	The disruption of our ecosystem	N/a	
10/19/2021 13:14	Seminole		No	No					I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, biodiversity and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	There are so many important pieces of information that apply, it is hard to choose one over the other but 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife is high on the list. Breaching the dam and adding back so much acreage to the Florida Wildlife Corridor goes hand in hand with the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act signed into law on June 29, 2021 by Governor Ron DeSantis.	My biggest concern is missing the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical, such as water quality issues, habitat restoration for birds, fish, mammals, amphibians and reptiles as well as macro-and microphytes; plus, the dam is unsafe. With close to 1,000 manatee deaths due to starvation, they need every possible place that has food to forage. Additionally, the people in the area stand to make a better living from a greater scope of visitors visiting a healthy flowing river than from a deteriorating dam that offers only a handful of creational opportunities.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife cannot wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people, and wildlife, and to its biodiversity. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefiting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. Breaching the dam could set yet another example of Florida's forward-thinking approach to habitat restoration and providing safe spaces for our wildlife as with the Florida Wildlife Corridor. This truly is an exciting opportunity not to be missed on so many levels. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 13:15	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Would restore manatee habitat and provide thousands of acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor benefitting Florida black bears, panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. We must pull back what we've taken from these beautiful species.	We'll lose the species that are indigenous to Florida which we're so proud of. They are part of our Florida family and we need to protect them.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer! We have pushed it to the limit, as usual. If we don't do something now it may be too late.	It's time for us to stand up for Florida wildlife! This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. It's important for us and the communities it has richly blessed/served. Time for us to give back!
10/19/2021 13:18	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					The state must do what is right to protect all wildlife in the area, especially manatees. You must breach the dam to allow manatees to access more warm water habitat.	The record number of deaths of manatees this year. And that too large of a percentage of warm water for them comes from power plant output, which is not sustainable for the environment. There needs to be a natural way for manatees to get to warm water habitats, and that can happen through breaching the dam.	The extinction of manatees	No- you must restore the Ocklawaha River and breach the damn to allow manatees to have warm water for winter survival.	Please do the right thing for the manatees, other wildlife and the people of this country who want to see manatees in their life. The earth belongs to these creatures as well as to humans. We can not continue activities that lead to extinction and must protect other living beings.
10/19/2021 13:20	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Other: I don't use them . I just look at them and feel the loss of the river and the springs.	I would like to see the river restored to its natural state.!	I am comparing the river I knew as a child with I see today. I am aware of the negative impacts on the living things in the dam's surroundings.	That this will remain as evidence of our state's lack of commitment to rectifying an environmental tragedy.	No	
10/19/2021 13:24	Outside of state / other	State of Hawaii	No	No					Let the water flow to the wildlife	Love your neighbor as yourself, we are all one big family down here.	Extinction, we will be next...	Use your life to make a difference, to help others--love is mercy and compassion, not abuse of power...	The wildlife was here before we were, they are part of our balance in this world-how we treat them is part of our test in this life.
10/19/2021 13:30	Outside of state / other	Lacey WA USA	No	No					I care -- and the vast majority of Americans care -- about ALL ECOSYSTEMS EVERYWHERE!!!! Everything is interconnected, so EVERYBODY must PROTECT ALL ECOSYSTEMS!!!				I'm a 73-year-old lifelong Christian who cares about God's Beautiful Creation. YOU MUST PROTECT THIS ECOSYSTEM from abuse!!!
10/19/2021 13:31	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	remove the dam	healthier aquatic habitats	poor water quality		
10/19/2021 13:32	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: We love to camp and fish on the Rodman Reservoir and samp at the parks.^	We want the Rodman Reservoir and Dam to stay as it is. We have enjoyed it for years.	The water is clean for use by the counties that are near it. It does not just flow into the ocean. The Florida population is growing and needs this reservoir. The fish are healthy to eat. The reservoir does not require chemicals to control weeds like most Florida lakes.	Loss of clean potable water for Floridians and visitors. Loss of healthy food source for everyone who fishes the dam and reservoir. Many of the families are the less fortunate who need this to feed themselves.	Maybe turn this area into place where families who are less fortunate can camp and catch fish over weekends. This would be great fun plus eating healthy fish from unpolluted water. Every citizen could enjoy more of what our state has to offer.	When we get to go on reservoir in a boat, we see all kinds of wildlife. We have seen manatees, alligators and lots of birds. We even saw a Florida panther one time at dusk.
10/19/2021 13:41	Manatee		No	No					Remove the damn to restore natural flow	The springs need to be restored and manatees need to gain access. Remove the man-made blockage	That more manatees will die. And our springs will not be restored to their natural state	No. Remove the dam	Remove the dam so that manatees may regain access to warm winter springs and also allow citizens to enjoy the springs in their natural state. This will also save taxpayers money by eliminating this costly dam that serves no good purpose
10/19/2021 13:42	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking					
10/19/2021 13:43	Duval		No	No					Restoration and preservation of the river and surrounding areas. Restore to "Old Florida".	n/a	The affects on the sealife and manatees.		
10/19/2021 13:47	Outside of state / other	Greensboro, North Carolina	No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide access to essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees and will also restore critical acreage to the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	While the Ocklawaha is dammed up, manatees are blocked from their warm water winter habitat and 7,500 acres of forested woodlands that form a critical part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor remain flooded by the Rodman Reservoir	No.	I am a former resident of Florida and I frequently visit family members and friends that still live there. I love the state but, unfortunately, there's been a historic disregard for Florida's most valuable asset - its unique and beautiful natural environment. It's past time to reverse that. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is a good step in that direction.
10/19/2021 13:49	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored.	Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs. 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. MSL as a first step until full restoration occurs. However, this should be only an interim step because a drawdown alone does not provide sufficient environmental benefits for fish, manatees, and Ocklawaha and Silver River springs	District studies (Hendrickson 2016) have indicated that full restoration will not have a major adverse impact on water quality of the downstream St. Johns River.
10/19/2021 13:49	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	No					That manatees are protected. I visit them in winter				I think it is imperative at this time in history, that waterways are protected for the water, the habitats, and the wildlife.
10/19/2021 13:49	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. Dams have always been a detriment to wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. What would be your biggest concern if your desired outcome is not achieved? Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Is there any scenario short of fully achieving your desired outcome you could support? No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer. Other comments: As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Extinction of manatees	No	
10/19/2021 13:52	Outside of state / other	MA-Massachusetts	No	No					restore manatee habitat				
10/19/2021 13:53	Alachua		No	No					The dam should be *removed* to allow the Ocklawaha River to flow as it should.	With population and development soaring, the integrity and ecology of Florida's freshwater springs, streams and rivers are being threatened. To my knowledge, the cost of maintaining the Kirkpatrick Dam far exceeds its economic benefits, while it adds completely unnecessary pressure to a freshwater ecology that is already degrading *rapidly*.	Further degradation of water quality and the ecology that thrives on Florida's freshwater reserves.	*NO*. Just *remove* it. History is finally offering Florida a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rectify a deeply regrettable mistake (the Kirkpatrick Dam). It would be absolutely insane not to do it. Not to*capture* it.	Florida's freshwater resources are a **NATIONAL* (if not *international*) treasure. Protecting, maintaining and ensuring the ecological integrity of Florida springs and rivers should be our state's TOP environmental AND *fiscal* priority.
10/19/2021 13:58	Duval		No	No					free the St. John's River by removing the Dam	health of St. John's and Silver Springs	the best natural resources in Florida (St. John's and Silver spring) would eventually be destroyed	no, because we need to preserve the health of this major, beautiful river!	
10/19/2021 13:59	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Nothing leave it just as it is	My family loves going there to fish	Closing it would be a mistake	Nope	
10/19/2021 13:59	Pinellas		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the flow!	This dam has destroyed the flow at multiple springs and state manatees desperately need our attention to this matter!	Threatened habitats that are relies upon by keystone species, as well as losing more springs	No! It's 50 years over due..	
10/19/2021 14:04	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	It remain a beautiful place to continue to build family memories.	The happiness it brings to residents and visitors.	Damaging the beautiful environment we live in.	No.	
10/19/2021 14:07	Volusia		No	No					More knowledge needed	lack of information on it's value and history .	Another generation with little understanding and irresponsible development of precious natural resourcre		
10/19/2021 14:14	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Returned to its natural state by removing the dam	Save the manatees & other species	Manatees & their survival	I am open to suggestions. Manatees are in trouble & need assistance	
10/19/2021 14:15	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: curiosity					
10/19/2021 14:17	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the restoration of the free flow of the Ocklawaha River by removing the dam.	Restoring the natural flow of the river and springs would improve water quality, and improve habitat for fish, manatees and other wildlife. In addition, dam repair expenses would be avoided and recreational use would increase.	The river systems will continue to degrade and my taxes will continue to be wasted on maintaining an unneeded dam.	No, because I don't see any other solutions that would be as effective.	Removing the dam would expand recreational opportunities, improve our water resources, and save tax dollars.
10/19/2021 14:23	Outside of state / other		No	No					Breach the Dam	Dams need to be removed across the country to restore wildlife habitat. In this case, it would restore manatee habitat and the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	The long term survival of manatees would be impacted.	No	
10/19/2021 14:28	Pasco		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River to its original flow to offer manatees a warm water habitat to stay during the winter months.	Manatees' deaths in 2021 are already higher than all of the Manatees' deaths in 2020. The need for these precious creatures to have a safe warm water place for their winter habitat is critical to the species survival in Florida's waters.	That the rate of Manatee deaths will continue to climb, endangering the future of these mammals that are so bad beFlorida's image here in the state and internationally.	No. We need to save the manatees in Florida while we still can.	Please help the manatees continue to survive in Florida's waters for generations to come.
10/19/2021 14:28	Sarasota		No	No					TAKE THEM DOWN!!! REMOVE THE MANATEE AMONG OTHER SPECIES, BARRIERS.	The dam blocks manatee access to areas they need.	Manatees will become extinct	No	The Manatees have suffered more this past year than ever before due to humans.
10/19/2021 14:29	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: scientific survey for potential sturgeon spawning habitat - hard clay or pebbly clay or gravel substrate in the river above the dam	I am a retired fishery biologist who led riverine, estuarine, migratory, and marine fish population and life history and restoration research for 50 years, with 25 years on the Suwannee and other Florida rivers. I have led fish studies for private clients, and for university, state and federal agencies. Thus, my perspective is drawn from direct experience in Florida and in the United States over 1,500 dams removed between 1990 and 2018. Almost universally, recovery of key migratory and riverine fish populations has been rapid and dramatic, typically restoring high profile sport fisheries for fishes like Salmonids, Striped Bass, Shad, and Sturgeon - as reported in the Christian Science Monitor (3 Aug 2014) "Setting rivers free: As dams are torn down, nature is quickly recovering". From my experience, I concur with this finding. The Rodman dam and the warm, shallow, weed-filled, manmade reservoir are a barrier to both coastal anadromous fishes (American Shad, River Herring, Striped Bass, Atlantic and Shortnose Sturgeon, American Eel) seeking to spawn in cool, well-oxygenated Ocklawaha River (OR) headwaters, and/or conduct early larval and migratory development in both the river and in the low-salinity waters of the St Johns River (SJR) below the confluence. The reservoir breaks the flow of plankton, nutrients and fish larvae - disrupting the vital connection between the OR and the SJR estuary. The SJR (vs the OR) lacks the hard and gravelly substrate, flow velocity, and high oxygenation that anadromous fishes require for spawning. The dam is similarly a barrier to the downstream migration of Hydrilla-Catfish into the OR and Silver River and Silver Spring, both depleted up to 90% above the dam and in Silver Spring. All of the above fish species are high profile sportfishes, sought by recreational fishermen. Largemouth bass and sunfishes can be angled in almost every river, lake, spring, and creek in Florida. The SJR system, with the OR restored, is the ONLY Florida East Coast river system suitable for spawning at the southern range limit of the anadromous fishes above. A reconnected OR with restoration of large, high profile, high-dollar recreational angling for species like Striped Bass and American Shad (and potentially sturgeons if delisted later). I recommend removal of the dam to restore the fundamental ecology of the OR-SJR ecosystem and promote recovery of economically valuable, high-profile migratory sportfish species.	There is a large body of recent scientific publications & newspaper/online reports documenting the almost immediate and dramatic recovery of important sportfish species following dam removal in the USA. A few key examples: 1.) American Shad returning in mass a tributary of the Delaware River, NJ, blocked by 4 dams since 1700s, removed in stages 2008-2018. - https://statelimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2017/08/16/dam-removal-helps-american-shad-return-after-disappearing-for-centuries/. 2) Atlantic Salmon, American Shad & Alewife returned upon full removal of 2 dams on the Penobscot River, ME, giving access to upriver rapids, spawned 3100 acres and 30 miles of spawning habitat. - https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/successful-fish-passage-efforts-across-nation. 3) Embrey Dam built 1900 removed 2004, Rappahannock River, VA - American Shad & Striped Bass regained access to spawning grounds. Largemouth Bass and Channel Catfish also moved upstream into high quality habitat. - https://riverfriends.org/embrey-dam-before-and-after/. 4) Rogue River, CA/OR, 4 dams built 1900s, removed 2007-2010 - Enabled upstream spawning ground access & improved habitat for Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, Coho Salmon - https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/successful-fish-passage-efforts-across-nation. 5) Edwards and Halifax dams, Kennebec & Sebasticook rivers, ME, built 1837, removed 1999 & 2008 - Restored access to upper river with immediate return of Atlantic Sturgeon, Alewife, American Shad, River Herring, Rainbow Smelt, Striped Bass and seals that feed on Alewife. Alewife spawning run jumped from 78,000 in 1998 to 5.5 million in 2018 - River Herring jumped up to 10s of billions. Improved water quality with dramatic resurgence in abundance & diversity of aquatic insects, mayflies and stoneflies, prime forage for sportfishes. - https://thenevelator.org/edwards-dam-removal/. 6) Fox River, WI, old low-head dam and locks - lock gates removed early 2000s, lock channel converted to a low angle constructed boulder & gravel substrate rapids, dam breached on lock side to provide attraction flow for Lake Sturgeon. immediately enabled Walleye to ascend to spawning grounds; then Lake Sturgeon. - pers. comm. Dr. Ron Bruch, Director of WI DNR (retired). All post-dam-removal scientific and public reports document return, re-population, and spawning recovery in high-profile sportfishes. Resulting restored sportfish access has seen local economic boom in recreational fisheries.	From a fishery perspective, the OR, Silver River and Silver Springs are seriously depleted in native riverine and migratory anadromous/catadromous fishes, particularly large keystone ecological and sportfish species including American Shad, River Herring, Striped Bass, Atlantic Sturgeon, Shortnose Sturgeon, American Eel. Accordingly, the overall SJR system is similarly depleted due both to historical overfishing over the species' ranges, habitat quality decline, climate change - but most significantly the loss of the only suitable upriver spawning area in the system - the OR. The OR is also seriously depleted in abundance of Channel Catfish and White Catfish, historically the two dominant large resident predator fish species (Howard Odum original data + Florida Springs institute recent fish count surveys). Exotic species, particularly Blue Tilapia, now dominate in Silver Spring, suppressing the largemouth Bass population in the process, but outcompeting for benthic spawning habitat. From my perspective, the optimal outcome would be to remove the dam, enhance passage of native migratory and riverine fish species, reconnect the freshwater OR to the low to mid salinity SJR estuary, restoring the critical mixing zone in terms of oxygenation, nutrient flow, plankton production, and larval fish developmental habitat. This is not just a matter of restoring sportfishing in the OR, but restoring overall SJR ecosystem ecological function. My concern is that we let this opportunity pass for such a critical historic restoration of the ecosystem - with ecological benefits across the scale from plankton to fish larvae, to aquatic insects, to forage fish, to large sportfishes - and with highly probable economic benefits as visitors descend upon the SJR for a unique Florida opportunity to angle large trophy-type fishes such as Striped Bass and American Shad (and potentially the two sturgeon species when sufficiently recovered to be delisted from federal and state protection). Anglers seeking fishing opportunities for these species come from great distances and spend a great deal of money in the process. Leave the dam in place and we are saddled with a silt-filled, weed-congested, low productivity manmade lake with rather mundane fishing opportunities. And, Florida taxpayers are saddled with the expense of maintaining an aging and degraded dam, and of doing a periodic drawdown to kill off weeds and remove muck.	As a fishery biologist, my view is that the optimal action is removal of the dam with accompanying restoration of the overall aquatic ecosystem of the OR and its confluence with the SJR. Holistic restoration would allow for natural repopulation, spawning, and recovery of migratory fishes, facilitate the movements of native riverine fishes, restore the critical river to estuary to ocean connection, enhance larval fish and aquatic insect populations, restore manatee access to Silver Spring, and allow more than 20 now-submerged springs to re-emerge. I see great economic benefits in all regards in terms of sportfishing, increased visitorship, and enhanced ecotourism (springs, manatee watching, sportfishing, boating, kayaking. There is a less-desirable alternative to full dam removal that could be considered - to restore passage for anadromous fishes, riverine fishes, and manatees. But, this would not result in many of the other desirable outcomes just listed, and probably would preclude boat passage through the dam. The alternative would be to permanently open the locks, remove the four 35-ft tall control gates from the dam, leaving the lower fixed 6-ft high concrete sill (Ogee weir) in place, but constructing a long, low-rise, boulder and gravel inclined (less than 3-degree) 'ramp' that would be passable at mean water levels from both sides. An inclined ~130 ft long concrete spillway ramp is already in place downcurrent (URS Corporation Southern, Kirkpatrick Dam and Spillway Condition Assessment, Sept. 2015, Fig. 1-4). An instructive example is the modified dam and lock on the Wolf River, WI, cited in (b) two sections above. This would have to be carefully engineered such that bottom fishes like sturgeons and catfishes would use the inclined ramp (up on one side of the dam sill, down on the other). Such bottomfishes will not pass a fixed concrete sill, even if only a few feet high, and will not ascend a slope of more than ~3 degrees along a constructed fish passage 'ramp' (simulated rapids). Even those species that typically migrate at mid-depth or subsurface, like American Shad and Striped Bass, would benefit - as would numerous other resident river fishes that normally move along the bottom. Manatees passage would be questionable. I do not recommend this alternative action given its limited benefits. Also, the locks would have to be permanently opened, probably reducing water depth in the canal to a level insufficient for boat passage.	
10/19/2021 14:33	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	We would like to see the continued operations supporting the Buckman Lock, Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Lake and all of the recreational areas surrounding it. This area is a thriving wildlife habitat, with world-class fishing that helps support a largely rural economy.	This area is one of Putnam County's top tourism assets drawing thousands of visitors each year. This asset delivers much needed profitable tourism dollars for our county. Much of the success of soliciting large-scale nationally televised tournaments is due to the presence of Rodman. Rodman Lake is featured annually as one of the top ten bass fisheries in the State and in the top 100 in the United States.	Tremendous loss of critical income to an already fiscally constrained County. Putnam County is a designated RAO (Rural Areas of Opportunity) - Defined as a rural community that has been adversely affected by extraordinary economic events or natural disasters.	We are unaware of any compromise that could help both sides achieve their desired outcomes. We respectively ask that the fate of Rodman Reservoir be guided by facts and reason, not overwhelming campaigns of misinformation.	
10/19/2021 14:33	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and let the river flow	increasing number of manatee deaths	continued degradation of this former outstanding waterway	no	

10/19/2021 14:35	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	to keep it in place. It creates a nice wildlife sanctuary enfoyed by many species of plants and animals. Also great fishing.		Just go there and see for yourself,	Loss of the created sanctuary.	None.	
10/19/2021 14:38	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Manatee research	Leave it as is		Manatee food surce	Manatee and wildlife death	No	This is a fine area pls leave alone
10/19/2021 14:39	Broward		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Exploring and just enjoying nature. Not tearing it up and leaving a mark.	Stay untouched, wild and pristine without humans leaving their darned footprints like they always do.		I LOVE MOTHER NATURE!!!! Every single, solitary one of us need to care for and protect her, everywhere we go. Not just this particular park or damn. That's any forest, mountain side, desert, canyon or waterway. TRUE!!!	That the mammals and animals would suffer. And you know they will!! Every single thing humans do has an impact on wildlife. Whether land, sky or sea... There's a chain reaction. I'd be mortified if any negative impacts were placed upon Mother Nature and her creatures.	Simply protect that which needs to be protected to the fullest extent. There's no second choice or other option.	Only do what's RIGHT & CORRECT. NOTHING FOR MONEY OR SALES OR CORPORATIONS. JUST THINK OF THE ANIMALS AND LAND AND WATER.
10/19/2021 14:41	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	REMOVE THE DAM. Would like to see the decaying dam REMOVED to allow a free flowing Ocklawaha with beautiful springs.		Correction of a tragic mistake. Science supports a FREE FLOWING RIVER as an important artery to the St. Johns	Further decay, strangled off fresh water spring's & an uninhabitable river for our threatened Florida Manatees.	Not sure	FREE THE OCKLAWAHA. Time to make thing's right.
10/19/2021 14:42	Outside of state / other	Boise, ID	No	No					BE KIND and CONSIDERATE to the Manatees!					SAVE THE MANATEES!
10/19/2021 14:42	Lee		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.		Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 14:47	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Own 12 acres of property on the reservoir	I would like the reservoir and dam to remain intact for recreational, economic and water supply reasons. I would like to see the water management district place the reservoir in its future water supply plans as an alternative, reliable and plentiful source of water. Given the tremendous population growth in the region, there is no way the Floridan Aquifer can supply all needs in the decades to come. It would make more sense to use the reservoir than build expensive desalination plants along the St. Johns River. We need to keep more of Florida's freshwater in the state versus allowing it to run off to the ocean. Hydropower is also a very real option here. I also would like the government to recognize that after more than 50 years, a new and valuable ecosystem exists and restoring the river will destroy a tremendous asset. While the restoration cost is often cited as about $30 million, I do not think this is possible. This is an older figure and unrealistic. Correct restoration would expose an enormous amount of land that would require control of invasive species, plantings, etc. Will we want to see another massive killing of the cypress trees along the current shore? A potential decline in fish populations? Fewer birds? A reduced wildlife corridor? These are some issues raised in prior SJRWMD reports. Furthermore, I would support some of the recreational facilities under discussion (restaurant, etc.) but this can be done with the dam and reservoir still in place. Considering the effort and money spent on this issue, should we not be focused on more pressing environmental needs throughout the region? Finally, I would like the government to recognize that proponents for restoration are utilizing campaign tactics that draw in opinions from people far outside the area, including those who know little about the dam other than to join ranks with activists on a nationwide bandwagon to bring down dams. I would like the water management district to consider only the needs of people in the Rodman Reservoir area and consider the unique circumstances of this place.	There are many arguments to be made but water quality and supply are tops. The Rodman pool cleanses water going to the St. Johns, according to district reports. And it is a viable alternative water supply. Furthermore, sampling of fish and wildlife is one aspect of scientific investigation. But direct observation by people regularly at the reservoir should also be given great weight. The reservoir is home to a tremendously robust wildlife population, including abundant fish. I regularly see manatees, so I do not believe claims that they are sparse or have difficulty accessing the area. In the reservoir, manatees have access to abundant and healthy eel grass and other vegetation that serves as a reliable food source where other sea cow populations around the state are starving. In short, this is a thriving ecosystem more than a half century old. Why destroy what we can see with our own eyes is a valuable asset for the hope that we'll create another ecosystem that's better? We cannot be sure it will be an improvement. With more than 75 miles of river, the very short section with the reservoir actually adds some diversity. The reservoir is providing more benefits than harm, especially to the local economies - now and for the future.	I own 12 acres of property along the reservoir so my biggest concern is loss of property value and also of potential economic loss to the area and county if I do not follow through on business plans for the land that are dependent upon the reservoir. I am concerned about the change in water pressure affecting everyone's wells. I am concerned about salt water intrusion. How far will this problem extend along the river without the protection of the dam? Furthermore, I am concerned that the promised benefits of restoration will not come to fruition. I do not believe these buried springs will emerge as beautifully and pristine as promised. What I suspect is that they will be closer to muck holes than the springs the public is envisioning and used to swimming in -- all because of a clever marketing scheme. Swimming in the large Blue Springs? Won't it be covered in a mucky bottom with large alligators roaming? The other springs are so small, what will they really produce for recreation?	No, the dam and reservoir should remain as is. For arguments sake, if you are doing restoration for environmental reasons, it should be done fully and properly. All of that is likely well over $500 million at my best wild guess due to the magnitude of the project. Partial restoration is a shortcut for convenience and removes the reservoir and dam without full consideration of the entire ecosystem it will be a grave mistake that will have negative repercussions for the environment for years to come.	I find it odd that there is so much less controversy and attention paid to changing the other end of the Cross Florida Barge Canal by the Inglis Locks and Dam and Lake Rousseau. This dispute over the Rodman Dam has raged due to a feud between two now-dead people perpetuated in large part by heirs, eager college students, and people who have never visited Rodman, or understand how it helps the health of the St. Johns River or realize the desperate need for alternative water supplies. They have not grown to know the majestic ecosystem born so long ago. These river restoration proponents are well funded, well staffed and spreading a one-sided version of this debate to people far and wide via avenues ranging from the internet to local tour boats. Those fully knowledgeable about this issue are much fewer and more likely the locals who have lived near, worked on and experienced the reservoir and have seen its progress through the decades. Though the number of these individuals is smaller, they should have an audience on this issue. Restoration proponents also are now marketing this issue as more than just the Rodman Reservoir but as an entire multi-river system injured by one dam. Is this credible? We should all see through marketing to uncover the facts and the best solution for the economic and environmental well-being of the area -- keeping the reservoir and dam and the thriving ecosystem now in place.
10/19/2021 14:58	Outside of state / other	Whitfield County, Dalton, Georgia	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would very much like to see the Reservoir and Dam kept intact and maintained.		The fish, aquatic plants, alligator, and bird habitat that will be lost if the Dam is removed is staggering in terms of area. I've fished from Florida to Alaska, and there is nothing else quite like Rodman Reservoir anywhere else in our great Nation.	Loss of recreational use and the resulting economic impact for an area that is already reeling from Covid-19 impacts on tourism.	Demolishing the Dam doesn't really leave any happy mediums.	
10/19/2021 15:01	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Restoration		Wildlife	Death of wildlife and ecosystem	Depends	
10/19/2021 15:03	Alachua		No	No				I would like to see the dam removed to free the Ocklawaha River.		The environmental impact of the dam on the natural flow of the river is getting worse and worse. If kept, the dam needs much repair and the money would be better spent to remove it.	The river and the wildlife it supports would slowly die off.	No	
10/19/2021 15:14	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore as much of the habitat as feasible, including the historic Ocklawaha.		The dam's purpose never came to fruition and it has simply become an impediment to wildlife and ecotourism. The dam is well beyond its life expectancy and will require millions of dollars in repairs. Additionally, the dam will have to be brought up to current requirements which will cost even more money. The water quality is frequently unacceptable requiring pivoting of scheduled events. There are 50 plus springs that would be restored helping wildlife and human alike. The 2001 final environmental impact statement outlined the way forward and the opportunity to finally move forward is upon us. With the lower Ocklawaha receiving additional flow, tourism will increase.	Wasting money on repairs to a purposeless dam to bring it into compliance. Continued water quality degradation, killing wildlife and making the area less usable/desirable for human enjoyment. Loss of ecotourism dollars.	No, the 1976 congressional deauthorization request should have paved the way but we now have an unprecedented opportunity to move this long overdue restoration forward.	At the Daytona Beach Museum of Arts and Sciences, I absolutely love the Saturday Evening Post's Ocklawaha black prints and various oil and water colors depicting old Florida and the principle mode of transportation in long ago Florida!
10/19/2021 15:16	Volusia		No	No					Please restore the natural flow		Thank you to the articles published in Florida Phoenix and Daytona Beach News Journal	An irreversible loss of habitat.		
10/19/2021 15:16	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing	Remain		fishing industry	lose best fishing in sounding area	no	
10/19/2021 15:21	Outside of state / other	Richmond, VA	No	No					For the dam to be breached or removed entirely.		The ecosystem has been separated for far too long and the natural flows of the river should be restored to their natural state. Fish and manatees need to be able to complete their migration patterns and are unable to do so with the dam as an obstacle.	We will have more species on the endagered species list and	Breaching the dam.	
10/19/2021 15:24	Outside of state / other	CO	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam		Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 15:24	Outside of state / other	Stanardsville, VA	No	No					I believe that the Kirkpatrick Dam much be breached in order to restore the Ocklawaha River that is critical habitat to manatees.		The restoration of the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees who desperately need it for their survival. In addition, more than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor would be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. These animals need this habitat more than we need a dam.	The death of hundreds of manatees who depend on the warm waters during the winter months for their survival. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to negatively impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. this dam should have been breached a long time ago, and time matters to the survival of precious wildlife.	I care deeply about Florida's environment, and I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the absolute heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to protect a bright future for Florida's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 15:26	Outside of state / other	Portsmouth, NH	No	No					You need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.		Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No, there is no half-way action when it comes to dams. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Do the right thing and restore the natural habitat for so many species. What's good for them is also good for humans.
10/19/2021 15:28	Bradford		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is. Maintain the lake as needed to control the grass.		Water quality as it leaves the reservoir.	Florida will loose a valuable asset. To both locals as well as visitors.	Make Rodman a state park. Improve the boat ramp and parking lot.	
10/19/2021 15:33	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	Breach the dam & restore the Oklawaha to its natural flow.		The dam serves no useful purpose, floods natural habitat & restricts movement of manatees & other water wildlife. The dam is costly to maintain & could fail.	The Oklawaha will not be able to flow freely and naturally.	Either the dam stays or goes. I don't see any other scenarios.	I've paddled both sides of the dam. The dam is an obstruction that restricts many river activities that could be available to everyone if it were gone.
10/19/2021 15:35	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Return to natural free flowing rivers and estuaries. Science supports preserving our natural waterways by removing man made obstacles to nature.		SCIENCE	Continued degradation of the natural status of all wildlife in the St John's / Ocklawaha river estuaries and wetlands.	A bridge that would allow boat and wildlife free flowing access without human intervention.	
10/19/2021 15:35	Orange		No	No										
10/19/2021 15:40	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	remove the damn and restore the Ocklawaha River		loss of native Florida lands and springs	loss of true florida	open the flood gates to allow the lake to drain	
10/19/2021 15:41	Hernando		No	No					Breach the dam and let the water flow naturally.		There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4.14 Million in dam repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No! This project is way over due!	60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 15:43	Sarasota		No	No										
10/19/2021 15:43	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Keep it as it. It's an amazing area full of fish and wildlife. Incredible ecosystem as it is. It produces better water quality, more fish, more wildlife and recreation.		All of the facts and studies performed on the water quality. My experience on the lake and river below show that there are tons more fish and Wildlife on the lake.	Losing the lake would destroy the fishery, kill animals, remove recreation and remove loyal local businesses. Get on a boat on a Saturday, done around and talk to people and you'll know for yourselves.	No. Keep the lake and dam/lock operational.	Please visit the lake and get on a boat and see for yourselves. Study the water quality facts. See the wildlife. It's a blessing to have and a mistake to destroy.

10/19/2021 15:47	Outside of state / other	Virginia (VA)	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also, Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for Florida's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.
10/19/2021 15:49	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it how it is ... our river has had enough destruction and repair to last 3 lifetimes ... should be more concerned with all the dredging in jax for larger container ships bringing more pollution amd more erosion	No more destruction and rebuilding	Waiting years and years for the area to repair itself	Hydroelectric dam to help support nearby areas w power	
10/19/2021 15:49	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	restore the natural flow	all	lack of concern by public	no	
10/19/2021 15:54	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					Remove the dam and restore the river and wetlands	The river and wetlands are necessary for manatees and other wildlife and native plants to survive.	Manatees will go extinct and additional animals will become endangered. The river/wetlands restoration will protect against flooding	NO	
10/19/2021 15:55	Broward		No	No					Please restore the Great Florida Riverway for the manatees and othe Florida wildlife by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat. Thank you.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Losing the decades long struggle to save the manatees from extinction.	Not to my knowledge.	
10/19/2021 15:56	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	No					Restoration to restore habitat!	Loss of habitat-decrease in food supply.	Stabilize the population where possible	Do what you can-where you can!	
10/19/2021 15:58	Outside of state / other	District of Columbia	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	restoration of the Reservoir will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. In addition, a large number of acres in the Florida wildlife reservoir will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor. And manatees won't have access to manatees of essential warm water for their winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a visitor to Florida, I care greatly about Florida's wildlife and their habitat. Please ensure a bright future for Florida's people and wildlife.
10/19/2021 16:17	Miami-Dade		No	No					Removing the dam and restoring free flow of the river. I just returned from a long extensive tour of central Florida, remaining fragmented scrub habitat and piloted a boat for 3 days up and down the St. Johns River and wildlife refuge adjacent. It was magnificent in it's wildlife, and absolutely appalling in its lack of protection and polluted waters and sewage pouring into it. Also visited Manatee areas and the accelerating death of that iconic species is an indication of an abject lack of waterway protection in this state.	Restoration of a flowing river that will help save Manatees, an iconic Florida beloved animal on the brink of extinction.	Manatee loss of an essential expanded habitat and accelerated death leading to extinction as power plant effluent becomes diminished.	No.	Florida waters are becoming so damaged and polluted that they will not support aquatic life and will not recharge aquifers with drinkable water to support a growing population. Free flowing river systems oxygenate and clean waters, provide habitat and on balance, are vastly more valuable economically to this state for tourism and environmental amenities than a questionable reservoir that has so greatly damaged this river.
10/19/2021 16:20	Duval		No	No					I feel the dam must be made either sustainable or unable to pollute the Environent. The manatees are a HUGE part of the Florida ecosystem and a priceless part of our culture. These gentle sea cows are beautiful and useful in maintaining waterways.	The majority of natural springs which foster their winter grounds.	The decimation of a species .	Yes, but pollution must be stopped!	
10/19/2021 16:22	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					Breach the dam so water can flow into the Ocklawaha River.	To keep manatees and wildlife alive!	The extinction of several species	Is there a different way to give manatees and other wildlife the warmth and food they need to survive the winter? Come on...let it flow	When are people going to realize that we are all connected to....well, everything? We cannot lose a whole species without losing a part of ourselves (no matter how woo woo that sounds)
10/19/2021 16:24	Hillsborough		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave this beautiful area as is.	We own a house on the lake and have for 13 years.	All the wildlife will be gone.	no	
10/19/2021 16:25	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 16:28	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 16:30	Outside of state / other		No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 16:30	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 16:33	Outside of state / other		No	No					Save & protect all animals	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, which, if restored, could provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the winter. Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	Manatee & wildlife deaths and/or harm or suffering		
10/19/2021 16:36	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Wanted to see it to know what exactly it looked like and what it did	I'd like to see it breached/removed.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Truly- there is no legitimate reason to keep this dam in place.	No. Breaching/destruction of the dam is the only feasible outcome in this situation	I am a sixth-generation Floridian. My children are 7th. I grew up in Marion County where I enjoyed a childhood full of visits to all of the Springs. I spent my teenage years on Lake Weir, where my parents still live. I'd like to see the natural Florida I love around for my young children and their children to enjoy! So little is left of a truly wild Florida. Here in the central and northern part of the state, we have the opportunity with this project to restore some of our lost wilderness and prevent the outrageous destruction of nature seen in South Florida. The data on the breaching of the Rodman Dam speaks for itself- the money is available for the project and the benefit for the natural world- which also equates to benefits for we humans is truly immeasurable. Please carry out this project!!!! As someone whose family traces its roots back to the early settlers in this State, I take great pride in the beauty that is Florida. I'd like to see that beauty preserved and protected for future generations. Thank you for your consideration. Kate Houston, descendant of the Alderman and Rauleson clans: cattlemen, orange grove owners, Crackers,
10/19/2021 16:39	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	Removal of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. The best opportunity to do this is now. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat).	No	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Springs are inland Florida's most unique natural resource and their natural flow should be restored wherever possible.
10/19/2021 16:46	Palm Beach		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it.	Restore natural habitats.	Manatee deaths.	No.	
10/19/2021 16:47	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Picnicing with grand and great grandchildren.	Maintained and kept open for boats and fishermen.		Restoring it to what it was,will be one ugly sight.		

10/19/2021 16:49	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	We should keep Rodman Reservoir and the Kirkpatrick Dam	Scientific studies have shown the ecological impact on the wildlife that inhabit the reservoir and surrounding area would be devastating if the dam was removed. It would also require the removal of another dam to have any chance of restoring the river--without that other dam's removal, things would be a mess. The economic impact on the area by removing the reservoir would also be a calamity	Loss of wildlife habitat, loss of the economic benefits, loss of tourism, loss of one of the best recreational fishing resources in the entire state that is also nationally recognized.	No	
10/19/2021 16:49	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation.
10/19/2021 16:51	Outside of state / other	New York	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick dam.	This: Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	More loss. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.	No. It's already a half century overdue	
10/19/2021 16:57	Marion		Yes	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	I would like to see the Dam left in place.	The lake supports so much wildlife and is the lifeline to the professional and recreational fishing industry in our area which I am a part of. It is also a manatee sanctuary and what sense would it make to do away with it.	The fishing and boating industry would be dealt a fatal blow if the Dam were removed and the lake was gone. Plus where would all the wildlife that call it gone go?	No. The lake needs to be retained.	My name is Lynn Phillips and my family and I own one of the largest boat dealerships in Florida. Located in Ocala. Without Lake Ocklawaha and the Dam that creates it, there would be a massive hit to the fishing, tourism and boating industries in our part of the state. The economic impact of the Dam being removed would be extremely harmful.
10/19/2021 16:57	Pinellas		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other: I have property down stream from the Dam. I have fished the river for over 40 years	I am in favor of removing the dam. The water levels down stream are so erratic and causes more trees to fall	I won 20 acres of land on the river and have seen it stressed over the last 40 years	The river looking is natural beauty and clearness. It is limiting the fish population	Improve the dam to have a through way for normal travel of fish and manatees etc.	The would barge canal project has caused disruption of natural land and displaced people from land that was owned for years by families. Springs are covered up and grass has grown where it never did. Even if the river was rerouted to use the dam opening as the water outlet and keep the straight section it would be a great improvement and still provide a recreation are that many enjoy.
10/19/2021 16:57	Outside of state / other	Claremont, N.H.	No	No					Damn the Dam! Let the river be FREE!	What it will do to the Environment & the Economic Impact!	Too much environmental destruction!	No.	
10/19/2021 17:02	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	If Rodman is taken down then the manatees and other wildlife will have to relocate when we have another drought , because the headwaters of the Ocklawaha is a Dam and it would be up to Marion counties discretion to either drain their lakes to feed the Ocklawaha or keep the gates shut ! They have already proven in the past that they are going to keep their lakes full and starve the Ocklawaha	If Rodman is removed then the manatees that inhabit these waterways will have to try and rely on the St. John's River that the FWC and the spray communist have destroyed as far south and north as the river runs ! Depleting almost all of the vegetation that these animals are dependent on . Rodman has a smorgasbord of vegetation for these animals to eat and if it is destroyed all of their food will be gone	Just leave it be	
10/19/2021 17:02	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Springs are restored	Survival of the springs and wildlife	Need to breach the dam. Period	
10/19/2021 17:02	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	Status and trends of dam removal research in the US Volume 4 March/April 2017 Ryan Bellmore plus	species and balance would be lost forever	A long term committed and funded plan	Please think of seven generations
10/19/2021 17:03	Duval		No	No					For it to come down & it's water flow slowly returned, so that the natural flow can be returned to river communities.	The rising salinity levels, algae blooms, and decrease of important aquatic plants & animals in the St John's River	Continued degradation of the St John's and it's estuaries and subsequent communities	Nope	
10/19/2021 17:05	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Other: I own Miller's Boating Center and Rodman is such an important factor in my business	Rodman Dam and the lake need to be retained.	My name is Jeff Miller and I own Miller's Boating Center in Ocala, FL. We have one of the largest boat dealerships in the state. Rodman is basically the cornerstone of the professional, recreational, tournament angling, waterfowl hunting and boating industries in our region. The St. John's and Lake George have fallen on hard times. The other major draw to this area is Orange Lake which goes dry from time to time. So Rodman is the lifeline for the tournament anglers, professional guides, etc in our area. It's the one constant. It is absolutely crucial to our industry here and a huge national draw also.	That the fishing and boating industry would be dealt a fatal blow.	No	
10/19/2021 17:10	Baker		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is	Enjoyment	Loss of habitat	No	
10/19/2021 17:12	Marion		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting	Leave the dam in place	I work for a business that relies on all the fisherman that use Rodman. It is the one stable body of water when all the other areas are facing water level or water quality issues. It's so important to the tournament guys and guides that use our business. Where would all the wildlife go if that lake was drained? It doesn't make sense to disturb nature again here.	That our business is severely hurt and all the wildlife being handed a death sentence.	No way	My name is Brandon Phillips and I am the service manager here at Miller's Boating Center here in Ocala/Marion County.
10/19/2021 17:13	Duval		No	Yes	1 time			Boating Wildlife viewing Other: don't care to use it in its present state	Take it down and restore this beautiful piece of Florida to return to its natural state so we can show it to our northern visitors	It's a financial boondoggle that can be rectified with big positive cash flow in a short period of time and thereafter helping the local communities in the future	Peeing away taxpayer money year after year and not improving the quality and quantity of fresh water flowing into the St Johns river	No. Breeching is 50 years overdue after Washington stopped the ill-fated project of the Cross Florida Barge Canal. Wildlife habitat, safety, and water quality/quantity need this dam to go away ASAP.	The once-great Silver Springs economic future is dependent on visitors seeing all the fish and manatees that they used to enjoy before the lock and dam were installed. This will give us boaters a chance to show our northern friends what beautiful natural Florida looks like; maybe travel all the way from the St Johns up to the Lake Harris Chain of lakes. We can only dream.....! Thanks for considering this important undertaking.
10/19/2021 17:18	Outside of state / other	Bluffton, SC	No	No					Breach the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year. The greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	Extinction of the spicies	An alternative to providing acess to warm water habitats for Manatees.	
10/19/2021 17:18	Marion		Yes	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I	I would like to see Rodman Reservoir and the Dam retained.	My name is Larry and I am a salesman at Miller's boating in Ocala. Rodman is so important to our industry as it is the one stable environment that all of the tournament anglers, fisherman and duck hunters use in this area and what drives a huge portion of our boat sales here at Miller's. Without the stability that Rodman provides the fishing industry here would most likely collapse. There are so many people that rely on the lake for income whether it be boat dealerships, guides, commercial fishermen, tackle stores, restaurants, hotel, etc, etc that it's loss would be unreplaceable.	The fishing industry's collapse and all the people's livelihoods lost.	No	
10/19/2021 17:18	Duval		No	No						Freeing up the St Johns to flow	St Johns River and Silver Spring would be destroyed	No	
10/19/2021 17:23	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I want the dam left as is!	I am a fishing guide who just got his Captain's license and this will be how I support my family. It's a world class fishing lake and draws people from all over. It's been there 50 plus years and how can people even consider destroying that ecosystem now?	I'd have no job and the displacement of all the animals. It would be an eye sore for decades.	Not at all !	My name is Tim Ricks and I am a just starting fishing guide. I just got my Captain's license and am starting a business to take people fishing in Rodman
10/19/2021 17:24	Citrus		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Loss of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Further water quality decline, millions in cost to maintain the dam	No, This is 50 years overdue. Ecosystems, water quality, and wildlife hang in the balance	
10/19/2021 17:28	Putnam		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Other: Own a boat dealership and service shop	Leave the dam alone	My name is G. Scott Smith and I own S & A Leisure in Welaka, FL. My business is dependent on the local guides, tourney anglers, recreational fisherman in this area. Without that lake business would be tough. Where would all the manatee go?	Massive blow to my business and more starving manatee. According to the lock tenders over 700 manatee have come into Rodman looking for food	No	
10/19/2021 17:30	Outside of state / other	MI	No	No									I have visited Florida and been able to see Manatees in the wild. They are such sweet gentle creatures. If only people were the same. What is good for the animals, is good for humans, too. I wish more people would recognize that.
10/19/2021 17:33	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 17:33	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the reservoir left in place	I fish and boat on the lake many times a month and also work for and am the parts manager at Big Boys Pkay Toys here in Palatka. It's so very vital to our business and the local economic my. Plus it's a wildlife haven. I've seen so many manatee there this year.	A huge loss to my workplace and a huge blow to our local economy and the loss of so much habitat. There are more animals now that are living on the lake than would be here if it were gone!	No	My name is Alex C. and I am the parts manager at our boat dealership here in Palatka
10/19/2021 17:34	Clay		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Leave it as is	Nothing wrong with it as is. This would create an irreversible mess if drained. Rodman is a habitat for many species that would not survive if drained.	The same Manatees that the FWC claims to protect they are starving to death because they spray chemicals unnecessarily. What little vegetation is left for them to eat is being poisoned therefor they have nothing but poisoned vegetation	No	Stop trying this garbage
10/19/2021 17:36	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No					removed	too many dams causing too much environmental disruption such as interfering with salmon lifecycles.	a are compromised local environment	probably not	
10/19/2021 17:39	Outside of state / other	St Paul , MN	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 17:42	Putnam		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the lake and the dam stay in place!	My name is Rodney and I am the owner of Big Boys Pkay Toys here in Palatka. The lake is crucial to my business. It is a staple of my industry and is healthy at a time when so much of the waterways in our area aren't. If it were gone it might be the end of the industry in our area. We were one known as the bass capital of the world. But with the algae blooms and all the grass being gone in Lake George and the St John's if Rodman were gone it would pretty much be the end of what draws to and drives so much of our business. Not to mention all the additional nutrients that would be getting cleared before it enters the St. John's . It would make a potentially bad situation even worse. KEEP RODMAN DAM INTACT	Massive loss of business. Decreased water quality. Loss of a way of life	No	
10/19/2021 17:43	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	implement the fully reviewed DEP plan for partial restoration	Increased manatee habitat	no improvement for wildlife corridors, as desired by the legislature. Also continued herbicide spraying degrading the environment	I don't even really understand your question. Poke a hole in the dam? either it stays, or it goes. There's pretty compelling arguments for it to go.	
10/19/2021 17:44	Indian River		Yes	No									
10/19/2021 17:45	Outside of state / other	Austin, Texas	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	• Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/19/2021 17:46	Putnam		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it just as it is	It's a thriving ecosystem and I work for a business that gets a lot of our income from boat sales related to the lake and supplies for the people that use it. My name is Jason H and I am the rigging manager at my dealership.	A huge portion of our business would be gone and a beautiful lake would be destroyed. The people that want it done either have never seen it or are being lied to.	No	
10/19/2021 17:47	Santa Rosa		No	No					Make it go away. Let our waters flow!	Past history of diverting water flow in Florida has never been a good idea.	Continued degradation of our still beautiful and unique State of Florida	I suppose anything toward allowing the water to go where it wants to go is helpful but Mother Nature knows best.	In the movie Out Of Africa, the character Baroness Blixsen, after her homemade dam broke said "let it go, this water lives in Mombasa anyway." Hmmm...listen up, Florida. Also, our time for environmental corrections is at 11:46...could we hurry this up?
10/19/2021 17:53	Putnam		Yes	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Rodman Dam need to stay in place	My name is s Kristin Hedstrom and my family owns Sunrise Marine here in Palatka, FL. Rodman Reservoir is vital to our business. We live in an area that is low income and Rodman is a national attraction. It provides an influx of money into our area through tourism and the marine and fishing industries. Without it there would be no fishing industry here.	One more loss to the economy of this area and to our business.	No	
10/19/2021 17:58	Citrus		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River in its historic channel.	The Reservoir has low biological value outside of fishing and is unsconomical to maintain.	The reservoir becomes eutrophic, fishing collapses, the dam fails, and the reservoir becomes a mudhole filled with invasive vegetation.	A stepped irreversible drawdown of the reservoir is not a bad outcome.	There is no purpose in maintaining this vestige of the Cross Florida Barge Canal.
10/19/2021 18:13	Outside of state / other	Gaseopia	No	Yes					Fishing	Nothing. Continue management as is.	Great fishing location.	Loss of a unique environment for wildlife and recreation.	No. Don't change it.
10/19/2021 18:17	Clay		No	No						Dam removed		Poor water quality	No
10/19/2021 18:30	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Every day the dam is in place, harm is inflicted to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The amount of money blown on this scam at this time with all our economic and health problems.		
10/19/2021 18:33	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	leave it as is.	It is a World renowned tourist attraction, fisherman comes from far away states just to fish Rodman.	Loss of a tremendous attraction to Florida.	None come to mind.	We have miles and miles of river flowing into Rodman, those who want the river as it was has that already. Those who want the pool should have theirs as well. A win win.
10/19/2021 18:35	Lake		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by removing the dam.	Natural environment for animals, plants and human interaction.	Green way North South for wildlife.	Make a hole in the dam so that the river could flow to the St. Johns via its natural route.	
10/19/2021 18:38	Broward		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	Environmental and economic benefits which would result from the restoration.			
10/19/2021 18:40	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the natural habitat restored.	Understanding the negative history that multiple dams and water projects have had on the florida environment.	That florida wildlife will not regain more living space.	No.	Please tear down this dam.
10/19/2021 18:44	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River and get rid of the dam.	Manatee, and other Florida wildlife, are treasures of our state, and the dam is harming their habitat.	Every day that passes is a day that ecosystems are more deeply damaged by the dam.	No. A drawdown of the reservoir will not provide significant environmental benefits.	Manatees are dying rapidly, and more die-offs will keep happening if we don't allow them access to warm winter habits. the Ocklawaha's springs and Silver Springs. Please do the right thing for them and for everyone who loves the natural beauty of Florida!
10/19/2021 18:48	Clay		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a life long Floridian and outdoors enthusiast I cannot see any benefit to keeping the dam. As a state we have continuously destroyed our ecosystem over the past century all to our detriment. Let's put it all back the way it was. Thank you.
10/19/2021 18:48	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see that area restored to its' natural "beauty".				

10/19/2021 18:52	Lee		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. Economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida demonstrates the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers and boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, and annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been on a downward trend since records began in 2004 as water quality and fish production have continued to decline year after year.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/19/2021 18:55	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam that should have been taken down when the Cross Florida Barge Canal was stopped.	About 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor would be restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	A storm event could trigger a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages, or taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	If the dam can not be totally removed, breaching the dam as is done during drawdowns would be the next best scenario.	
10/19/2021 18:57	Duval		No	No					Breach the existing dam. Drain the Rodman reservoir.	This will restore the Ocklawaha River. This will bring well documented environmental recreational, and economic benefits. Not only will the Ocklawaha River restoration experience a broad range of benefits, but also provide significant improvements to the St Joe's and Silver Rivers.	It's the will of the people. Time has come to take action for positive change to save wild Florida.	No	
10/19/2021 19:00	Palm Beach		No	No					Fix dam removed	The natural environment not a man made environment	Loss of habitat to support wildlife	No	
10/19/2021 19:01	Outside of state / other	United States	No	No					I would like to see it move forward with little or no environmental impact.	The need to combat climate change!!	That the impact would be something bad or detrimental!!	No	
10/19/2021 19:03	Duval		No	No					Return to its natural flow	A restored watershed of Florida will not only preserve our natural economy but will leave a legacy to future generations to enjoy nature. Enough destruction. Time for preservation and restoration of what's left from our beautiful and unique State.	Loss of the natural flow of our State's watershed which is completely disfunctional because of human intervention. Protect the acuifer and the watershed.	No	Restore Florida in every way you can. Act now.
10/19/2021 19:04	Lake		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	The environment	Further damage to the environment		
10/19/2021 19:05	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Knock the damn dam down!	the reservoir is an ecological wasteland	further buildup of nutrients leading to complete filling in of the reservoir with invasives	stop pouring pesticides into the beleaguered reservoir	
10/19/2021 19:05	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration for wildlife to be the main goal.	Extinction. We need to turn the corner and change policy to prevent the loss of Flora and Fauna native to Florida.	We do not have the luxury of failing. We are at a crisis point and if we don't provide a desired outcome we will loose as a society and extinction will quicken.	I don't see any alternative but doing what is best for the Flora and Fauna. Businesses can make big money with the change. It will just be a different kind of business.	Just do it!
10/19/2021 19:08	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 19:10	Outside of state / other	St. Louis, MO	No	No					Please restore manatee habitat. Thank you.	Too many manatees are dying because of a food shortage for them due to over fishing & a change for the worse in their ecosystem.	Manatees would become extinct.	No, not really.	Kindly do the right thing for manatees in Florida.
10/19/2021 19:11	Seminole		No	No					Breach the dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is crucial to the survival of the manatee.	Further suffering and death of manatees.	No.	
10/19/2021 19:12	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Other	get rid of the dam	allows more folk access to the area rather than just a few		no	
10/19/2021 19:14	Duval		No	No				Other: In the '80s as a tourist, to learn what it was	Remove the dam, clean out the silt filled reservoir and let a free-flowing Ocklawaha River resume its flow. unhindered.	We're finally learning - and making changes to restore - the natural flows of river and streams to recover the essential environment required for animals, plants and humans. Do we have to lose more species to turn the lights on? Is it reasonable to spend taxpayer dollars to maintain an artificial ecosystem around the dam that is harmful to plants and animals AND also contaminates the water? Why are special interest groups still blocking the river's restoration when numerous Florida agencies are on record since 1971 to remove the dam?	Florida will continue to destroy the natural areas and wildlife that created this unique state. AND our children and grandchildren will be paying for the destruction.	No. This cannot just be partially done. It is overdue by 50+ years. It is time to fix stupid.	I'm in my late 70's. I grew up in N Florida and clearly remember excursions into central and south Florida to visit special places. My children were born in the 70's and even then Silver Springs was depressing. Grandchildren "visit" Disneyworld. Jacksonville is undertaking an urban trail system the "Emerald Trail". It will restore several creeks that empty into the St. Johns and relieve flooding problems decades old. It can be done.
10/19/2021 19:18	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: jeep riding	I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam preserved for the benefit all of people and wildlife that enjoy it now.	Land owner, life-long participant of outdoor activities on and around the reservoir, family enjoyment, and ecological preservation.	Loss of natural beauty surrounding the reservoir and loss of a way of life for thousands of people who enjoy the area.	Not that I am aware of at this point	Save Rodman Reservoir
10/19/2021 19:20	Hernando		No	No					Remove the dam and allow the river to return to a natural flow	Dams in general disrupt ecosystems. From everything I have read the Kirkpatrick Dam is no different.	Continued deterioration of the existing ecosystem	Removing the dam would meet that description. No one can be absolutely certain of the outcome once the dam is removed. There is a lot of unknowns that hopefully will be mentioned and measured and used to help to inform policy makers in the future.	Sometimes mitigation is a blessing, others times a curse. We need to collect the data needed to take a better look at the problem.
10/19/2021 19:20	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the dam REMOVED.	Natural Florida needs to be restored to support native plants and wildlife. This is a rare opportunity to correct an engineering mistake.	I am deeply saddened by the loss of the Florida I used to know. I am concerned that spending 3 million dollars to fix the dam would be a waste of money.	I can't think of any.	
10/19/2021 19:21	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 19:25	Broward		No	No					I would like to see the damaged Rodman Reservoir.Kirkpatrick Dam demolished to allow the water to flow naturally to the river. The damaged and would take a lot of tax payer dollars to repair though this dam also prevents manatees and other fish to enter the reservoir area and prevents the natural flow of the water.	To allow the natural flow of the water and ecosystems to hopefully return to the area and the damaged area cleaned up instead of damming it up.	Whether an environmental impact study report was done before building the dam and creating the reservoir? What is the environmental impact study report reads now and ecosystem?	What the options? Repair the Reservoir/dam: Cost to tax payers? Demolish the dam, remove pieces of the dam responsibly and allow the natural flow of the water return to the river and hopefully ecosystems will be restored prior to the dam installation.	Thank you for this opportunity to speak regarding the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam.
10/19/2021 19:29	Highlands		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	open up the navigation of oklawaha to st johns	restore to prior original situs	continued drowning of the original river and spring system	make a start and commit funds for completion	
10/19/2021 19:31	Sumter		No	No					Breach the dam for a free- flowing Ocklawaha.	Significant environmental improvement would occur from restoration to the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns rivers. Manatees would regain open access to the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs.	Downstream from the dam businesses and residents would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam. Environmental bene fits to flora and fauna that would result from restoration would not be possible.	No compromise would result in the ecological and economic benefits of breaching the dam.	
10/19/2021 19:33	Outside of state / other	Chula Vista, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Also, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Also, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to many stakeholders and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 19:42	Outside of state / other	Maine	No	No									
10/19/2021 19:44	Polk		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Manatee viewing	Stay the same. It is a great clean water source for Florida residents and visitors. Great location for fishing since the water is so pure. No chemicals are needed to control the weeds. Great recreation for residents and visitors.	Clean water source with NO pollution. No chemicals needed. Central location for Florida residents to use. Good food source for all economic residents.	Loss of potable water. Loss of food with healthy protein source. We have been visiting this area for so many years.	I really want to keep this reservoir available for use for anyone who wants to. Great clean water, good fishing. Great location for camping andwildlife viewing. We get to see manatees up close, alligators, bears and deer at water edge. So many people use the water at the dam for fishing and picnicing. This is a beautiful area. We have seen more than a hundred people fishing and enjoying the dam area, catching healthy fish to feed their families.	This clean water would just be wasted by going out into thr ocean instead of being utilized as drinkable water for surrounding counties. Make a state run park out of the dam and reservoir and put in more state run campgrounds. Change fees so the State of Florida can let it pay for itself. I have loved this part of Florida all my life, especially with my family.
10/19/2021 19:46	Manatee		No	No									
10/19/2021 19:48	Miami-Dade		No	No					Removal of the dam and restoration of the rivers to their historical flows				
10/19/2021 19:51	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					No further water restrictions.	Science and Manatee protection	That Manatees would die.	That Environmental experts are involved.	
10/19/2021 19:52	Volusia		No	No					Breach the dam and execute the recovery plan. And limit the amount of tax dollars spent doing so.	Since the canal was never completed and it will not be completed, the obsolete structures associated with earlier attempts should be breached to allow the original environment to return.	My biggest concern would be the need to spend more dollars on the structures to make them safe.	Certainly. The dam must be breached and the original water flow restored.	
10/19/2021 19:53	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	1 time			Remove the dam and drain the reservoir	The conservation arguments that make that make the case that the dam and reservoir obstruct the long term health of the river and watershed		Speculative	
10/19/2021 19:56	Volusia		No	No					Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would benefit from breaching the dam. Also there has been a 92% decline in fish populations in Silver Springs. Restoring the migratory routes will help with the fish population improving the health of Silver Springs.	Millions of tax payers dollars spent to repair the dam. Not to mention this has been a rough year for manatees. Not breaching the dam keeps them from essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue.	2021 has been a deadly year for the manatee. They need their natural habitat restored for long term benefits. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 19:56	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam	Wildlife, water quality and conservation	Poor water quality, poor conservation	Let the dam go	
10/19/2021 19:57	Brevard		No	No					I think it would be a tragedy to spend millions of hard earned tax dollars to repair a dam for a cross state barge canal that is never going to happen at this point. We have an incredible opportunity to allow for a mistake to be rectified and to create an incredible additional of natural beauty to our great state.	The big things that all seem incredibly positive to me is the fact that the dam can become a surplus of income for our state through increased eco-tourism rather than costing somewhere between 3 and 5 million dollars to be used a very small portion of the population. The idea that thousands of acres of submerged land and aquatic plant life could come back once the water level subside where it's been forced with the dam. The fact that manatees and all types of fishing life would have access to this area again, which in itself should be enough to make this happen.	My biggest concern is that instead of creating a surplus of economic stimulus over the next decade for our state, money that could be turned around to be used to provide other positive environmental benefits to our state without any increase in taxes, we would instead have to waste millions of dollars to repair something that has no actual benefit.	No, I do not see any partial measure that would even make sense. You can't halfway repair the damn, so we either are forced to waste millions of dollars on something that shouldn't be there, or we finally create something that will make our gorgeous state even more gorgeous.	I really appreciate the fact you all are taking the time to ask the citizens are thoughts on this, I really hope to hear that the breaching of the dam is something that will be occurring in the very near future!
10/19/2021 19:59	Lee		No	No									
10/19/2021 20:01	Alachua		No	No					I would love to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached to allow for the full restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River most particularly to allow for restoration of nature, including the access that Manatees would regain from the warm water habitats.	There are many! e.g. the approximately $14 Million that would be saved in dam repairs. If the dams failed, even with repairs (highly possible given climate change), the damage to homes and cost to the economy would be considerable, and their are many tourism benefits, and benefits to nature.	There would be considerable sums of money spent on a failing dam, with the risk of continuing failure, and continuing damage to wildlife.	No, the dam is a disaster waiting to happen. Breaching it would provide a sustainable and economically viable solution.	
10/19/2021 20:05	Outside of state / other	Kent WA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Manatees will suffer.		
10/19/2021 20:12	Outside of state / other	LA California	No	No					Take the dam down, restore the ecosystem	All the animals will be in a better position to survive especially the manatees, they need the warm water to survive.	The ecosystem will not support the animals that depend on it.	No.	
10/19/2021 20:12	Orange		No	No					I believe that is breaching the dam can restore a historic natural flow of water that only ceased by intervention of industry would be the most beneficial solution to protecting and preserving the bedrock of Florida to future generations.	The Kissimmee river restoration project that begins to restore the regenerative watershed, one of the nations largest, that south Florida had been before an epoch was suddenly paused for the sake of grazing land in a manner note sustainable for future generations.	Florida would continue to corrode with further poisoning of water from habits that are corrosive to long-term existence for the benefit of temporary and short term gains.	The scenario seems like a did or didn't achieve outcome with any "middle ground" being a scapegoat for failure to achieve the outcome desired by the majority.	It is my hope that the conversation can lean more on how to properly allow for the reintroduction of previous labelled to prairie land and away from keeping a few boat ramps running. Florida is overflowing with boat ramps and water areas. This can allow for more land to become habitat for our wildlife that is losing habitat daily and add to the wildlife corridor.
10/19/2021 20:13	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the dam. restore flow of Ocklawaha river	The damage that the dam has done to Florida's springs	Environmental degradation.	No	
10/19/2021 20:14	Duval		No	No					Remove dam and permit free flow of the various rivers.	The fact that the St Johns River has been negatively impacted by the damming of the Oklawaha.	The continued decline of the St Johns River.	not really	
10/19/2021 20:15	Sarasota		No	No					I'd like them gone and the river restored.			No	
10/19/2021 20:18	Seminole		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 20:21	Outside of state / other	GA	No	No					Please protect the manatees. There are so few left.	Protecting the manatees.	Manatees and other wildlife going extinct. Manatees are endangered bow.	Set aside this area for the 30/30 and give rent manatees a home. Stop motorized boats and jet skiing in this area so the manatees will not be hurt. Canoeing and kayaking would be okay. Make it a haven for wildlife. There also so few places in Florida these days that are of refuge for animals and people.	
10/19/2021 20:22	Miami-Dade		No	No					Breach it to restore water flow to natural areas.	Native plants need to be nurtured and preserved in the affected area.			
10/19/2021 20:23	Leon		No	No					Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.	Wildlife & habitats gone for good. PEOPLE ARE DESTROYING HABITATS VITAL FOR WILDLIFE	Nope	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway by breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic. It is time to save the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs.
10/19/2021 20:23	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Let the river flow again	Remembering the way it was before the dam seeing pics of the steam boats on the river the beautiful river before	Loss of history of the river and water habitat	No	It was so sad that politics ruined the river and habitat and all that went with it like it wasn't important
10/19/2021 20:31	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating	Get rid of the dam the fishing in the river is just as good as rodman	Fish below the dam and there is great hus fishing if the dam is removed the fishing is still good and we have a truly free flowing river system	I will still fish but will always be disappointed people have not done the right think the dam is stupid buss are on both sides	No remove the stupid dam like we have done all over this country and let the water flow free	I fish the ocklawaha below the dam every week end and catch bass and bream just like they do in Rodman I think the fishing and use of the river will just get better
10/19/2021 20:31	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Dismantle and allow the Ocklawaha River to flow back into its natural state.	The simple fact that given the chance, ecosystems that have been disrupted can be allowed to return to their natural state and flourish.	That the natural beauty of the area and its hidden springs will never be experienced by future generations. I'm old enough to remember pre-Rodman years.	No.	Thank you.

10/19/2021 20:36	Volusia		No	No					Restore back to its original state with no dam.	The adverse affect on the area	Contonsation of the original issues without resolve. Why spend unnecessary funds on a project that was never used as intended. We have water shortage issues. Breaching the dam would help resolve the problem with additional water flow. Utilizing funds more appropriately and in the process create a win-win situation.	No, why continue putting money into a Project that was never implemented when other excellent solutions to existing critical issues can be better served spending less money.	
10/19/2021 20:38	Marion		No	No									
10/19/2021 20:43	Palm Beach		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees, an iconic species integral for the health and survival of the ecosystem at large. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future when record numbers have already starved and died, setting off a chain reaction in the environment and imperiling the species that makes waters in balance. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 20:49	Collier		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.				
10/19/2021 20:49	Sumter		No	No					Restore natural water flows	PMPS	Loss of native plant diversity		
10/19/2021 20:50	Outside of state / other	Springfield, Oregon	No	No					it's time to restore manatee habitat!	even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Loss of these precious maanatees. We cannot make any ourselves!	The very closest you can get!	
10/19/2021 20:51	Okeechobee		No	Yes					Removal	The dam changed the ecosystem limiting fish species diversity and affecting the health of Silver and many other springs. Manatee habitat needs support and expansion.	Continuing degradation of the river system.	Can't think of one. That dam needed to go 30 years ago.	All the science points to the need to remove the dam. There are plenty of places to fish. Just do it!
10/19/2021 20:58	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Develop it, maintain it, focus resources on it.	Saving our planet, helping wildlife, clean air.	Destruction of natural resources and fish and game.	Blowing up the dam is not the answer. Any invested person with an ounce of intelligence can see that.	
10/19/2021 21:01	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	removal				
10/19/2021 21:05	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Rodman Dam was an ecological disaster from it's conception, and the voices of science and naturalists were hidden from the public. The dam must be removed and the "reservoir" drained withe underlying land restored to it's natural state. This is for environmental and species conservation. But beyond that, it has to be done to protect the water supply 25 million residents and millions of tourists must have, including the members of the SJRWMD.	The relevant. information is public record.	Decimation of the springs, wildlife, aquafers and rivers of the Peninsula, the collapse of the state's economy and the loss of most of Florida for human habitation.	No.	Members of the SJRWMD need to set aside their continuance of doing the bidding of corporate and PAC interests and, for one noble moment in history, do their jobs to benefit all life in peninsular Florida by voting to restore the Ocklawaha and surrounding lands to the cindition they were in before this same body approved the greatest boondoggle in the state's history. For once, choose the correct course of action.
10/19/2021 21:07	Outside of state / other		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 21:07	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the reservoir	We need the cheap freshwater supply and it supports a wide variety of wildlife	Loss of habitat and a great freshwater supply that is not managed well	Closing off the locks and forcing all the flow down the oklawaha	
10/19/2021 21:13	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/19/2021 21:15	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No					The restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River would be the most important manatee habitat restoration project in the state and would provide essential winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would deprive manatees of essential warm-water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/19/2021 21:16	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Wildlife viewing	Harvester cabbage removal	other than the weirds that blow the cabbage around,no more chemical spraying,this is waters that could be used for future drinking water.	nothing, they would ruin a great ecosystem if removed including hurtingothe surrounding economys	nope	
10/19/2021 21:16	Pinellas		No	No				Boating	I would like to see the dam destroyed and a return to a more natural flow of the river.	I am most excited that this would give hundreds of manatees access to warm springs, which will help keep them healthy & happy during the winter months.	We need to get this project moving forward right now. We have state & federal funding to work with, there are a lot of people interested the problems the dam is exacerbating, and, if we don't act now, this opportunity may pass us by.	No. This dam has out-stayed its welcome by half a century. It's time for it to go!	We can save some manatees & make Silver Springs even more beautiful. The benefits far, far outweigh the costs.
10/19/2021 21:17	Charlotte		No	No					Florida truly needs to breach the Kirkpatrick Dam in order for our world renown manatees to be able to get to warm water which they desperately need in order to survive and thrive.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River allows the manatees the warm water they need; it is extremely important for their having a future. The Florida Wildlife Corridor will benefit the panthers, bears, eagles, deer, and bobcats.	In time, there will be no Manatee in FL. This affects Florida's income from tourism, not to mention the simple fact that we allowed the Manatee to die--or shall I say murdered them, as its breaching of the Kirkpatrick Dam should have been done about 50 years ago.	NO, We need to breach the "f^_ dam!	I care very much about Florida's water and wildlife. That is why we moved here full time eight years ago. We came, not for the tourist beaches, but for the true Florida interior with it's waterways & wildlife. Please respect our wildlife and our natural lands.
10/19/2021 21:17	Manatee		No	No					That which preserves the most of Florida's native habitat for its insects, plants, animals and birds!	The position of the Florida Native Plant Society	That more of Florida natural environment is lost to human development that serves our purposes only.	Again, I support the position of the Florida Native Plant Society.	Support and protect all of Florida's natural habitats for our present and future generations.
10/19/2021 21:19	Leon		No	No					Please remove the dam so the Ocklawaha can flow freely!		The health and well-being of so many people and ecosystems would be sacrificed to the narrow interests of a few.	No. Remove the dam.	
10/19/2021 21:22	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	It should be maintained exactly as is.	Supports an incredible number and diversity of birds and other wildlife that would not be supported in its absence. Provides food and safety for a large number of Manatee. Has some of the best fishing for trophy large mouth bass in the country. Tourism provides an economic boost to an area of the state that needs it. It also does a major job of filtering the water that flows thru it. I pride myself on being an environmentalist and conservationist. But I believe humans can make changes and improvements that actually improve our environment and create more habitat for wildlife. I believe Rodman Reservoir is a perfect example of that, providing incredible habitat and opportunities for outdoor recreation and helping to make up for many natural areas that have been destroyed by development.	I would be concerned with the loss of habitat for a wide range of wildlife including the endangered manatees. It would also take away the opportunity for outdoor recreation and economic support. I also fear it would take generations to revegitate the area currently covered by the lake creating a real eyesore for many years.	No, I don't understand what the proponents of destroying Rodman are trying to accomplish. So I am not aware of any other partial outcome that wouldn't destroy all the current benefits of the reservoir. I believe the reservoir is now providing more support and habitat for aquatic wildlife and manatees than it could if the dam were removed and the reservoir drained.	Before COVID and some health issues I was traveling from Iowa and spending 6 to 9 days per year on Rodman. I expect to return to that level.
10/19/2021 21:22	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam Use the wood in the water for use within the park Gravel building materials Having the dam open with help manatees migration, mullet migration, large shrimp migration Water flow would help with the vegetation build up and algae	The dam is in critical condition Catastrophe collapse would cause flooding Florida Defenders have done research	Total collapse of the spring shed Silver Springs is in need Okalawaha River 20 hidden springs will continue to be lost	Yes restoration of the Okalawaha River Healing would start immediately	
10/19/2021 21:24	Outside of state / other		No	No					Have the dam taken down	Flood by river as a dam was being built and watched the river, the life in it, and the economy around it be destroyed.	continued destruction and degradation of this system and the river economy	open the dam and allow flooding to annually.	
10/19/2021 21:25	Outside of state / other	Erie County, NY	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unmhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months. when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:25	Outside of state / other	Glendale, California	No	No					Create a safe place for the manatees.	Manatees are close to extinction and they are an integral part of the ecosystem	More manatees would perish	I don't know	For too long interests other than the environment have prevailed. Unless we change our focus, the world we are leaving for future generations will be uninhabitable for all of us
10/19/2021 21:26	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Over 20 of the lost Ocklawaha / Historic Silver Springs, as Rodman Springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 6,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration. The survey concludes with the option of providing additional comments (at your own discretion if you wish to elaborate on anything or add personal reflections or considerations). Remember that you do not need to be a local resident, or even a Florida resident, to participate in the survey! Take an expensive view of ecotourism and recreational usage by including Silver Springs, the Ocala National Forest, the St Johns River, and important land conservation projects like the Etonian Creek/Cross Florida Greenway Florida Forever project. Ultimately, we all have a stake, environmental and economic, in whether Florida finally restores a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	
10/19/2021 21:26	Outside of state / other	Albuquerque, NM	No	No					reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs by removing parts of the dam	re-establish access to essential habit for manatees and other wildlife	negative impact to wildlife		
10/19/2021 21:26	Pinellas		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing					
10/19/2021 21:27	Broward		No	No					Open up	Manatee habitat	Manatees	No	

10/19/2021 21:29	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam and let the river return to its natural state.	River increasing development seems to be saving the St Johns River with more demands for water and pollution. Lessons learned from the failures in the Everglades should be followed.	Increasing degradation of the St Johns River.	No		
10/19/2021 21:30	Duval		No	No					I believe that reuniting the Silver Spring water systems with the St. John's River system will positively benefit the ecology of the area; notably migrating fish species and "wandering" animal species, such as the manatee. If total or partial removal of the dam would reunite these river systems, I am all for it.	Information given to me by the Save the Manatee club has given me the basis of the ecological information I am referencing.	Florida's ecosystems are fragile, made more stable by being interconnected, and are being asked already to support populations that are too large to handle. The more segmented the different river systems remain, the less stable they remain in the type of large weather events that are becoming more common.	Any portion of removal, subverting, or detouring around the dam that allows free, two-way intermingling of the rivers would be acceptable to me.		
10/19/2021 21:31	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to jacksonville will be healthier. 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If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. 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10/19/2021 21:31	Clay		No	No					support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide		Negative environmental impact			
10/19/2021 21:31	Outside of state / other	CA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:33	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Outdock dam	Manatees habitat restoring	Death of more wildlife	Restoring habitats clean water		
10/19/2021 21:32	Collier		No	No					Manatee Preserve		Manatees may become extinct			
10/19/2021 21:33	Outside of state / other	TN	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing						
10/19/2021 21:34	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:35	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The same is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purposes. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in Dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which will be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No, breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 to 12 ft mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of sea grass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:36	Manatee		No	No										
10/19/2021 21:36	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 to 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:36	Outside of state / other	Marysville, MI 48040	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OOS") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 21:36	Orange		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Leave it for the Manatees	It could kill manatees they need it to survive	The extinction of the Florida Manatee			
10/19/2021 21:37	Palm Beach		No	No					support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	Restoration of natural areas is important for our economy, planet, and future.	Loss of critical habitat for important species	No		
10/19/2021 21:37	Manatee		No	No										
10/19/2021 21:38	Manatee		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River By breaching the dam		Not having free passage for native fish and manatees. Cost of maintaining a deteriorating dam	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.		As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:38	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:38	Volusia		No	No										
10/19/2021 21:39	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. 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Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:39	Outside of state / other	Humboldt County, CA	No	No					Dam removal	The dams have blocked access to migratory fish and manatees.	Manatees going extinct from lack of suitable habitat. Damage to other migratory species that are blocked by dams.	No.		On the west coast of California we have experienced similar problems with dams and native salmon survival. Losing species is a forever decision. The dams need to go.
10/19/2021 21:39	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: photography	We have an aging dam that serves no practical purpose, nearing the end of its life, and removing it will restore threatened manatee habitat, as well as helping restore countless springs, 20 of which are flooded and unaccessible for wildlife as well as humans.	That things remain as they are, the ecosystem continues to deteriorate, and we spend even more tax dollars maintaining a dam whose sole purpose was never realized, and now serves only a very small percentage of the population of our state.	No, there really is no compromise, or any way to achieve the needed outcome, short of a full breach of the dam and complete restoration of the Ocklawaha River!		Removal of the dam and restoration of the river is so long overdue, it's hard to express adequately in words. It's vitally important to restore this piece of grand, old, wild Florida before it's too late. Thanks so much for taking this action to gather what I'm sure will be overwhelming support for dam removal and restoration, it's in Florida's best interest!
10/19/2021 21:43	Lake		No	No										

10/19/2021 21:43	Lake		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	7 day area in the lower Ocklawaha's historic floodplain, 23 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. - Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. - 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. - Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harhertighta, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. - Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. - Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. - Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. - Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. - At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. - The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant	- The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. - Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. - The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities - Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. - Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. - The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etoniah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. - Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. - Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harhertighta, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/19/2021 21:44	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman - Kirkpatrick dam.	Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow and provide crucial habitat for wildlife, especially manatees.	death of many (more) manatees	a drawdown alone would not be sufficient	I am a Florida resident of more than 50 years and I care deeply about Florida's environment and wildlife (and citizens)!!
10/19/2021 21:45	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: hiking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 last springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	- No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/19/2021 21:47	Charlotte		No	No					Helping the reservoir out. Save the manatees				
10/19/2021 21:48	Outside of state / other	New Mexico	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	This year has been the deadliest on record for Manatees. It is critical we begin taking steps immediately to protect them and their warm water habitats.
10/19/2021 21:49	Leon		No	No					Dam should be removed	The importance of unrestricted water flow.	Further endangers manatees.	No	Help the manatees, remove the dam.
10/19/2021 21:50	Outside of state / other	Connecticut	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. 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10/19/2021 21:51	Volusia		No	No					I would like the natural waterways to be restored.	That manatees and migratory fish could migrate naturally.	Serious decline in the balance of the natural world.		
10/19/2021 21:51	Volusia		No	No					Removed	Restoral of Ocklawaha and St John's River systems, restoral of wetlands critical to birds and water life. Eliminate the potential for a catastrophic failure which could imperil people and property north of the dam.	Catastrophic failure of the dam.	No.	This dam was a terrible mistake when it was built. Deterioration of the dam is giving us a good reason to do the right thing now.
10/19/2021 21:52	Seminole		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/19/2021 21:52	Palm Beach		No	No					Remove portions of it to allow MANATEES to migrate and thrive	That the rivers should be restored as NATURE MADE THEM. Manatees and other animals should not have to navigate artificial barriers	Stagnation of the waters, pollution, death of species, fish, manatees, wild birds.	No.	Please reunite the rivers and return to a more natural state. Florida has been decimated by overbuilding, sewage, red tides, loss of habitat ... loss of wildlife of all kinds. Do we want more of that???
10/19/2021 21:53	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove it.	To restore the original flow to benefit the environment and wildlife.	That it will never happen in the future.	No	
10/19/2021 21:53	Outside of state / other	Mobile, AL	No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam in order to restore the Ocklawaha River.	The Rodman Dam affects three rivers, more than 50 springs, and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and keeps hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and food in the cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem that are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres of habitat within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	Not breaching the dam means not providing the essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees at a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Manatees can use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers; but, to do so, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is dangerous and open only intermittently. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the river system. State and federal funds are available; public interest is high, environmental needs are critical, and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is more than 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality, and wildlife need to happen now. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11- or 12-foot mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow, and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, more die-offs will occur in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Sixty percent of Florida's manatees currently depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - this is an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 21:53	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Protect the area and wildlife - especially the manatees and other protected species	Declining numbers of said species	Loss of habitat and destruction of the eco system	None	
10/19/2021 21:54	Marion		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. ±5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 21:55	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Allow wildlife to enjoy this area	It is critical to the environment.	We would have lost the ability to make an important impact on the environment	No	
10/19/2021 21:56	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 last springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/19/2021 21:59	Outside of state / other	Lake County, Ohio	No	No									
10/19/2021 22:02	Lee		No	No					Remove them so that the Ocklawaha River can run freely.	Restoring the Great Florida Riverway would also restore the Florida Wildlife Corridor	Florida wildlife will continue to dwindle.	I would have to see the proposals.	
10/19/2021 22:02	Seminole		No	No					Take down the dam and restore the river to pre-"barge canal" status.	Many years of watching this boondoggle. It was stopped for valid reasons and should have been restored at once.	Continued degradation of the Okalwaha, and it's many springs including the iconic Silver Springs, which I did visit before the dam was built. Also, decreased potential for manatee habitat.	No. All the way.	This was an ill conceived project to start with.Kind of like the channelization of the Kissimmee River., That has been restored. Time for the Oklawaha.
10/19/2021 22:02	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dams, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway

10/19/2021 22:03	Outside of state / other	Metropolis, Illinois	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	1) 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. 2) Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	1) Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. 2) Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/19/2021 22:03	Outside of state / other	Evansville Indiana	No	No					The natural habitat returned to it's natural state.		Animal die off.	No	
10/19/2021 22:03	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the opportunity to save critical wild life	No	
10/19/2021 22:04	Lake		No	No					Their removal/.r	Restoring the River to its original design by God.	Continued challenge for wildlife dependent on the River and surrounding area.	No.	
10/19/2021 22:04	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing		Breach the Dam	The continuing decline of both the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.	See above. The same answer.	No	
10/19/2021 22:05	Palm Beach		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)		Protect manatees	Manatee literature.	The manatee population would decline.	No.	
10/19/2021 22:06	Outside of state / other	Oklahoma	No	No					That the manatees have safe passage	My love for animals and their god given habitats.	The welfare of the animals loosing their natural habitat.		
10/19/2021 22:07	Outside of state / other	Snohomish Washington	No	No					Protect manatees and habitat				
10/19/2021 22:07	Clay		No	No						Habitat for protected species, like Manatee, trouts.	Ruining the eco system that is not reversible.	Put back manatee to endangered species.	Not just habits for creatures, but think about future generation that has to live with OUR decisions and suffer, or miss the opportunity to appreciate the Florida rivers, lake.
10/19/2021 22:08	Manatee		No	No					To improve the dam to help save the manatees	Saving the manatees	Take care of the environment.		
10/19/2021 22:08	Outside of state / other	Ferndale, WA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/19/2021 22:09	Orange		No	No									
10/19/2021 22:10	Brevard		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	manatee habitat restoration	Deprive manatee habitat and impact other species by keeping 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the rodman reservoir	No, breaching the dam is overdue	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees
10/19/2021 22:13	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		I would like it to be saved and controlled in order to preserve the manatees	The manatees starvation and numbers dwindling	loss of the manatees	No	
10/19/2021 22:14	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Bird watching		Remover the Dam	Restoration of Aquatic life and the reintroduction of water to Riparian areas is of importance to the our whole ecosystem	Natural systems would continue to decline...	No	
10/19/2021 22:15	Sumter		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing		Removal	To let the NATURAL flow that occurred before the cross dreading happened and let nature take it's course	Even if it's not,..it's impeding the natural flow of the states aquifer thus wildlife and man can't operate properly.... this I can see is not natural	No	
10/19/2021 22:18	Outside of state / other	PA	No	No					Free and preserve natural waterways	Saving the manatee	Manatee and natural inhabitants		
10/19/2021 22:23	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					Remove aging parts of the dam to restore free flowing waterway	Saving habitat for manatees and other species that would benefit from restoring the site as nature intended.	Additional encroachment of development on the area.	No, this opportunity is one that MUST NOT be missed. Manatees are suffering from human encroachment every day. Restoring the free flowing waters is an important step toward undoing the damage done by humans. We ALL must share this planet. Other species have a right to the habitat they require to carry on living.	It is not right for the present generation to so seriously impact the environment that some species may become extinct because of our actions. Manatees are hit my boats and subjected to human mistreatment. We have damaged the aquatic environment by damming waterways. We must act responsibly and remove the dam that should never have been placed there to begin with. It's the RIGHT thing to do. The dam is an encroachment that should GO.
10/19/2021 22:24	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam and draining of the Rodman reservoir so the river can flow freely.	State records show that the dam is subject to catastrophic failure.	The dam could fail, threatening lives and causing extensive property damage.	No.	
10/19/2021 22:24	Washington		No	No					Dam removal is very successful if done properly, this area needs to be returned to a natural state.				
10/19/2021 22:27	Clay		No	No									
10/19/2021 22:29	Polk		No	No					To take the damn or parts of it out.	Manatees and other wildlife need to use this way for proliferation of life and survival.	Extinction of manatees and/or more negative environmental impact that hurt farmers, hunters, and fishermen down the road by impacting wildlife ecosystems. Also more harm being done during extreme climate environmental impacts on the surrounding environments yet to come down the road. We need big business out of politics.		
10/19/2021 22:29	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: Photographer						
10/19/2021 22:34	Outside of state / other	New Mexico	No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. 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10/19/2021 22:34	Outside of state / other	Montana	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	This useless, destructive damn dam will be completely removed and fully reclaimed by the end of this decade or sooner.	Manatee MUST survive! Worthless, outdated dams must not.	This useless, destructive damn dam will be completely removed and fully reclaimed by the end of this decade or sooner.
10/19/2021 22:36	Monroe		No	No					I think the dam should be removed so that the Ocklawaha River can flow freely.	It's a waste of taxpayer money to try to repair such an old and relatively useless dam. Furthermore, restoring the historical flow of the river would improve water quality for humans and for the ecosystem as a whole.	The dam will eventually fail. We will have lost the opportunity to improve the environment while simultaneously wasting millions.	No. The State of Florida is already nearing ecological disaster because of our greed and lack of foresight concerning the Everglades.	
10/19/2021 22:37	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I do not use the Rodman Reservoir for recreation because of the dam. Once the dam is removed, my family, friends, and I will go there often.	The dam must be removed and the Ocklawaha River with its many submerged springs restored. The wilderness area that was drowned by building the dam must be restored. Free the Ocklawaha!	Rodman Dam destroyed a healthy ecosystem, and the continued decline of water quality, spring flow, wetland forests, fish, wildlife, and recreation has led American Rivers to designate the Ocklawaha River as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers® of 2020. Removing the dam will help restore numerous now submerged springs as well as the Great Florida Riverway, comprised of the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. Fish and manatee migration will be unhindered at last, providing access to much needed resources such as wintering sites for manatees. Submerged cypress forest and wilderness areas will be restored. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive more than 150 million gallons a day of restored natural flow, and millions of dollars will be saved on repairs of a dam that is past its life expectancy. Removing Rodman Dam and restoring the Great Florida Riverway is vital to improving overall ecological and economic health for North and Central Florida.	If the dam remains, more Floridians will be deprived of experiencing a healthy riverine ecosystem with all its benefits (clean water, clean air, multitudes of recreational opportunities, economic wealth). If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 22:39	Lake		No	No					Remove it	Health and welfare of manatees	Manatees are in dire need of healthy grazing areas. Sadly, they are diminishing. Removing the dam would reopen feeding areas for manatees.	No	
10/19/2021 22:41	Outside of state / other	West Virginia	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Rodman Reservoir is the only reason we drive 12 hours one way 2-3 times a year !	The many memories my family has made on the lake	We would have to find a new favorite place to fish.	No	I have fished all over the east coast. And Rodman Reservoir is by far the best fishery I have ever fished. It would be a disgrace to ruin that !
10/19/2021 22:44	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removing key portions of this dam to will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers	The dam is past its useful life. Bringing back traditional water flows to Ocklawaha, St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs will help reestablish critical habitat for manatees and expand recreational opportunities	Continued decline in the manatee population and loss of this habitat for people to learn from/study		
10/19/2021 22:46	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/19/2021 22:46	Miami-Dade		No	No					Conservation efforts made towards local manatee populations		Loss of biodiversity, ecosystem collapse		
10/19/2021 22:46	Pinellas		No	No					remove completely	restore natural waterway	entrenched position of authorities	perhaps	
10/19/2021 22:50	Outside of state / other	Silverton, OR	No	No					I'd like the dam removed in order to restore the flow of the rivers, to restore wetlands, to rejuvenate the springs, and to provide habitat for manatees, birds, fish, and all sorts of wildlife that has had their habitat sharply curtailed by structures such as this. Dams are basically an outmoded type of structure, as evidenced by all the dams currently being decommissioned and taken down in the U.S. Now that we know how detrimental and destructive they are, there's no reason to maintain them or to double down on their usage. I learned about this dam because I've been a supporter of the Save the Manatee org for many years. So I know just how vulnerable the manatee population is - but I also see how wildlife and the landscape have been impacted over the years by man's insatiable need to keep building and building. The level of greed is insane, and it's at the expense of this one earth we have.	The facts and evidence speak to not just this dam as a boondoggle, but to dams in general as being massively destructive.	That the U.S. will continue on its death spiral of ruining the environment entirely, until there are no more trees, no wildlife, no fish, no clean water, just a barren dystopian wasteland. We are heavily on that path, and it's a short-sighted one. So many states, Florida included, still have some natural beauty left, and people like me who are very much into the outdoors and adventuring and nature would love to visit, if you show me that you care about us as tourists more than you care about money from corporations. Tourism is sustainable - the corporate money will dry up once you pollute the last bit of water or level the last tree.	No.	Think about what the U.S., the world, this earth will all look like in 20 years if people continue on this path of not giving a damn about the environment and the creatures who inhabit it, i.e. other than us.
10/19/2021 22:52	Martin		No	No									
10/19/2021 22:52	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					I feel it is best to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. More than 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida's black bears, panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. If the Ocklawaha River remains dammed, it will keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue--wildlife and water quality can not wait any longer.	
10/19/2021 22:53	Lake		No	No					Remove the dam, or at least create some sort of travel access for manatees and other essential wildlife.	Too many manatees have been dying of late and anything that can be done to protect their dwindling population needs to be.	Manatees could go extinct during my son's lifetime. And that would be tragic.		

10/19/2021 22:54	Outside of state / other	Julian, West Virginia	No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	For it to be left as is. It is a wonderful fishery, has abundant wildlife, manatees are thriving there. Love to see the eagles. Wonderful and unique ecosystem.	I have visited this reservoir numerous times in the last five years. Every year the wildlife seems to be thriving more every year. I have read many reports from both sides. The benefits of Rodman seem favorable.	Would hate to see the reservoir destroyed.	No	
10/19/2021 22:56	Pinellas		No	No				Help preserve the manatee habitat	Drastic loss of life in the past year of manatees throughout their Florida habitats.	Drastic further loss of m a relee life throughout their Florida habitats.	None.		
10/19/2021 22:58	Brevard		No	No				I would like to see it dismantled and the waterways opened back up to allow aquatic life to thrive once again in the warmer waters.	The dam serves no purpose, would cost too much to restore, costs too much to maintain for no real purpose and if damaged could cause very significant and devastating flooding.	There would be continued prevention of natural aquatic waterway function that is so essential to endangered wildlife like the manatee and native fish populations.	No. I think the dam is antiquated and serves no purpose, thus blocking the natural waterways and aquatic habitats.		
10/19/2021 22:59	Pinellas		No	No				Save the dam	Manatees	Manatees	Save the Manatees		
10/19/2021 23:01	Outside of state / other	Kent, WA	No	No				Take down the damn, restore river flow	Both land and water ecosystems near dam need to be restored to original	Ongoing environmental disruption	The dam is either there or not there. Restore river flow by taking out the dam.		We made a lot of mistakes by putting in so many dams. We have to back those dams out now.
10/19/2021 23:02	St Johns		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 23:03	Outside of state / other	TN - Tennessee	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Other	Removing the Dam and restoring the Ocklawaha River in order to improve water quality and wildlife and thus invigorate the economy. Bring back the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration of 3 rivers and many springs plus bringing back native fish and manatees to free-flowing rivers! We need to restore our estuaries and wetlands in order to save money from damages from flooding. This makes economic sense and samiti!	It's a lose-lose situation. The economy and the environment both lose if this is not done!	No, keeping the dam is a waste of money	
10/19/2021 23:05	Outside of state / other	Chicago, IL	No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.		2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 23:06	Outside of state / other	Edenton NC	No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman-Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam prevents hundreds of manatees from having refuge and forage in cold weather. It would restore freshwater flow,uncover drowned springs which manatees need	We will miss an opportunity to provide much needed warm water refuge for manatees. Manatees must pass through a manually operated lock which is dangerous.	No. This action is 50 years overdue. Safety water quality and wildlife can't wait	2021 has been the deadliest year for manatees. Unless their natural habitat is restored it will only get worse.
10/19/2021 23:06	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it in place. All though the CFBC was a disaster project what is being proposed is not an environmental restoration plan it is an environmental destruction plan. The wildlife habitat and environment that has been left in it's wake in Rodman Reservoir is a beautiful gem for wildlife, Floridians and all who visit here.	The most important information to support this is that proponents of removing the dam have no real information or plan other than to remove the dam and hope something good happens. Having owned several hundred acres of land that borders the reservoir I'm very familiar with what the land has looked like before the dam and will look like if the dam is removed. Without a true complete restoration and reforestation plan and process this will be an even worse environment mental disaster with more mud, silt and other gunk being washed into the St. John's River. No one is willing or able to pay the price for a true restoration and even at that a tremendous amount of diversity for wildlife and tremendous wildlife habitat will be lost.	In short, an environmental and economic disaster from the loss of a tremendous wildlife habitat and the revenue that comes from it. Then as the worst takes place and someone has to pay for the cleanup and backlash caused by an impossibly funded and poorly executed destruction of the Rodman Dam.	Keep dam intact and improve water flow and water control of Ocklawaha on its way through Rodman Reservoir into the St. John's River.	
10/19/2021 23:07	Outside of state / other	Fayetteville, NC	No	No									
10/19/2021 23:08	Sumter		No	No									
10/19/2021 23:09	Indian River		No	No				I would like to see that nature be restored	I want manatees to be safe and happy and I would love to see the land regenerate	That my son will live to see the extinction of manatees and many other species and the complete pollution of our waterways to the points he can not safely enjoy the water	Why? Just do the right thing.		Stop corporate greed. Take care of life. The land is sacred and we are connected to it intrinsically.
10/19/2021 23:12	Outside of state / other	Hoboken NJ	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 has sadly been one of the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 23:15	Brevard		No	No				Take it down and release the much needed water.	Our manatee population would benefit from this demolition.	We will tow even more of our Florida manatees.	No.		
10/19/2021 23:20	Outside of state / other	Michigan, USA	No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/19/2021 23:21	Jackson		No	No				Pls insure this innocent sentient animals' safety. Im losing them insures our own demise.					
10/19/2021 23:22	Hillsborough		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	Manatees are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat.
10/19/2021 23:23	Citrus		No	No				I am with the Save the Manatee Club in that I am for removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, wil re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	Helping the manatee and other wildlife.	With the overbuilding in Florida, there will be further habitat loss for the manatee and other wildlife.	I am not well versed, perhaps a partial removing of some if not all key portions of the dam.		Don't allow overbuilding in Citrus County, don't allow overbuilding in the state of Florida, the Florida ecosystem is too special and fragile. Consider relisting manatee as endangered, places like Citrus County is overbuilding, manatee move too slowly when the waterways are chock full of speed boats.. Thank you.
10/19/2021 23:26	Seminole		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: I kayak and view wildlife in the Ocklawaha River	Remove the dam and return the ocklawaha to the free flowing, unobstructed non-hindered by man river that it was for thousands of years.	My love and enjoyment of the Ocklawaha River in places that still are preserved in their natural state.	The continued degradation of the environment due to the man-made manipulation of the river.	Yes, remove the dam, restore the environment to its original condition by ensuring the area is properly managed.		
10/19/2021 23:26	Leon		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 23:26	Outside of state / other	Canada	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.		As someone who's been to Florida many times I feel special care must be given to Florida's environment as it's such a unique place-this dam from what I've read is a complete environmental disaster and I'm hoping the state will knock it down.Keep Florida's species alive;keep Florida's forests and wetlands alive-take it down.
10/19/2021 23:27	Broward		No	No				I would like the Dam to be investigated to develop a plan to work with environmentalists and scientists to determine the best solution for the environment, wildlife and for the local residents. I plan to move around the central part of Florida to retire. I plan to be outdoors and visit all parts of Florida. I hope to become active in preserving some part of our natural landscape.	Allowing the natural flow to aid Florida's manatees.	The manatee population will decrease.	A study to confirm the positive use of the dam.		
10/19/2021 23:29	Pasco		No	No				brought back to it's natural state	emptying the reservoir would help with everything from manatee migration to keeping a rising sea level from turning the adjacent St. Johns River salty.	the reservoir will be worthless, and dead.	At this late in the game.... no...should have improved/repaired it years ago.. but it wasn't, so.. now restoration is a must.		
10/19/2021 23:32	Brevard		No	No				I would like to see these dams removed so as to unite the St. Johns River to the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. This will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees.	Almost 1000 manatees have died since January in Florida. Every effort must be made for the manatees to be viable.	My concern is for the ongoing survival of the manatees.	Provide access to habitat for manatees.		
10/19/2021 23:32	Sumter		No	No				I want to save the manatees!	Please keep the dam from harming the manatee population!	The dwindling manatee population in Florida will be greatly decreased!	I'm not sure.		
10/19/2021 23:43	Broward		No	No					Help the animals				
10/19/2021 23:49	Pinellas		No	No									
10/19/2021 23:50	Outside of state / other	Canada	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	More wild life viewing	I spend a lot when I'm in the area so jobs benefit from wild life viewing	I won't come back		
10/19/2021 23:51	Hendry		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/19/2021 23:54	Union		No	No				Its environmentally unsafee	Above	Death	Environment		Environment
10/20/2021 0:08	Alachua		No	No				Removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	Environmental protection and enhancement of Florida's natural beauty.	Ongoing habitat loss and/or destruction for manatees			
10/20/2021 0:08	Outside of state / other	CA	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	protecting wildlife with educating public	future	bad		
10/20/2021 0:12	Sumter		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir.	Environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	That would be sad.	No	
10/20/2021 0:17	Outside of state / other	Lake Hughes, CA	No	No					A benefit for the manatees that are threatened	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Degradation of the species	Restoring habitat by other means.	This action is important to maratee survival.
10/20/2021 0:22	Volusia		No	No					Leave the dam alone.	Things	A lot of things	Leave the dam alone	
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10/20/2021 0:43	Outside of state / other	Montclair,CA	No	No					Want what is best for environment	That American Rivers is involved			
10/20/2021 0:45	Clay		No	No				I would like to see the dam dismantled and the river returned to its natural habitat.	Manatees and the homes down stream will benefit, as will increased tourism from the restored river (kayaking, tubing, wildlife watching, etc.).	Concern is that the manatees are dying in rapid numbers, and the dam is unsafe to those people who live downstream.	No, I feel the dam should be removed.		This is a once in a generation opportunity to reclaim a small bit of wild Florida as more and more land around us is swallowed up by development. Dismantling the dam is a win-win-win. Helpful to manatees, increased tourism, and safer for the 400+ families who live in communities below the dam. Let's not miss this opportunity to have such a positive impact in so many ways.
10/20/2021 0:47	Flagler		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	restoring the Great Florida Riverway on which so much wildlife depend	Time to save the manatees	preservation of manatees in FL	no	hurry!
10/20/2021 0:49	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	b. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.

10/20/2021 0:59	Broward		No	No					yes	yes	no	no	no
10/20/2021 1:01	Outside of state / other	Boise	No	No					Whatever is best for the manatees and the surrounding wildlife.	The livelihood of the wildlife. We humans have done enough damage long enough. It's take we consider things outside of ourselves, like wildlife and our environment.	That once again humans chose economic gain and themselves than animals and the environment.		Let's do what's right for the animals.
10/20/2021 1:04	Outside of state / other	Arizona	No	No					Breach the dam to allow the Ocklawaha River to restore manatee habitat and stop their decline.	Even while manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation.	The inevitable loss of a species. Everything on the planet has a purpose to create and maintain balance in our ecosystems. If species start disappearing we can never get them back, and could have unforeseen, devestating consequences on our environment for generations to come.	No	Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.
10/20/2021 1:13	Osceola		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	There are many benefits and I will include a few: 1. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat 2. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration 3. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise 4. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction 5. The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary 6. $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure 7. Economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida demonstrate the	1. The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. 2. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. 3. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. 4. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. 5. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Be the hero! When future historians look back at these times, which side of history will you be on? Not only does it make environmental sense, but economic sense too!
10/20/2021 1:19	Orange		No	No					The dam should be breached for the natural river way to return	Re-establish an important ecosystem for manatees	Continued, unnatural environmental degradation for no reason	No, the dam no longer serves a purpose, and nothing could be more important than protecting manatees and fish that could use the passageway for transportation, shelter and food.	Thank you for asking the questions and taking input from locals.
10/20/2021 1:20	Outside of state / other	I lived in Dade County	No	No									
10/20/2021 1:47	Outside of state / other	Mason County, Washington state	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The manatees need all the help they can get. Please don't let them go extinct!! Thank you.
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10/20/2021 2:08	Outside of state / other	Southern California	No	No					I would like to see them removed.	The need for wildlife to be able to traverse the waterways unimpeded.	Another missed opportunity to bring the state of Florida back into some semblance of ecological health.	Any step that benefits wildlife would be a positive.	Florida should join the trend in taking down unnecessary, harmful dams.
10/20/2021 2:25	Outside of state / other	Morro Bay, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No		
10/20/2021 2:29	Outside of state / other	London, UK	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Recovering the wildlife habitat by removing the old dam and access to the manatee habitat can be used not only to help nature but promote wildlife sightseeing which could contribute to the local economy.	As far as I understand the dam is way past his life expentancy and more of a threat than a benefit for the local area in case of flood.	In case of a breach of the old dam that can be a threat for the wellbeing of pople living in the area and endangered wildlife such as the manatees who need the protection. The old construction may contribute to the pollution of the local water resources.	Using environment friendly methods to ensure a better future for the local community like building bypass channels and recovering rever vegetationalong the river beds that will support the water management better.	
10/20/2021 2:32	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 2:37	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing		Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	We desperately need to help our manatees, it's our responsibility and the best scenario to restore natural and essential warm water habitats.
10/20/2021 2:39	Santa Rosa		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/20/2021 2:41	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing		Keep it the way it is	Grew up on Rodman as a kid and want to show it to my kids and grandkids			
10/20/2021 2:46	Outside of state / other	St. Louis, MO	No	No					Please remove the parts of the Dam which are necessary to restore natural habitat for manatees and other fish and open the river for recreational activities.	The quickly dwindling population of manatees in FL. I recall driving all the way from VA to FL with my daughter's Girl Scout troop and their families to see the FL manatees in 2003. Without the manatees, we would not have made the trip. Since then our family has been supporters of saving the manatee population in FL.	The further dwindling and eventual death of Florida's manatee population.	I am not sure. My family and I feel it is if the utmost importance to restore the traditional access of manatees and other marine life to their native habitats.	
10/20/2021 2:48	Outside of state / other	St. Mary's, GA, just across the state line	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
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10/20/2021 3:29	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam and drain the reservoir.	It would help restore the natural environment.	Natural habitats would not be restored.		
10/20/2021 3:34	Lee		No	No									
10/20/2021 4:48	Polk		No	Yes		1 time	Other- I don't like it so I don't use it		I believe that the only logical action is to dismantle the Rodman dam and allow the Oklawaha River to run free again	The interference of the dam to the ecological health of the Oklawaha and Silver River	The decline of water quality and biodiversity	No	It was a mistake to create the Cross Florida Canal and the Rodman Dam in the first place and it is time to correct these mistakes
10/20/2021 4:56	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing		Continue use for the sporting and fishing use as it is now	It is a great fishing area	The area would become an ugly sight	no	
10/20/2021 4:57	Sarasota		No	No									
10/20/2021 5:03	Outside of state / other	France	No	No					Create safe and environment friendly flows and access for manatees and fish.	As a regular visitor to Florida for more than 30 years I am deeply concerned as to the loss of so many mammals such as the already dangerously low number of manatees and their access to suitable feeding and safe areas. It is obvious from all reports that something needs to be done before it is too late.	The loss of manatees for ever	I support efforts to save endangered species and to encourage saving the environment so that my grandchildren are able to live a healthy life in a safe world whilst enjoying nature and its trees, plants and creatures.	Just succeed in the tasks ahead before it is too late

10/20/2021 5:05	Outside of state / other	Washington	No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OZO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/20/2021 5:17	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing	Remain as is	Beautiful lake and riverine	Great boat and would be missed	No	Unique lake
10/20/2021 5:42	Volusia		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns River, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 5:44	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Leave it alone	All of the reservoir would be dry kenwood would dry up cause it wouldn't be nothing there but an ecological disaster caused by man's hands again ... the clue is when gates are open there is nothing but little stream flowing thru the way it is now is cause of gates.. just leave it alone	Save rodman		
10/20/2021 5:48	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No	No					Tear it down	Manatees and other wildlife would be able to move more freely throughout the waterways to have access to food and warmer waters in the winter	The past few years have been really bad for manatee populations, so not doing something now to help them recover could move them from "threatened" to "endangered" or worse.	Removing only parts of the damn so that wildlife can still get through the waterway unimpeded	
10/20/2021 5:50	Bradford		No	No					Preservation	Maintain the natural wilderness, preservation.	Destroyed life, ecosystems, the lists go on and on.	No	
10/20/2021 5:52	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every additional day the dam and reservoir remain in place results in additional environmental degradation.	Think how dynamic the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns... would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. ☑ Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. ☑ At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. ☑ An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. ☑ The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. ☑ $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure. ☑ Economic analyses conducted by researchers at the University of Florida demonstrate the economic impact from eco-tourists who use the natural portions of the Ocklawaha River is twice that of the anglers & boaters using the Rodman Reservoir, & annual use of the Reservoir's recreation sites has been on a downward trend since records began in 2004 as water quality and fish production have continued to decline year after year. ☑ When accounting for revenues generated by increased recreational usage, a cost-benefit analysis determined restoration would produce a cumulative net benefit of $47.3 million over	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. ☑ Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. ☑ The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. ☑ Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. ☑ Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. ☑ The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the CSO Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. ☑ Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	This should be an easy obvious decision. This is the opportunity for a win win for the environment and economy and residents. Please Restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.
10/20/2021 5:56	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed/	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. Habitat for wildlife, especially Manatees would be restored. Economic boon to area in tourism.	Maintaining the decrepit dam is a waste of public funds. The environmental impact of the dam will continue to degrade the area. Economic and environmental losses will continue.	No	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.
10/20/2021 6:09	Citrus		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take down the man made dam!!! We have created enough environmental problems.	To let the natural waterway and habitats recover back to its original ecological health and purpose.	Decline in a healthy wildlife population and ecosystem! And more unnecessary expenses to tax payers for something that never should have been done in the first place!!!		it's the right thing to do!
10/20/2021 6:09	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Open it to allow access for the manatees to feed. Restore the Ocklawaha river.		Endangered manatees are losing habitat and lives!		
10/20/2021 6:14	Hernando		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Restore our springs	Nature	Lack of natural springs	No	
10/20/2021 6:16	Broward		No	No					Restore the river to its natural flow	Wildlife especially manatees would thrive in the restored natural habitat	Manatees and other wildlife would continue to become endangered	No	
10/20/2021 6:17	Brevard		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/20/2021 6:27	Lee		No	No					Remove dam & open waterways to springs	Protect wildlife such as manatees	More manatees will be unprotected & they need the springs to stay warm.	Only one that protects wildlife & environment	
10/20/2021 6:33	Lafayette		No	No					Removal of all are parts of dam to reestablish river flow between the St. Johns and other important waterways.	Dam is beyond life expectancy so it's either removal or repair, so now is the perfect time to reestablish river flow.	Continued loss of wildlife habitat by not reestablishing water flow. Along with a host of other issues as can seen by the Everglades.	Partial removal, as long as at least some water flow is reestablished.	
10/20/2021 6:35	Outside of state / other	United Kingdom	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	View this message on our website. Save the Manatee Club JOIN US: Tweet on Twitter Share on Facebook Instagram_Applcon_Aug2017.png Wanted: Voices for the Great Florida Riverway Dear Emma, If you haven't completed the St. Johns River Water Management District's short survey on the future of the Rodman Reservoir and Dam, please take a few minutes to do something that will influence the decision on this 50-year-old dam and help manatees. This is the most significant opportunity we have had in two decades to convince leaders it's time to reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs. Removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers. We have sample answers you can use for the survey below. Please share this with your family, friends, and colleagues. Take Survey button We appreciate your support for manatee and aquatic habitat protection! Kim Signature Kimberleigh Dinkins Senior Conservation Associate Save the Manatee Club	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 6:37	Alachua		No	No					No impact on the manatee s	The love of the manatee			
10/20/2021 6:38	Brevard		No	No					I would love to see the dam removed, the reservoir safely drained to restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural state, allowing manatees and other wildlife access to inland springs.	Manatees and other wildlife and native plants are in crisis due largely to habitat loss and loss of access to nesting/food/resources. As Florida's population continues to increase, we need to restore and permanently protect critical habitat. Rivers are essential wildlife corridors providing the most resources for the greatest diversity of plants and animals.	The continues degradation of the ST John's River, the continued decline of manatees and many plants and animals found ONLY in Florida, as well as the ongoing urban and suburban sprawl perpetually encroaching and endangering the Florida springs. Natural wetlands, waterways and estuaries perform many necessary services. WE NEED them.	Not really. There are other options, but none with the multiple benefits of restoring the Ocklawaha River.	Thank you for the opportunity to share my wishes and concerns. We have lived on Florida for just over three years and have been hoping to bicycle the Ocala area. The pandemic put our plans on hold, but we will get there this winter. The removal of the dam would increase recreational opportunities. Thank you!
10/20/2021 6:41	Outside of state / other	Durham, NC 27712	No	No						Better environment for Manatees	Manatees!!!	No!	Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 6:50	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Have it removed and let the manatees go up the river into Silver Springs as there are 5 manatees in the silver river that have gotten through when dam is opened	I can't believe the bass fishermen when they say millions of dollars are brought in by fishing.			
10/20/2021 6:55	Citrus		No	No		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Spending $4+ million funds to repair a dam that's failed in its' original intent is a waste of public funds. Those funds should be spent on restoration instead. The environmental and cost benefits of restoration far out weight keeping the sad legacy of the Cross FL barge canal in place.	The Cross FL Barge Canal was a huge mistake and there is a lesson to learned for this generation and the next. That is the Man should not and can not be allowed to plunder the environment for RICHES and simply leave the mess for future generations to clean up. Giving a "pass" the Rodman Dam sends the wrong message to all Floridians that the environment is to be consumed, when it should be cherished.	No !	
10/20/2021 6:58	Hernando		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Money wasted loss of manatee habitat	No	
10/20/2021 6:59	Broward		No	No					the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.				
10/20/2021 7:03	Miami-Dade		No	No					Don't know	Don't know	Don't know		
10/20/2021 7:03	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing					
10/20/2021 7:06	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't	Remove the dam and it's infrastructure. Allow the river to return to its natural state, along with the surrounding environment.	The restoration of what was once one of the most beautiful rivers in Florida. The cost of maintaining the dam and managing the reservoir would be eliminated.	The opportunity to get the dam removed and river restoration started will be put off until sometime in the future, if ever. Now is the time to get it done.	No, the dam never should have been put in and it is long overdue for removal.	
10/20/2021 7:07	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Remove the Dam and let nature return.	Trees were not removed to ground level and the stumps are a danger to all.	Cost to maintain.		
10/20/2021 7:09	Wakulla		No	No					remove	it is human made, and made for humans which makes it probably not good for anything else including the environment and wildlife.	increased environmental degradation	no	
10/20/2021 7:09	Indian River		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed	Let the area return to a more natural state for the benefit of beleaguered manatees			
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10/20/2021 7:12	Citrus		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the free flowing Ocklawaha river	reaching the dam would restore a floodplain for the movement of wildlife and plants in the scala & osceola wildlife corridor	If the dam is not breached it would continue to be a barrier to animal & plant life by preventing movement that is essential for the flood plain would provide	NO. the dam was built for a project that was shelved decades ago. expenses associated with repair would be a waste of money.	
10/20/2021 7:14	Sumter		No	No					Remove the parts of dam in order to reunite oklawaha, St. John's and silver springs river.	Information from manatee newsletters.	Death of manatees and fish		
10/20/2021 7:16	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 7:18	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see parts of the dam removed.	It will unite the waterways and allow for increased habitat for many species of wildlife.	Continued separation could be detrimental to the species living in the area.	At least one area that allows for the waterways to reconnect that allows wildlife to safely swim through.	
10/20/2021 7:19	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	restoration to natural state, revitalization of natural springs	loss of access to natural springs and natural habitat	irrevocable environmental damage, to natural wildlife habitat change natural water resource balance	controlled release of water held back by dams, restoration of natural water flow restoration of water flow into the St. John's river	this is a state and federal moral obligation.
10/20/2021 7:21	Osceola		No	No									
10/20/2021 7:23	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Remove the aging structure to restore natural flow, including into waterways in Marion County.	Continued impedement of the natural process of a free-flowing river disrupts the environment, wildlife and the natural order.	That the political machine will, once again, win out over constituent opinion and concerns.	Not at this point. It's a failing structure - why not let it go?	
10/20/2021 7:29	Franklin		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	
10/20/2021 7:30	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam to restore a free flowing river	Draining the dam would remove a barrier to plant and animal movement in the ocala osceola wildlife corridor by restoring a flood plain forest to benifity plant and animal species on the move to adjust for climate change impacts.	Water quality in the reservoir and down stream would continue to deteriorate,and the people and businesses would continue to feel a threat of dam failure.	No spend the funds to breach the dam and not waste them on a inadequate patch job	Protecting Florida water quality is an environmental and economic issue that should be a very high priority for florida government
10/20/2021 7:36	Outside of state / other	Cumberland Wisconsin	No	No					All necessary concerns to be taken care of to protect wildlife and the lands.	Protection for the future if manatees	Dangers to manatees	I support all marine wildlife rehabilitation in Florida and other habitats	grew up watching the bald eagles be saved. Only we can protect the future. If our wildlife. Especially the manatees

10/20/2021 7:41	Alachua		No	No					NOT spending millions to repair the dam and to instead permanently breach the dam, restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	I have never been to the dam and reservoir, but I have paddled the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and they are beautiful, but manatees and migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon do not have access to these waterways. Breaching the dam would not only restore native plant communities essential to a resilient ecosystem in the face of climate change, it would also restore the 20 springs flooded by the dam and would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would also experience significant environmental improvement from restoration, protecting our freshwater systems. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise.	Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonian Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	Only full removal of the dam. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/20/2021 7:42	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Boating						
10/20/2021 7:42	Pinellas		No	No					Remove key portions of this dam; which is past its life expectancy; will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	The manatee are disappearing from our waters! And from the earth - we MUST help these gentle giants survive and help the water ecosystem we have in Florida	Socialist democrats are ruining our country and we (as the people) will be forced into lives that we cannot influence and aspire to.		
10/20/2021 7:43	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other		Do the right thing and protect manatee habitat	protect wildlife	would be very disappointing		Do the right thing and protect Manatee habitat
10/20/2021 7:45	Broward		No	No					Bring it back to it's natural state	Algae growth	killing off of the Manatee's and water uality	no	
10/20/2021 7:47	Okaloosa		No	No					Remove the dam or at least part of the dam.	The restoration of key waterways degraded by having the useless dam in place.	Continued degradation of some once beautiful waterways and springs. It would be great to have Silver Springs back to the way it was when I visited many times in the past.	No	Get the job done and remove at least part of the Rodman Dam.
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10/20/2021 8:00	Marion		No	No					For the river to returne to its natural flow	endangered manatee, the dams are not natural	will the manatee flurish		
10/20/2021 8:06	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	it's time to restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife. Time to breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat. Stop messing with mother nature.	REALLY???	Disgust with you.	NO	
10/20/2021 8:08	Pinellas		No	No					Return the area to natural state without the dam and reservoir.	Long, ongoing studies	Missed opportunity to restore an important part of Florida's environment.	I would have to see it in writing.	
10/20/2021 8:14	Duval		No	No					Anything that would help to support the ecosystem and ensure safety for all wild life				
10/20/2021 8:17	Brevard		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking		Restored	Environmental concerns			
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10/20/2021 8:24	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Sightseeing.		Close it to restore natural water flow, especially the Ocklawaha river.	NO more delays !!!	Trending toward natural environment being disregarded in future.	No!	I have been very patient on this issue for over a decade ... Get it done !
10/20/2021 8:24	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it in place	The Reservoir has become a wildlife refuge and creates an economic impact on the surrounding community.	The local economy will suffer and people will lose their livelihood	No	
10/20/2021 8:27	Brevard		No	No					Create the natural waterway.	Allows manatees and fish to use the river.	More fish and manatee declines	No	
10/20/2021 8:27	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		I think all water areas in FI should be kept clean	It is important for our wildlife	wildlife may die	I am a native Floridian grew up in Wabasso and it pains me to see so many people move in . We also have a FI Native and no plan.	
10/20/2021 8:34	Outside of state / other	Spruce Michigan	No	No					Absolutely	Providing habitat for Manatees	Death	I want it all	
10/20/2021 8:35	Monroe		No	Yes		1 time	Other: There is no legitimate use for the monstrosity.		Blow up the dam	There is no legitimate use for the monstrosity.	Growing harder to destroy the monstrosity.	NO	Blow the dammed dam.
10/20/2021 8:37	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing		Remove the damn -- let the Oklawaha flow free.	Needed for migration of various species.	Continued degradation of the ecosystem	Tear down a portion of the dam, allowing partial flow.	
10/20/2021 8:37	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it maintained and further developed. There are many opportunities to create expanded recreation. Adding things like a museum, visitors center, and event venue would all be incredible additions. There is also the chance to include more hiking opportunities, including adding accessible paths and educational paths. This could give schools an option for field trips to both learn about Putnam County's natural areas, how springs work and feed large bodies of water, the history of the canal, how dams and locks work, what the US Army Corps of Engineers do, and how we can protect natural habitats in the future (which could possibly include how large project like the canal are not the best ideas going further). I would additionally like to see more viewing platforms for those wishing to see wildlife.	Personal experience. Growing up, Rodman was a primary source of food for my family, and in doing so, it created family outings. I also spent much of my early childhood at the Kenwood boat ramp during local fishing tournaments. For many families, it offers free recreation and outdoor activities. Many birthdays were held at the campground, as it was one of the few places for inexpensive gatherings.	The amount of time it would take for the ecology to adapt to the new conditions. The reservoir and the surrounding areas have created new habitats for wildlife and plant life. Eliminating water coverage would be detrimental to the biology that has grown in the area. Similar to clearing large areas of land, the geography of the area would be affected just as much as the fauna who have created homes. The reservoir is already used for fishing tournaments, creating revenue for the county which is needed. As the county focuses on outdoor recreation and tourism, taking any opportunity away from that just seems illogical. If anything, there is the chance to create two marketing strategies for recreation: fishing/boating during normal operations and kayaking/spring exploration during drawdown.	Not really. To think that the Ocklawaha River would return to its previous state in our lifetime is ridiculous. While the mistakes of the past can be learned from, those mistakes created what exists in our time. The river of yesteryear is gone, but the reservoir is there today. Those fighting for eliminating the reservoir in favor of restoring the Ocklawaha seem to miss the opportunities that exist.	I do wish there were less chemicals used to combat biological growths. It kills off areas for fish to habitat. Finding a natural way to do this would be preferable.
10/20/2021 8:37	Citrus		No	No					They need to go away	Allow the river to remain in in its natural state	A great loss to natural Florida		
10/20/2021 8:38	Volusia		No	No					Don't build the dam.	It will not be good for the manatees that live in that area.	That the manatees would be harmed.	No.	We must protect the manatees!
10/20/2021 8:39	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		Restore natural flow	Manatee growth	continued loss of manatee		
10/20/2021 8:39	Polk		No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam/Rodman Reservoir breached and for an unhindered, free flowing Ocklawaha River to be fully restored.	There are numerous and a myriad of reasons supporting the breach of the Kirkpatrick Dam/Rodman Reservoir and restoration of the Ocklawaha River. The restoration of this natural environment will actually increase job availability and entrepreneurship through ecotourism, something Floridians have a history of priding ourselves on. From our beaches on the coast to our inland waterways, breaching the dam increases opportunity for income earning. Researchers at the University of Florida demonstrated that ecotourism from natural areas of river had twice the economic impact of anglers and boaters who use the reservoir. Additionally, monies can be saved and relocated by working with the natural environment, saving $14 million+ in dam that has surpassed its life expectancy. Allowing a controlled breach and restoration of Ocklawaha could save the Wekiva community potentially $57 million from damages resulting from a dam failure. The full development and restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir brings real economic and environmental resources that benefit nearby communities and Floridians at large.	The economic benefits through ecotourism would not be fully realized, in effect taking away from local and macro Florida communities. Without breaching the dam and restoring the River, there are very real direct and indirect economic losses citizens would suffer.	No; decades long talks have taken enough away from both Florida citizens and the natural environment.	I was born and raised in Florida, where my family has long had roots in the community. I attend the University of Florida and proudly call this state home. I know the full potential of Florida has not been recognized, and I am certain this is one of the truly appropriate steps in seeing the realization of that potential.
10/20/2021 8:40	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I don't use it		bear it down	habitat destruction - free flow of water - free flow of manatee	more destruction of our river	no	
10/20/2021 8:41	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/20/2021 8:41	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 8:41	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see the area restored to a more natural state.	Returning the Ocklawaha River to a more natural state will provide more freshwater to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. johns Rivers, improving water quality downstream. People and wildlife in general will benefit.	A continued degradation of Florida's environment.	Not really.	Restoration would benefit people and wildlife in a multitude of ways both environmentally and economically.
10/20/2021 8:41	Seminole		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/20/2021 8:42	Hillsborough		No	Yes	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing		Remove the damn.	Make the springs that are covered up accessible again. Return the river to its natural state.	Health of ecosystem in jeopardy.	Keep the damn spillways open 24/7	
10/20/2021 8:43	Flagler		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Save our manatees!
10/20/2021 8:46	Brevard		No	No					Reunite the rivers, it's good for wildlife and good for tourism! Breach this old, delapidated dam!	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	More environmental degradation, more useless expenses for taxpayers, less tourism, fewer manatees and other species that our tourist economy depends upon. Just a loss-lose situation for all stakeholders.	No, the dam must be breached. It is an old, shameful mess and the result of outmoded ways of thinking about managing our environment. Its day is done. Let's look to the future!	Let's do the right thing, Floridians! Restore the river!

10/20/2021 8:46	Broward		No	No					That away be found to join the rivers and allow more water access for the manatees.	That changes need to be made and the manatees will pay the price.	No	No	
10/20/2021 8:47	Indian River		No	No									
10/20/2021 8:47	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River	This dam is old and past it's time. We need to restore the freshwater flow to support the animal life that lives in and around the rivers.	That no change will be made and the manatees will pay the price. The dam is just a big problem since it's so old and eventually there's going to be major damage due to it's failure. It's unsafe.	No there isn't.	It's important to the health of Florida that the Ocklawaha River be restored. The restoration would bring back the natural connection to the springs, rivers and estuaries that are essential to our ecosystem.
10/20/2021 8:49	Outside of state / other	Lafayette, Indiana	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	On top of all of the other reasons to help manatees, they are my favorite animal. They are gentle giants, their number one "predator" is humans, and they are smart, playful, and fascinating. Please help save them.
10/20/2021 8:51	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam. There has never been a case where a river is IMPROVED by the existence of a dam.	It absolutely angers me that as a taxpayer I am paying to upkeep a dam that is not only useless, but actively HARMFUL to not only the Ocklawaha but other rivers and systems, like Silver and St Johns.	More taxpayer money thrown away. The ecological harm continues.	What other outcome could there possibly be?? You either breach the dam or you don't. Breach the dam.	This dam is, and always has been, a terrible waste of money. Not just taxpayer money in upkeep and invasive aquatic plant management, but in the dollars that could be coming in from a more diverse tourism. Not just fishermen and power boaters, but kayakers, spring visitation, camping, shoreline fishing, hiking, Silver Springs rebounding as a destination. I understand a handful of folks have fallen in love with the damaged version of the river because that's what they grew up with but the science and economics if restoration simply don't support anything but restoring this river.
10/20/2021 8:54	Marion		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 8:54	Citrus		No	No					Remove the aging dam and let nature take over	Removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	Manatees will continue to suffer with loss of habitat and food		
10/20/2021 8:56	Outside of state / other		No	No					Remove dam. Restore waterways. Enhance biodiversity, fishing opportunities and passive recreation. These are all high values in Florida	Years of seeing dam deteriorate, etc.	A lost opportunity for Florida, Florida's fragile environment, and Florida tourism.	Nope.	
10/20/2021 8:56	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/20/2021 8:57	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River - the dam's breaching is 50 years overdue	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Florida's environmental degradation is accelerating at an ever-increasing rate. Your manatees are under serious pressure (as is other wildlife). As an FSU alum who takes my family back to Florida as often as I can- I am deeply worried about its ecosystem - I feel like it's wasting away before my eyes. This is an opportunity to make a change that can have many beneficial ripple effects.	No.	I loved Florida's incredibly diverse environment when I lived there (alligators and palmetto bugs and all) and I still do. I stay engaged on wildlife/conservation issues in the state in a number of ways and love spending time with and tourist dollars there. Please choose to protect the assets that are unique to your state.
10/20/2021 9:03	Flagler		No	No						Same as above	My biggest concern is lost habitat and species	No	
10/20/2021 9:05	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Other: Using the launches to access the Ocklawaha river. Not the reservoir.	I would like to see the Rodman Dam blown up, demolished!	Restoring the Ocklawaha to it's natural state, which will improve the health of Silver Springs, the St. Johns River and the Florida aquifer.	The quality of our drinking water and the water of the Silver River, St. Johns and Ocklawaha will continue to deteriorate. The Kenwood boat ramp, Payna's Landing ramp and others will continue to be unusable because of the weeds.	No!	Citizen's tax dollars are paying to maintain a useless dam. We are also paying for boat ramps that are not always accessible. This is an irresponsible use of resources. And, we are paying for poison to be sprayed to kill the weeds. That is not healthy for the aquifer or the river. This is all very destructive for the environment and disrespectful to tax payers.
10/20/2021 9:07	Outside of state / other	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/20/2021 9:10	Citrus		No	No						?	?		None
10/20/2021 9:11	St Lucie		Yes	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/20/2021 9:13	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Manatees, a healthier estuary that reduces the potential for downstream flooding in our changing environment, and the creation of jobs through eco-tourism	A compounding decrease in water quality that impacts tourism in North Florida	While decreasing the reservoir level to 11 or 12 ft would reduce the likelihood for damage to downstream property owners, it does not support the wildlife restoration that breaching the dam would.	Thank you for your consideration of these arguments in favor of removing the dam.
10/20/2021 9:14	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OOO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/20/2021 9:15	Volusia		No	No					Remove parts to allow manatees to move more	Manatees are dying and need more water options to thrive	Lack of respect for manatees	No	I adopted a manatee years ago. They play a huge role in our marine ecosystem. Eating only seagrass, manatees keep the ocean floor clean for other marine life to thrive.
10/20/2021 9:15	Outside of state / other	Vermont	No	No					I would like to dam to be breached.	Limiting the rivers will provide important recovery possibilities for endangered manatees and other wildlife.	Endangering the continued existence of manatees and other wildlife.		
10/20/2021 9:17	Manatee		No	No					To improve the dam to help save the manatees	Saving the manatees	Take care of the environment.		
10/20/2021 9:17	Outside of state / other	Orange County Calify	No	No						No			
10/20/2021 9:17	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	eliminate it.	It would aid our manatees and restore a more natural situation there.	Loss of our manatee population and of the outdoor recreation it would provide for fishermen and many others.	No	Please consider this carefully, it has long-term effects.
10/20/2021 9:22	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Other: Triathlon in the area	Please remove it.	Cost of maintenance to the dam, salt water intrusion into st. John's river	Continuing needless spending and salt water intrusion	Not particularly	
10/20/2021 9:25	Outside of state / other	Rhode Island	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and was never used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. An unexpected breach , in contrast, has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse, recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities. It would also help restore Florida's unique and irreplaceable natural environment.	I worry that taxpayer money would be wasted and that damage to the natural environment around the dam would continue.	No. The economic and environmental benefits are attainable only through a breach.	My family last visided the St Johns River several years ago. We did so because of its wildlife and natural environment. Florida depends on tourism, and tourism depends on the preservation of its environment. We could go virtually anywhere, but a healthy manatee population and a healthy watershed would bring us back repeatedly to the St Johns region.
10/20/2021 9:25	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/20/2021 9:25	Leon		No	Yes				Fishing Boating	Keep and maintain the Reservoir and Dam	It is a First Class recreational area that provides Florida sportsman an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.	Less wildlife areas to enjoy	No	Florida has a unique ECO system in Rodman that benefits everyone
10/20/2021 9:36	Pinellas		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 9:39	Outside of state / other	NY	No	No									
10/20/2021 9:40	Broward		No	No					Save the manatees at all costs. Whatever it takes environmentally to protect the manatees and other wildlife. We have the technology to make a difference.	The manatees are dying in record numbers due to environmental pollution and mankind not regarding wildlife. Profit and greed seems to come first. We take from the land, we have to give back to the land in its original state to the best of our ability.	My biggest concern is obviously the survival of manatees and other wildlife.	No. We must must be proactive at this point. To go half way is not the solution.	
10/20/2021 9:40	Palm Beach		No	No					Would like to see the reservoir slowly drained and the ocklawaha river and surrounding area returned to its natural state, as it was prior to the construction of the dam.	The destruction of natural springs in the area that have been 'drowned' since the creation of the reservoir	The destruction of additional springs in the area including Silver Springs and loss of natural habitat.	Yes. The change does not have to happen immediately. A slow release to appease all interested parties is acceptable.	
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10/20/2021 9:43	Volusia		No	No					I would like to see it opened up in able to connect the Ocklawaha river to the St Johns River and to Silver Springs	The manatees need to able to move freely through the system for food and warm water habitat	Manatees could starve, get caught in the lock, or not be able to migrate to warm water in the winter	A partial removal of the dam that would allow the manatee a path through	
10/20/2021 9:44	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach - restore the flow of the St. Johns River.	Safety, biodiversity, restoration	Safety of homes, cost of artificial maintenance	No	
10/20/2021 9:45	Bradford		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Floating Boat dock at the ramp below the dam.	Very hard to get in and out of boats .	Nothing	Not sure	
10/20/2021 9:45	Volusia		No	No					take it down	dams impede the movement of wildlife, especially fish and manatees	the number of warm water refuges for manatees is decreasing as power plants go offline, and removing the dam would give them access to places they currently can't get to. Also, I see no compelling reason why the dam should stay in place, but many compelling reasons to return the river to its natural condition	no....need to remove the dam....its been a topic of discussion since I first came to Florida 20 years ago....get rid of it!	
10/20/2021 9:46	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Destroy it- I have spent thousands of dollars over many years trying to get it taken out. Jeb Bush tried but couldn't get it done. Do it now	The sad and deteriorating state of the St Johns River.	It will continue to worsen the River	No. The dam must go and the waterway be restored	This dam is a monstrocity. It's bad effects will only increase
10/20/2021 9:48	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Other: JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE	REMOVE IT-GO BACK TO NATURE	CLIMATE SCIENCE	SALT WATER INTRUSION	NO-DON'T MESS WITH MOTHER NATURE (REMEMBER THAT FROM THE 70s ?)	
10/20/2021 9:48	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time		Removed	Health of St. John's river	Dam breaks		
10/20/2021 9:48	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Open the Dam to restore natural water flow	Look at the Kissimmee River. Quit trying to outsmart mother nature.	The health of all of the waterways that are a part of this chain.	What are the other options.	I'm pretty confident that Mother Nature is more capable than man is.
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10/20/2021 9:49	Duval		No	No				Do not rebuild. End it for the new abundance of water into the St. Johns River basin.	Amount of water added to river basin	The state of the St. Johns River			
10/20/2021 9:51	Duval		No	No				The Ocklawha River needs to be restored to its natural flow.	Ecological/environmental research and concerns	Further degradation of Florida's waterways and the ensuing threats to life and eco-systems.	...like what?		
10/20/2021 9:51	Duval		No	No				Take it down please.	The quality of water in our springs.	The quality of water in our springs.	No. Please take it down.		
10/20/2021 9:51	Duval		No	No				I would like to see the dam broached so the water can run freely again.	The argument for the way it would help the environment.	That the environmental importance of Florida is being overlooked for political and capitalist gain	Unsure		
10/20/2021 9:52	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove it and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Help to maintain our state's estuaries, thee dam was never used for it's initial purpose and it destroys wildlife habitat. And draining it is a huge waste.	The continued destruction of our estuaries for flora, fauna, clean water, and wildlife in general.	No		
10/20/2021 9:52	Sarasota		No	No				I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	I) 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. II Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. III 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. I) Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harhenbitia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. I) Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. I) Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration.	Continuing environmental degradation. And as the dam fails, it threatens communities downstream. I would not want to see more money spent to rebuild the failing dam.	I am not aware of any other proposals.	Thank you.
10/20/2021 9:52	Clay		No	No				Take it down and restore the river system to a natural flow!	The salt water intrusion of the St. John's river could be fixed if this dam was taken out.	Loss of natural habitats and flow to the river systems	No. Take the dam out it should have never been left when the cross FL barge canal was not completed	Thank you for allowing me to comment on this issue.
10/20/2021 9:53	Broward		No	No				I would like to see it removed to help restore the flow of rivers and support fragile migratory animal life				
10/20/2021 9:53	St Lucie		No	No				Stop it	Problems and manatee death don't	Dead manatees	No	
10/20/2021 9:53	Brevard		No	Yes	2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like for the safety of all of the biodiversity within to be prioritized.	The current state of our manatees, eutrophication and the concerns with food sources for manatees.	Further reduction of our manatee populations and loss of other forms of biodiversity.	No. We need to make bold decisions and take bold actions now.	
10/20/2021 9:54	St Johns		No	No				Please remove the dam and restore the waterways to their natural pre-damn state.	That removing damns will significantly restore the health and diversity of our waterway systems, help prevent salt water intrusion, and improve the bio diversity and even general diversity for recreation of our Florida waterways.	Unnecessary costs of maintaining an antiquated dam that actually harms our ecosystem.	No.	
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10/20/2021 9:54	Clay		No	No				Restored to its natural state, allowing natural flow and biodiversity development. We rarely perceive of the extenuating effects of interference with nature. We can reverse the damage by giving these waterways back to Mother Nature.	Blue algae blooms, stagnant water and fish kills.	Tax dollars needed to preserve a dam that serves no purpose.	Continue to invest in rerouting flows around the dam.	Thanks for taking on this battle!
10/20/2021 9:55	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and let water flow back to the Oklawaha River and St. Johnsfiver tributaries as it was before the dam	The state of the St. Johns River & its tributaries	Pollution in and to the river and its tributaries cannot properly be removed. Clean water is a huge need to the state, including central and north Florida.	no	
10/20/2021 9:56	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: sightseeing	I would like to see the Kirkpatric Dam removed so the river can be restored to its natural state.	There is so much salt water intrusion, and restoring the river would eliminate much of that. Alsol, our beautiful springs would have more water and be more attractive to tourists and residents alike	I am concerned about the high cost of maintenance over years and years as the Dam gets older.	Not really	I pray that the Kirkpatrick Dam is removed and the Oklawaha River restored.
10/20/2021 9:56	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove or breach	Pollution reports	Expensive repair or replacement and health of river		
10/20/2021 9:56	Collier		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	Removing the dam hopefully will restore 50 springs and the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. John's Rivers and their natural flow, plus saving millions of dollars on a repair of the dam	The loss of $ 47 million in economic benefits to Putnam County and Silver Springs over 10 years, as well as loss of potential forests , flood protection and wildlife.	No. The dam must be removed.	My wife grew up in Putnam County. Her two brothers still live there. Removing the dam will benefit Putnam County ecologically and economically.
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10/20/2021 9:59	Volusia		No	Yes	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the damn removed and the area restored.	Water quality and wildlife	Water quality and wildlife habitat being ruined		
01/20/2021 10:02	Duval		No	No				remove the dam and restore Ocklawaha river	This would increase freshwater flow into St Johns River and restore wetlands.	loss of more wetlands and salt marsh habitat	no	Get this done! We've been dithering about this since I moved here in 1974!
10/20/2021 10:02	Duval		No	No				I would like the dam dismantled	The health of our rivers and estuaries.	The algae bloom in the St. Johns River and also the slow death of our springs.	no, it is time to get rid of the dam and allow nature to be free and make our waterways healthy again.	
10/20/2021 10:03	Collier		No	No				Remove the dam as an impediment to the free-flowing Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns River systems. The dam is inhibiting the benefits to wildlife, fish migration and environmental restoration in the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	Water quality. Restoring a free-flowing river system will improve water quality and increase resiliency of the St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. A free-flowing river system will allow fish (and other wildlife including manatees) to access food and nursery opportunities throughout the river system.	A continued expense and risk for the watershed, to maintain the dam integrity, apply herbicide treatment to encroaching invasive plant species, supplement dwindling fish stocks in a deteriorating reservoir, and mitigate the risk to down river communities as the dam ages to eventual collapse.	No. Putting a bandaid on a building catastrophe will not fix the problem of an impeded river flow that will never benefit the Florida Wildlife Corridor. With the increase of extreme weather events, the continual maintenance of the Kirkpatrick Dam will only become more costly for a dam that never realized its reason for installation.	Restoring natural ecosystems should be the primary consideration going forward. Maintaining an ill-conceived impediment to the free-flow of river systems is not beneficial to the Florida Wildlife Corridor.
10/20/2021 10:03	St Johns		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 10:04	Marion		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / Kayaking	Remove the Rodman Dam & Restore the Ocklawaha. The reservoir is not necessary,	Results of studies showing the degradation of water quality and explosion of non-native fish species in the Silver & Ocklawaha.	Degradation of the water system and supply that we all (humans, wildlife, surrounding forests, etc.) depend on to maintain our health and prosperity	No. Years of the status quo has led to continuing degradation.	We have a great opportunity to finance the removal of the Rodman Dam and benefit everyone (taxpayers, visitors, sportspeople, wildlife). We'd be stupid to let this opportunity go by.
10/20/2021 10:04	Outside of state / other	Panama City Florida	No	No				Manatees Rule!		That manatees are not allowed to move freely into another area		
10/20/2021 10:05	Duval		No	No				Remove the dam.	Removal of the dam will support the resiliancy and health of our river system.	Continuing the input of tax money to support a failing dam.	No.	
10/20/2021 10:06	Orange		No	No				remove the dam and restore the flow of the river	the original waterway was more productive for the environment	continued degradation of the environment	no	
10/20/2021 10:07	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove Kirkpatrick dam and allow free flow of oklawaha river	The amount of herbicides used to clear out weeds is criminal.	That the reservoir will bezome sicker and pollute our natural resources. Also the dam is in need of repair that will cost taxpayers a lot of money.	No	
10/20/2021 10:08	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times		Fishing	Keep as is	Environmental and recreational. Greatest bass fishing in state		No	
10/20/2021 10:08	Leon		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150 + million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers. The 300 mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now we miss the best opportunity to provide warm water and forage habitat for manatees when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue!	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their habitat is restored, there will be more die-offs in the future. The greatest long term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat.
10/20/2021 10:09	Gadsden		No	No				Whatever is in the BEST INTERESTS of the Flora and Fauna, NOT humans!! The ENVIRONMENT MUST BE the PRIORITY!! It is well beyond time humans start making Sacrifices and changes!!	Have you seen what is happening on our Planet??? Also, decades worth of printed evidence.	The LOSS of yet another necessary Natural environment for human ONLY benefit. Confirmation that the "Powers that be" STILL are NOT listening, nor do they care!	NO!!	Sadly, I have NO DOUBT it'll be let down and broken hearted by the decision. The environment ALWAYS loses, which means we ALL lose too. When will we learn?? You'd think it would've been long BEFORE NOW. !!
10/20/2021 10:10	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Let the river go back to it's natural course.	Health of the watershed, natural beauty of a wild river, not practical to keep a reservoir healthy in Florida.	Continued waste of public money to maintain an unhealthy ecosystem.	no	Considering the political mentality of North central Florida there isn't a snowballs chance in hell of success but hey, one can try.
10/20/2021 10:10	Levy		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other	I want it to stay just the way it is now	The beauty of the wildlife is overwhelming most beautiful place I've ever seen fishing is awesome too	I will have to find a new place to go	No	I believe that taking out the dam would ruin the natural resources with the eco system
10/20/2021 10:12	Outside of state / other	Durham, NH	No	No				I am in support of whatever action would most benefit the manatee!	The "Save the Manatee" newsletter	Further loss of manatee depleting their population and ability to reproduce and live safely.		
10/20/2021 10:13	Collier		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing				
10/20/2021 10:14	Lake		No	No				The Long-term maintenance for this damn is a cost the Florida people do not need to continue paying in light of no benefit .	To restore 7500 acres to their original, natural state in light of all the over development in Florida will have long-term lasting benefits.	We lose one more opportunity to care for A small corner of the world which can nurture Florida's diversity let alone another chance to help the manatees.	No	The Rodman dam was a mistake: to go back and correct this mistake can only improve our environment in the state overall. Please take this action today. I'm 75 years old and I grew up in Florida visiting the different springs open to the public. When I have traveled across the country and tell people I'm from Florida one of the unique conversations we have is about the MANATEES. Please do everything possible to give these magnificent animals a fighting chance.
10/20/2021 10:15	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is.	Don't fix what is not broken.	A wonderful recreational area would be destroyed.	Not sure. Depends on options offered.	
10/20/2021 10:15	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	Restore the flow of the original river.	Water quality, which natural flow and fish will improve with the damn being removed or released.	Boat traffic and speed. Need to also protect the Manatees !!	Additional funding for clearing the water, adding fish, reducing algae, etc	
10/20/2021 10:16	Osceola		No	No				Restore access to manatee waterways	animal welfare is more important than corporate interests	Our children will not be able to enjoy a healthy manatee population in the future		
10/20/2021 10:18	St Johns		No	No				Restore the Saint Johns River flow	I've been paying attention to the multiple assaults on the Saint Johns River, from deepening the channel for jaxport, to the ever increasing strain of supporting our burgeoning population, which draw unprecedented amounts of water from it, and then pollute it with their effluents.	Water crisis, faster and worsening salt water incursion,	Don't know	
10/20/2021 10:18	Broward		No	No								
10/20/2021 10:18	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove portions of the damn to support manatees and fish migration	save the manatees	the manatees	I don't think so	
10/20/2021 10:19	Seminole		No	No				We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/20/2021 10:20	Santa Rosa		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Boating Other: Camping	Maintain the reservoir as is, it is an outstanding fishery and established eco systems	years of outstanding fishing	loss of an outstanding bass fishery in FL	No	
10/20/2021 10:20	Duval		No	No				I would like the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to be breached to restore the Ocklawaha River to be free-flowing . Studies by federal and state agencies have demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	This is the moment to stop the ecological degradation that this 50 year old, unnecessary dam has caused. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	I do NOT want taxpayer money spent on restoring this dam!
10/20/2021 10:20	Outside of state / other	UK	No	No				Removal or breaching of the dam.	Reports of record mortality rates among manatees in 2021 and impact of the dam on their ability to seek refuge and food.	That the terrible loss of manatee life will continue.	No.	I am not a resident of Florida but over the past 30 years my family and I have been frequent visitors and a major reason for that has been the wildlife of which the manatee is amongst the most beautiful and important. The reports of record manatee mortality are heartbreaking and if this can be prevented or even reversed by providing safe passage to refuge and feeding grounds then I believe the breaching or removal of the dam to be more than worth it, for state residents, for visitors and most of all for this wonderful creature.
10/20/2021 10:21	Nassau		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Complete removal	Restoration of the river	Damage to thr river	no	

10/20/2021 10:21	Duval		No	No					It restored and linked up with the other 3 rivers, water flow restores to the springs in the area	Water flow , quality of water	The water and surrounding natural areas would continue to not become a huge part of our scenic and nature of Florida.	I think it needs to be fully restored back to before all the changes were made.	
10/20/2021 10:22	Outside of state / other	California	No	No									I just want the manatees protected. They are priceless, unique and beautiful.
10/20/2021 10:23	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 10:26	Miami-Dade		No	No					If the dam was removed the natural flow of the water would restore migratory patterns for manatees and fish, as well as allow 3 rivers to converge again. This natural flow is important for clean water & the environment as a whole to thrive.	Science	We lose more natural habitat, natural water sources & land around the rivers.		
10/20/2021 10:26	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-$4 Million in dam repairs.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose the opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply, or another broad public benefit. It's about time someone starts thinking about wasting the taxpayer's hard-earned money. It seems to be the theme in government projects. Let the taxpayer pay for it when people right now are over-taxed and underpaid.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Look at the big picture and the positive results. For people who want to make a positive impact on the economy, the wildlife and stop beating up the taxpayers, this shouldn't even be a question. The moral thing to do and in everyone's mind would be to breach the dam. Seriously, future generations will thank you.
10/20/2021 10:28	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam to reunite the rivers	The positive impact this will have on local wildlife, especially manatees	Restricting the flow of the river will have a negative impact on wildlife	No	
10/20/2021 10:28	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Visited to see the dam while kayaking the Ocklawaha	Get rid of both by breaking the dam to restore the River. The cross Florida barge canal is a distant nightmare. The Ocklawaha River is a precious resource blighted by these relics.	I 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. II Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. III 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. IV Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harperhgtia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. V Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. VI Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida I Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. II Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. II Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. II At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. IV An estimated $24 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. II The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds would be limited	The dam will fail and the state will waste millions of dollars restoring it in a misguided attempt to please bass fishermen. Breach the dam and fishing on the restored Ocklawaha will be better than it ever was in the stagnant reservoir.	No	
10/20/2021 10:29	Outside of state / other	Knoxville, TN	No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam adversely impacts many rivers, springs and forested wetlands. It also prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months.	Florida has the opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 10:30	Indian River		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir	I support wild and scenic rivers	Continued development of the area	No	
10/20/2021 10:30	Osceola		Yes	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 300-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. 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10/20/2021 10:30	Volusia		No	No					reconnect the Oaklawaha	improved water quality	more manatee deaths and further water deterioration	no	
10/20/2021 10:31	Duval		No	No					I would like to see it removed	It was part of a failed plan to construct a cross Florida canal. It serves no other purpose. The river should be returned to its original state.	I would refer you to the volumes of data that speaks to outcomes of similar engineering projects that had unintended results. If the river was allowed to return to its natural state. Florida would save millions of dollars not having to maintain the dam.	Can't see any way around not returning the river to its natural state.	
10/20/2021 10:33	Duval		No	No					Restore the River.				
10/20/2021 10:33	Outside of state / other	Saint Joseph MO	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages.	manatee extinction	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 10:33	Volusia		No	No					Anything that will protect our beautiful Florida		the beloved manatees	no	
10/20/2021 10:34	Lee		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha by breaching the dam	Habitat and wildlife	Environmental	Please act now to make local wildlife flourish	
10/20/2021 10:34	Lee		No	No					Dam removed and area returned to its natural state.	Restoring areas to their natural state is better for the overall environment.			
10/20/2021 10:36	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the rejoining of the river.	To provide a reestablishment of the ecosystems for the open waterways of the Great Florida Riverways to ensure wildlife habitat.	More manatees, migratory birds and other wildlife species will suffer from the dam staying up.	No	Save the Ocklawha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers to provide eco-strength to the wildlife.
10/20/2021 10:38	Brevard		No	No									
10/20/2021 10:38	Outside of state / other	ved in Brevard, Pinellas, and Marion (	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Majority of visits have been on River below the dam	I would like to see the dam destroyed and the river restored to its former winding, sometimes flooding, self, in order that the hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing I experienced in the wetlands along the river before the dam might return for my grandchildren.	All I can present is my memories of the beauty of the lower river and it's wetlands, and the abundance of deer, squirrels, fish, turtles and alligators that I enjoyed there as a young man from the early 1950's through 1968. These wetlands no longer exist, to the detriment of wildlife, fish, water quality, and general enjoyment of the river.	There are many, but if I had to choose one I would pick the continuing degradation of water quality, both in the river and in the ground, due to the continuing build-up of fertilizer and heavy metals in the sediment behind the dam. While flushing can prevent their presence as long as we insist on allowing and even encouraging mining, industrial agriculture, and golf courses in the river basin, I think a free flowing river would flush some pollutants out and distribute others so that fewer would percolate into the ground water.	Remove the dam, without restoring the river. The river will slowly restore itself, although this may take a century or more.	Upon moving to Florida in 1954, my father purchased a small lot to use as a hunting/fishing camp near Moss Bluff. In the years after the dam and river dredging were completed, we witnessed the gradual drying up of the river edge wetlands and the diminishing fish and wildlife in the area, and the lowering of the underground water table and the increasing foulness of the river as all the organic matter left on the reservoir bottom decayed and as floating water hyacinths choking the boat landings were sprayed and rotted. While the dam and channelization of the river were not the sole causes of the lowered water table and reduced water quality, they certainly had a negative effect. I know that our visits to the camp gradually reduced after the dam, and we spent less time on the river and more in the forest, until we stopped going to the river altogether. I suspect we would not have purchased the land or built the cabin or spent our money in the area if the river had been dammed and channelized at that time. From an economic point of view, I believe that the loss of an artificial fishing lake where high powered boats race from spot to spot is more than compensated for by the return of a scenic natural river bordered by fish and wildlife nurturing wetlands supporting kayakers, float fishermen, birdwatchers, and others who come to enjoy the Real Florida.
10/20/2021 10:38	Washington		No	No					I just want to save manateeee	the die there (right?)	the manateeeeeeez!	taking down the dam	comments.
10/20/2021 10:40	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/20/2021 10:40	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: exploring through Ocala NF	I would like to see it breached and have the historical water flow restored	Restoring water flow improves water quality for entire water management district. Improved water quality will bring back more fish populations which will bring back more wildlife diversity. With out the dame, Tropical storm flooding will be less of an urgent issue.	Water quality problems, tropical storm flooding issues, floodplain habitat not restored, wildlife habitat not improving, poor wildlife diversity	-	-
10/20/2021 10:40	Liberty		No	No					-	-	-	-	-
10/20/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	-
10/20/2021 10:41	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I've been on the river during drawdowns. Please restore the River and save our springs.	Information from St John's Riverkeeper showing the benefits	Plan B will not be necessary	No. Free the Ocklawaha now! Bring back our native species, let the manatees use the springs.	The fishing can only get better
10/20/2021 10:42	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restored to its natural state	Health of St John's River	Salt water intrusion	Uncertain.	
10/20/2021 10:42	Broward		No	No					Return the watershed to it's natural state and restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir	Partnering with natural systems through restoration has a broad range of environmental and economic benefits which are longer-lasting and sustainable than mechanical systems like dams	The on-going wellbeing of the community and overall ecology of the area. Moving into the next decades, the state is showing little progressive action to protect our state through natural systems	No	
10/20/2021 10:43	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, restoring the river system to its pre-1960s natural state.	Three important rivers, the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 lost springs will be restored.	We miss the best and possibly only opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No.	
10/20/2021 10:46	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Leave it alone.	Personal experiences.	That if restored to it's original state, that stretch of the Ocklawha will become an underutilized body of water.	No.	
10/20/2021 10:47	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	
10/20/2021 10:48	Orange		No	No					Open up the dam to connect waterways	Manatees, fish and people would benefit if the waterways were connected by demolishing the outdated dam	Stagnancy	No	
10/20/2021 10:49	Duval		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	
10/20/2021 10:50	St Johns		No	No					Removing it	It is impeding the health of the ecosystem and thus the livelihood of ecotourism			
10/20/2021 10:50	Volusia		No	No					make the ocklawaha free flowing again. Remove the ocklawhaw dam and Rodman Reservoir				
10/20/2021 10:50	Outside of state / other	Milwaukee, WI	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing		The manatees deserve a healthy and safe place to live.	The safety and endangerment of manatees and other local wildlife		
10/20/2021 10:53	Broward		No	No						Yes.			
10/20/2021 10:53	Charlotte		No	No					Restore the waterway by removing the dam	Important for wildlife movement	Health of manatee	No	
10/20/2021 10:54	Lee		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam prevents manatees from getting to a safe refuge in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	IF Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe	No.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatly long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 10:55	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Hiking	I think it is time to restore the river.	The natural system should be restored.	We will continue to restrict flow and harm our resources.		
10/20/2021 10:55	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and connection of waterways restored	Many pieces of information support my vote to restore Ocklawaha river flow.	Loss o manatee environment and other indigenous fish. Health of Florida's waterways.	No	
10/20/2021 10:56	Marion		No	No					As a nature lover I have just become aware of this issue. I would like to see improved water quality, healthy springs with additional recreational activities.	No manatees in Silver Springs as a result of the dam. Just think about positive impact from that one change to the Silver Springs area.	Poor Springs health. Lack of natural wildlife and poor Manatee Habitat.		
10/20/2021 10:57	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Other: T o observe the damage being done to the Ocklawaha River	I'd like to see the dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored as a natural flowing river. This would restore water quality, wildlife habitat, and enhance the economy in the community of Silver Springs when as many as 200 manatees and numerous migratory varieties of fish might return to the headsprings. attract tourists.	A University of Florida study commissioned by the Silver Springs Alliance, the Sierra Club, the Florida Defenders of Wildlife and other groups which concluded both the health of three rivers, the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, plus the economies of communities from Silver Springs to Jacksonville would be enhanced when the dam is breached.	That an aging and dangerous dam built for the now defunct Cross Florida Barge Canal would continue to disrupt a natural river system, cost taxpayers money, and mostly benefit bass anglers and not a larger group of public stakeholders.	Breaching the dam is the best solution, but I understand that this should be done gradually to avoid damaging personal property downstream and inflicting sudden ecological change to creatures that have adapted to the stagnant conditions at the dam.	As a 72 year-old native Floridian, I've seen the wholescale destruction of Florida from one end to the other inflicted by commercial interests, offen headquartered far outside Florida. Only rarely do we witness meaningful restoration effort that the breaching of the Rodman Dam now offers. Don't squander this unique opportunity to heal the damage in these environmentally-unjust times.
10/20/2021 10:58	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	No					Removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam would free the Ocklawaha to flow naturally as it wends toward the St. John's River, restore habitat suppling warm waters to Manatee habitat. Having visited Manatee sites in the Key Biscayne area and north of North Captiva Island, we tell Wisnowbirds and friends to visit and enjoy these Florida sites. Tourism $$s result.	In Wisconsin dam removal has not only saved the state the cost of replacing current unsafe dams, but also current and future maintenance costs. The reward has been improved water quality and recreational opportunities for people - and wildlife. Discussions run hot in the lead-up to decisions, but all experience the reward of sustainable results and lower long-term costs. Recreational income improves.	Further loss of desirable places for people and wildlife to recreate depreciates Florida's outdoor assets that draw folks to your state.	Not really. With an elevation of 0' above sea level, it's clear the Ocklawaha needs to run free to help prevent further salt water incursions into coastal ground waters.	None.
10/20/2021 11:00	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	maintained as is. maybe more wheelchair access. perhaps a pier off the dam upstream of the spillway	over 30 years as a water operator, my understanding of flows and the Floridan Aquifer, tell me that "restoration" is not possible.	loss of a man made resource that provides habitat for critters.	no compromise when it comes to Kirkpatrick dam, no removal, destruction!. I would like to see this put into LAW so we can finally put this issue to rest. It's been a long time!	

10/20/2021 11:03	Collier		No	No					Help the manatees	Manatees	Manatees	Unsure	
10/20/2021 11:05	Brevard		No	No					Remove	Removing key portions of this dam, which it past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	Long-term survival of Florida's manatee population	no	
10/20/2021 11:05	Brevard		No	No					Removing key portions of this dam, which it past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	Helping the manatees!	We have lost nearly 1000 manatees this year. We need to support this species before it is too late!	That would depend on the science.	Thank you!
10/20/2021 11:06	Miami-Dade		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/20/2021 11:07	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	keep the dam open and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha	All the research and information provided by the Defenders about current environmental conditions vs. past; my observation of the use of Rodman Reservoir (very poor boating; death of waterlogged trees around the shores; drowned springs; explosion of invasive water vegetation which requires poisonous spraying)	continuing deterioration of the watershed and continuing spraying of the waterways	NO. Either the dam is open or it is closed. Cannot be halfway pregnant. The local economy will greatly benefit from opening the waterway.	It is ludicrous that "some" local interests/coupled with the Corps of Engineers continue to put obstacles to the implementation of the will of Congress (no more money for Rodman Dam) and of the taxpayers (no more money for the dam and give us back our river!!!). SHAME ON THEM!!!
10/20/2021 11:07	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the dam and drain the reservoir	wildlife	loss of wildlife		
10/20/2021 11:08	Brevard		No	No					Create the natural waterway.	Allows manatees and fish to use the river.	More fish and manatee declines	No	
10/20/2021 11:08	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove the damn.	The dam was part of the cross Florida barge canal project that was abandoned in the early 1970s. Even the Republican administration recognized it as a debacle environmentally and economically. It has long since passed the time when the natural flow of the river should be restored. Doing so will help all downstream systems including the St. Johns River.	The St. Johns River is continuously being stressed, in part because of removal of its natural flows. Salinity levels would be reduced and we could expect a healthier River green system with better fishing than currently exists at the Rodman dam.	I'm not aware of any proposal short of preaching the dam that would restore natural flows and improve my fishing and kayaking experience.	
10/20/2021 11:09	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the Oklawaha River.	The ratio between number of acres of natural area divided by the human population of Florida is rapidly decreasing due to population growth and natural area lost to development. Removing the dam would be a small step toward mitigating this problem.	Florida would become less attractive and plants and animals would continue to suffer losses.	no	
10/20/2021 11:11	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Water quality improvements/ 30 years with FLORIDA LAKEWATCH	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Open the waters up for natural restoration	•There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	•We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. •Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. This must be done now.	SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/20/2021 11:11	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman/Kirckpatrick Dam breached.	Florida's springs are our most treasured natural resources and 20 springs are currently drowned by the Rodman/Kirckpatrick dam. Breaching the dam would free those springs and provide much needed winter habitat for manatees, which are currently experiencing their deadliest year on record. The breaching of the dam would additionally restore habitats for migratory fish and would save $4-14 million in dam repairs.	I am concerned that hundreds of manatees will lose access to warm water winter habitats. In addition millions of dollars of taxpayer money will be spent keeping up this dam that provides no broad public benefit.	No. The breaching of this dam is long overdue.	Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 11:13	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	As a lifelong Florida resident, I am very concerned about our rivers and springs which have been inhibited from providing natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months by this dam. The environment is Florida's treasure and we need to do all we can to keep it healthy and protect wildlife. Also the tax burden that this dam which is more than 50 years old without ever being used for its intended purpose is concerning. Our taxes should not be wasted!	By not restoring the Ocklawaha River, the environmental impact now and in the future is unacceptable for Floridians who count on healthy waterways to protect our native wildlife and provide recreational opportunities. Also, again, the amount of taxpayer's money that will be required to repair the dam is concerning and could be better spent. This is not reasonable.	No. Breaching the dam is overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife cannot wait.	As a native Floridian, I have seen many changes which have negatively impacted our environment. I care about Florida's environment and wildlife and think it is our responsibility to act responsibly to ensure a great environment for the future of Florida. I am asking you to make a responsible decision to restore the Ocklewaha River to ensure a brighter future for our state's people and wildlife. Thank you.
10/20/2021 11:16	Miami-Dade		No	No					I would like for the local manatee population to be able to move freely through the waterway.	Manatees play a critically important role in maintaining the health of our waters and require uninterrupted access in order to migrate to warmer waters, feed on sea grass, and reproduce.	I would be very concerned for the continued decline in the manatee population, as they were moved from 'endangered' to 'threatened' protection status 5-6 years ago and are now being reconsidered for endangered status due to increases in water pollution, habitat interruption/destruction, and human interference.	Water channels specifically designated for manatee migration	Save the manatees!
10/20/2021 11:16	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times	Other: No use for it.		It needs to be removed in order to restore the natural flow of the river.	A plethora of information available that supports returning the river to nature.	Further harm to a critical ecosystem.	No. remove the dam.	
10/20/2021 11:17	Hillsborough		No	Yes					Preservation				
10/20/2021 11:20	Palm Beach		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.
10/20/2021 11:20	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	Environmental protection	Loss of many species.	Not that can think of	Free the ocklawaha
10/20/2021 11:23	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					I would like the dam to be disassemble to restore the Ocklawaha River.	Not only is the dam past its life expectancy and an unexpected breach or major repair program would wreak havoc on people and animals physically it would also be a huge financial burden for taxpayers. More importantly though is protection of the waterways and springs as habitats for manatees, birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Manatees need warm places to be in the winter and removing the dam would bring back more places for them to be. They nor fish should not have to uses locks which is sketchy and also supports invasive species living downstream. The natural food web has been disrupted by the dam. A natural water flow is the best option for people and animals.	Manatee and wildlife survival.	I can't think of a scenario right now.	Thank you for hearing the public.
10/20/2021 11:24	Union		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Seeing manatees!	We need to do more to protect manatees, who are already dying at an alarming rate. Please restore the Ocklawaha River for Florida's wildlife!	The greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees will continue to die off and will no longer grace our beautiful state!		Please restore Florida's Riverways!
10/20/2021 11:24	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 11:24	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam.	Restoration of natural water flows.	Loss of natural habitat.	No	
10/20/2021 11:25	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove dam. Restore natural environment.	risk to environment	further damage to environment	no	
10/20/2021 11:27	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	This man made ecology holds water for a large part of the state including wells for many in the area. To destroy it would simply kill many species of animals and starve many others.	Living there and seeing the eco system thrive	Dry wells for many dead manatees the entire eco system will fall all animals eagles etc will starve to death.	No	This is a thriving place for all wildlife! Lets remember what happened in other areas like spring hill Florida when the water was piped out! Hundreds of thousands of sink holes dry wells Florida needs fresh water! It was a a mistake to make it however now a larger one to remove it.
10/20/2021 11:27	Franklin		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. 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Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. 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10/20/2021 11:27	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking		Take the dam down and let the Ocklawaha go back to what is was.	The suppression of the environment during the years of the dam on the rivers.	We will bose the rivers and the true ecosystem	No	
10/20/2021 11:27	Putnam		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to its natural state.	Positive results of other dam removals around the country.	None. It would be a 100% positive outcome.	No	
10/20/2021 11:31	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Surveying invasive plants and general conditions on the reservoir	I conducted research with Dr. Jerry Shireman for the Corps of Engineers in the late 70's and early 80's on managing the reservoir (Primarily regulating water levels to optimize fisheries production and provide information on minimizing the need for invasive aquatic weed control. The final report we completed recommended periodic major drawdowns to reduce the amount of forage species and increase production of strong year classes of sportfish as well as providing free invasive weed control. Rodman remains a premier fishing lake and the cost of invasive plant control on the 9,000 acre reservoir remains just a fraction of the cost of invasive weed control on any other similar size water body in Florida. The reservoir is highly manageable with few residents living on the shoreline, it has developed for 50 years its own unique and diverse wildlife habitat and serves many ecological and economic functions that benefit the public. Thus, my conclusion is that the reservoir should be maintained as such and certainly not altered in any significant manner.	The reservoir receives water from the most eutrophic chain of lakes in the state of Florida and among other ecological functions benefits the downstream receiving waters by removing significant amounts of nutrients from the upstream lakes and from the major silver springs inflow. The water retention average of 20-30 days does not significantly affect the salinity levels in the St. Johns and , though I know of no major studies, the flooded 9,000 acre flood plain probably aids significantly to recharge of the decreasing underlying aquifer, considerably more than the restored river would be able to accomplish. During the drought of 2012/13 all the major recreational lakes in north Florida, orange, Santa Fe, Suwannee River, etc. were inaccessible to boaters while rodman was unaffected. I believe that water is becoming a limiting resource in the state with excessive population growth and demand for ground water as well as surface waters will continue to rise and be particularly severe during periodic drought levels, which are not uncommon in the history of the state. The recent study on the economic benefits of the restored river over estimates the recreational use of the restored river by including the fisheries value of the tailwaters are Rodman dam. These fisher people fish the tailwater for two major reasons: one is that many of these people do not own or could afford the expense of boats and motors and the tailwater flow attracts fish to that location similar to the "Fish Jubilee" that Archie Carr discusses in one of his books when heavy rains cause fish to concentrate in areas of high water flow downstream of culverts and other locations. In summary, the Reservoir as currently managed, facing population growth and declining water supplies, provides far greater current and future ecological and economic benefits that a restored river.	My concerns should be clear from the above discussion. Interesting, that if the reservoir were not already there, there will be a discussion about construction of shallow Stormwater Treatment Areas, similar to those in S. Florida, to treat the water from this watershed before entering the St. Johns River!!	My support would depend on the scenario's being considered.	
10/20/2021 11:38	Levy		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Canoeing / Kayaking	Tear the Dam thing down!	The ecological and social devastation that has happened.	The ecology continues to get worse.	No!	
10/20/2021 11:38	Outside of state / other	Fairfax, VA	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/20/2021 11:38	Outside of state / other	Missouri	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/20/2021 11:39	Duval		No	No					Remove or breach the dam to improve the Ocklawaha, Silver Springs & St. John's Rivers overall health, as well as help mitigate salt intrusion in Duval County.	The interview on WJCT with the St. John's River-keeper, which guided me to review pertinent sections of the online 2021 State of the River Report.	The current environmental impacts will only grow more severe affecting the quality of life of the majority of citizens of N.E. FL	Just about any solution as per the 2021 State of the River Report that RiverKeeper.org is willing to accept	So, will the power & influence of elite special interests or will the interests, mid-term and longterm, of everyday citizens' Health & quality of life prevail?
10/20/2021 11:44	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Remove it				
10/20/2021 11:45	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		Would like to see it breached and finally dismantled	That breaching the dam would restore the Ocklawaha river to its free flowing state thereby benefiting the environment and the folks living on the River and fishing the river.	That the decision makers would still disregard the benefits of a free flowing Oclawaha in favor of so called "sport fishing" in the reservoir.	Not really	
10/20/2021 11:50	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Take it down, reunite the rivers.	Needs to go back to it's more natural state	Wildlife is already struggling, we may lose some key animals such as manatees that have had a hard time lately. They need help.	Not that complicated.	
10/20/2021 11:50	St Lucie		No	No					Demolish the dam drain the reservoir	restoration of the natural flow of Ocklawaha River, its flora and fauna, restoration of the Floridan Aquifer and drinking water	Lost natural habitat, impact on Floridan Aquifer and the state's drinking water		
10/20/2021 11:51	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting	Nothing. Just to keep it maintained and as trash free as possible.				
10/20/2021 11:53	St Johns		No	No									
10/20/2021 11:54	Outside of state / other	Centre county, PA	No	No					Remove barriers to Manatee habitat. Do the right thing, so that these endangered mammals have safe and clean habitat to live in.	Information that was provided to me by The Save the Manatee organization.	That the manatee population would continue to decline, most likely to extinction.	I would be in support of other so called scenario's that continue to support the protection and preservation of the Manatee and it's vital habitat.	
10/20/2021 11:57	Duval		No	Yes				Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam is falling apart and needs to be removed before it fails and puts people AND properties in jeopardy. It was never a good idea. It would cost a LOT of money to make it safe, money that would be BETTER spent restoring the free flow of of the rivers and surrounding springs thereby improving water quality and the grass beds needed by fish populations for breeding and manatees for food.	Latest statistics. Manatees are freezing in winter because they cannot access the springs and now they are starving because the grass beds are silted and choked due to low flow conditions. Fish stocks are declining because they can't breed in the muck. Algae blooms are getting worse, killing fish, polluting the waterways, making people sick and making river activities VERY unattractive to locals and tourists. Saline intrusion is starting to contaminate our fresh water - water that we rely on to DRINK.	Dead fish. Dead manatees. Dead springs. Dead people. A lot of wasted/misplaced dollars. If the dam fails, we would be subject to huge lawsuits because people and properties WILL be hurt, if we ALLOW our aquifers to fail we will be trucking in water from WHERE - the Great Lakes? Or spending ridiculous sums for desalinization plants which would, in turn, contaminate our coastlines. How shortsighted is that!!!		
10/20/2021 11:57	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach and destroy the dam and return the natural flow that nature intended. It was be great to add boat access ramps and access points for is to use	It never should have been built as it changed the rivers flow and has created problems since.	Water quality will suffer	No it needs to be taken down.	
10/20/2021 12:00	Duval		No	No					Removed	Newspaper articles.	St John's river will increase salinity wise.		
10/20/2021 12:01	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	That the Kirkpatrick Dam be removed. I and fellow fishermen find it unsustainable for bass and other fish species. We would like to allow the natural flow of the river be restored.	Personal experience.	My biggest concern is if the natural flow of the river is not restored we will have pooled pollution in the dammed area. The natural flow and spawning ground for fish and the biodiversity that sustain fish and other aquatic species are stunted. It's not proven to be sustainable to fish and all that support them.	No.	
10/20/2021 12:05	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	We have badly neglected our waterways in Florida favoring industry over ecology. Florida is far behind other natural resources rich states in natural protections its time to act. The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration
10/20/2021 12:06	Sarasota		No	No					Preserve the Manatee habitat	The number of manatees dying from starvation	Saving the manatees	No	
10/20/2021 12:06	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the natural connection of the Springs and Rivers.	Science supports the return to natural flow. Also, the dam is 50 years old so in removing it now this will be cost effective.	Further deterioration of the Springs and the St Johns River. I currently live in Jacksonville and want to see the River thrive. When I was a child my family drove to Florida from NJ every year to visit my grandparents and we loved to go to Silver Springs - it is sad to see its current state.	No	
10/20/2021 12:14	Flagler		No	No									
10/20/2021 12:15	Outside of state / other	Silhwater, Minnesota	No	No					Take the Dam down, its well overdue.	Removing the dam with increase freshwater habitat for manatees, who have MANY threats including the future shut down of power plants, that currently have warm water out flows that manatees use to survive the colder winter waters.	Deaths of more manatees.	No.	I have read of MANY other benefits besides manatee survival , that will happen if the Dam is taken down. In one fell swoop, much good would come from the removal of the dam. Please take the Dam down. Thank you.
10/20/2021 12:19	Sarasota		No	No					We need to do everything possible to protect our wildlife and natural areas.	Florida's manatees are dying at an alarming rate. We must protect our iconic species and natural beauty.	That special interests will overrule what is best for Florida's scenic areas and the animals who depend on us to protect them.		
10/20/2021 12:16	Orange		No	No					Whatever is best for the manatees	The projection by experts who know what best supports the manatees.	Further decline of our big mammals.	I'll have to see what the outcome is and what the experts say.	
10/20/2021 12:17	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	Restore the Oklawaha river flow	need to restore migratory routes for manitees and fish	decreasing biodiversity and poor water quality	No	
10/20/2021 12:20	Lee		No	No					Breaching of the dam.	Manatees need the restoration of river flows to survive in this area of Florida. We are at a critical point in terms of keeping the manatees from extinction.	We would be ignoring the science that supports removal of the dam in order to foster the continued existence of the manatees in this area.	No. Please support removal (breach) of the dam.	Too many species are being lost permanently due to unintended consequences of human action and development. Preservation of habitat is essential if we are to keep our interactions with ecosystems from harming them.

10/20/2021 12:20	Volusia		No	No					I think you need to start by looking at the amazing success of the restoration of flow of the Kissimmee River. Arguably, the Oklawaha R. could be even more beautiful with restoration, and provide so many opportunities for recreation. I have heard that many springs were drowned as a result of the dam. What a shame to lose these resources. The downstream floodplain would be restored - it took less than a year for the floodplain of the Kissimmee R. to attract wildlife, especially wading birds whose populations have decreased dramatically due primarily by loss of habitat. Imagine the river once again teaming with fish, including striped bass, and other wildlife (otters maybe?) that are able to move freely again. Studies have shown that the use of Rodman Reservoir has declined due to increasingly poor water quality and declining fish populations. This obviously negates arguments for keeping the reservoir for fishing. Manatees, whose die off this year is a tragic record, would regain access to warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha R. and Silver Springs. Restoration of flow in the Ocklawaha would also benefit Silver Springs (a gem) and the St Johns River (lifeblood of east central and north Florida). Another very important consideration is that the restored flow will would improve water quality and increase the resiliency to sea level rise on the Lower St Johns River. Removal of the dam is a win win situation for Florida.	Number one would be water quality. Number two would be the continued degradation to the environment and wildlife. Number three would be the cost to taxpayers to restore a failed system.	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue.	Florida's economy is built on tourism attracted to the state's many water bodies. I don't understand why we continue to squander those natural resources. I never knew a free-flowing Ocklawaha, I would like to enjoy that and I would like the state to restore it for me and future generations.
10/20/2021 12:22	Alachua		No	No					Open the dam to provide restoration of the river and its integral ecological relationship to the St. Johns River and Silver Springs.	I believe a free-flowing Ocklawaha River, would have a favorable economic impact in the Putnam County area. It would provide families and tourists activities around the water. Fishing, kayaking, outdoor exploration.	Further Loss of wildlife. Further destruction of ecological features.	I am not certain of partial scenarios.	
10/20/2021 12:24	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam opened to restore the Ocklawaha river to its normal flow.	The river ecosystem is ecologically degraded due to the dam; restoring the flow would restore the ecosystem and also provide recreational activities not now available.	The riparian ecosystem would remain degraded.	I don't understand how anything short of restoring the normal river flow would allow Ecosystem recovery	
10/20/2021 12:25	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I like to walk along the edge of the Reservoir/Dam and try to envision what the natural river must have looked like before the destruction of the area was done decades ago. The sight of the Ocklawaha flowing freely through this current bottleneck must have been spectacularly beautiful - with the assortment of birds, fish, and manatees migrating through the waters.	I hope the dam will be breached (at least) and the years of sedimentary gunk that has accumulated on the bottom of the reservoir can be flushed out to restore the flow of the mighty Ocklawaha River to it's former glory as a fully functioning river system and wildlife habitat. Restoring the system of "drowned" springs along the length of the rivers would be another positive aspect to the breaching of the dam.	The Reservoir and Dam have served their purpose over the last five decades. Bass "fisherfolk" have had all this time to sponsor and compete in fishing tournaments (even though now, the largest fish that are currently winning these contests are actually being caught outside of the Reservoir). Now it is time for them to move aside for the larger good, accepting fishing along the banks of the restored Ocklawaha River instead of in that algae cesspool, aka the Reservoir. We have all been waiting for an opportunity to allow all citizens to enjoy the free-flowing river. The return of migrating fish species and manatees all the way to Silver Springs would be an economic benefit to Marion County as well as Putnam County because of the impact of tourist dollars along the whole route. Imagine the opportunities to kayak, canoe, snorkel, and sightsee in pontoon boats, watching restored fish and manatee populations along the St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers! The news reports of record deaths of our state rock stars, manatees is devastating to learn about. With the reduction of power plants along the Florida coasts, this restored ecosystem would give these mammals a safe and bountiful location to live - and not die of starvation because of decreased sea grass beds along our blighted coastlines. Hundreds of manatees could be saved by the breaching of the dam.	I worry that good money will be thrown away if authorizations are made to try to repair this decrepit, outdated, useless dam and reservoir. How long do we indulge fishermen who want to to keep the status quo of a dying lake? Talk of using the water in the reservoir as a source of drinking water for Putnam County residents is ludicrous; it is not clean or safe enough for anyone to drink. Algae blooms are not a result of a free-flowing water system but of toxic water quality. People who say that breaching the dam will cause increased algae blooms don't acknowledge the scientific facts about water quality and quantity. So many hard working people have spent years developing solutions to these problems; bass fishing is not a reasonable argument for the degradation of the St. Johns River system.	As far as I am concerned, breaching the dam is a compromise position. The best solution would be remove all vestiges of the reservoir and dam but, failing that, breaching the dam and maintaining some type of "pool" (reservoir) would be a compromise for both sides of the issue. Taxpayers should not have to pay to maintain this boondoggle any longer. There are many other infrastructure projects that deserve our attention and money - not to shore up a decaying dam and a filthy reservoir for sport fishing.	Incredibly, the power of a number of Florida governors over the years, acting on behalf of all Floridians, has not been enough support to break the local Putnam County politicians' control over this issue. They are insincerely assuming that this is merely a local issue and that the dam/reservoir/river belongs to them and not to the state of Florida. This provincial view has been tolerated long enough. The time has come for the St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers to be given back to Floridians and the American public as an enhanced free-flowing river ecosystem! Breaching the dam to restore the network of springs along the length of the river system can only be another positive outcome. I appreciate the opportunity to finally give my input about this issue to the SJRWMD in the hope that it will be taken seriously. Thank you for acting on the positive solutions that are being offered to mitigate this ongoing disaster. Free these rivers!
10/20/2021 12:27	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	No					Cleanliness	Idk	Idk	Idk	
10/20/2021 12:28	Duval		No	No					I would like to support the manatees and anything that will help them for future.	My love for the manatees.	The impact it would have for manatees and other wildlife.		
10/20/2021 12:28	Duval		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we need to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway	As the great great great granddaughter of a Florida Pioneer family and a 47 year old who started supporting Save the Manatee when I was a teen it breaks my heart to see their habitat along with many other species being impacted. Breaching the dam would give this wildlife additional opportunities to thrive.
10/20/2021 12:31	Hamilton		No	No				Boating	Breach or remove the dam and restore natural water levels.	The dam is supported by sport and hunting enthusiasts that put their wants above the needs of other people and wildlife. Their boats, gear, tackle, and invasive habits are destructive to the diversity of Florida's sensitive ecosystem. They argue openly that the absence of manatees improves fishing and water clarity. I have more sympathy for the manatees that have died in record numbers this year. They need access to the river and it's lost springs. We have a responsibility to respect the plan and design of nature. We are foolish to think we can improve upon healthy productive ecosystems because we find them hostile and uncomfortable. Our "improvements" are blunders. Mining, canals, oil and gas exploration and developments have crisscrossed Florida with scars and diminished a natural paradise that could feed millions without pollution and degradation to a mismanaged, crippled, pathetic example of the sad results of human ambition, hubris, and greed. We must emphatically undo past engineering mistakes that threaten the viability of continuous habitation in South Florida.	That nothing changes, the status quo remains, and the cheated youth must die with the too-proud-to-admit-they -were-wrong-elderly.	No. I think that motorized boats should not be allowed so far up the rivers anyway. They are obnoxious and the wakes cause massive erosion and silting.	If you love Florida, read the Gulf by Jack E. Davis. May you be blessed with wisdom and kindness.
10/20/2021 12:52	Gilchrist		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: During drawdowns boat to see lost springs.	Breach the Rodman Dam and restore the flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The restoration of three rivers (Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns) and close to 50 springs will create more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and add supporting jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	NO	Please restore the Ocklawaha for the people who love wild Florida, the manatees, the ecosystem, the taxpayers. PLEASE.
10/20/2021 12:54	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the springs	Let the water flow		Get rid of the dam	
10/20/2021 12:54	Escambia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	It needs to be removed...especially as old as it is.	Our ecosystem	Our ecosystem	Not really	Save our wildlife and our environment.
10/20/2021 12:55	Outside of state / other	Vancouver, Washington	No	No				Boating	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Although I do not live in Florida I care deeply about manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 12:55	Polk		No	No					I would like the dam to be breached and the reservoir to be drained.	We are spending to maintain something that would have $52.5 million more value in its natural state.	Loss of water quality	No.	
10/20/2021 12:58	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restore by breaching ASAP!!! I'm a fourth generation Floridian. It's time to do what's right for ours and future generations of Floridians.		Shortage of clean water		
10/20/2021 13:01	Duval		No	No					I would like to have the dam breached to allow the natural flow of water through the Ocklawaha River.	The primary benefit of the dam is to provide fishing, however, it costs the state millions of dollars to maintain the reservoir. Opening the dam will not eliminate fishing in the river but will help restore the natural forces that ensure the health of the river both up and downstream of the dam.	Ecological cost to the Ocklawaha river below the dam.	It is hard to imagine a scenario that would be adequate - the dam would either be breached or not. If the dam gate could be opened so that it is effectively breached without damaging the actual dam might be an option, but seems unlikely.	Thanks for the opportunity to publicly comment on this issue. Our rivers are such a vital resource for this area.
10/20/2021 13:03	Manatee		No	No					Restore the river by breaching the dam	The dam has an intense impact on our waterways and wildlife. Breaching the dam would allow native fish and manatees to find warmer and safer waters. A breach is also less expensive than a repair.	Continued decrease in water quality, decrease in wildlife life quality and health (therefore a decrease in human quality of life), wasted money on repairs.	No	I am a sixth generation Floridian and would like to see our waters improve and wildlife to prosper.
10/20/2021 13:05	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I go there and shake my head at the travesty of this man-made atrocity.	I would like to see the natural flow of the river restored.	The scientific studies and information for supporting the restoration for the health of the environment, the Silver and St. Johns rivers, manatees and fish, the forests and native plant life, the springs, etc. are exhaustive.	The continued degradation of the natural systems that depend on a healthy Ocklawaha.	Not really. This is a state recreational area, it belongs to all of us and it is being underutilized.	The continued use of pesticides to keep the waterway open, is a huge waste of tax payer money. We are poisoning ourselves when we poison nature. Shameful when you think a restored flow would take care of itself without the use of poisons.
10/20/2021 13:05	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: None it sucks	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/20/2021 13:09	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the damn removed. Removing the dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, connect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from Ocklawaha's Harris Chain of Lakes to the Atlantic.	dams have been shown to negatively impact animal habitat and migration patterns	that animals will not have access to the appropriate habitat	no, i want the dam removed	
10/20/2021 13:16	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more that $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	NO. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 feet mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish. manatees, water quality or water flow.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/20/2021 13:17	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other	I would like to see the dam left as it is.	It is not broken, doesnt need to be fixed.	Loss of a habitat, and wildlife	None I am aware of	
10/20/2021 13:20	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the dam	return to natural eco system because the project has never been completed	ability to restore the riverway		
10/20/2021 13:24	Sarasota		No	No									
10/20/2021 13:27	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Great Florida Riverway by breaching the dam; so that the three rivers are joined together.	Rejoining the three rivers will revitalize all of the water wildlife and underwater nature, which is what I want to see when I visit.	That marine life will suffer. I would not visit again.	No	
10/20/2021 13:30	Wakulla		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Other: Nature preserve	Nature preserve with safe ecological water conservation plan that preserves wildlife and water quality.	Friends of Wakulla River, Florida Native Plant Society, USDA, Florida Forestry and Florida Fish and Game officials all call for safe water conservation plan to support the wildlife and rivers that depend on it.	Danger for waters and wildlife and habitats that depend on its safe regulation.	Nope - we need to do this right. We've been doing this wrong for too long.	
10/20/2021 13:32	Sarasota		No	No					Remove key portions that will allow manatees to thrive and survive				
10/20/2021 13:32	Duval		No	No					As a native Floridian, I would like to see the great florida riverway restored. I think the benefit of fresh water added to the precious springs in our state would be very beneficial to all concerned.	The most important information is the enhanced bio filtration Of our water. This is one of our state's most important natural resource. Bringing tourist dollars and upholding our way of life.	This old question of not opening this waterway is contrary to common sense. If we continue to postpone projects that directly benefit fresh water flow, results could become catastrophic.	No scenario is acceptable except this one. 150 million gallons of fresh water into st johns river cannot be underestimated.	I have been to the ocklewaha river. It is beautiful but has an ending that is not natural. I want florida to embrace ecological change. As a voter i will reflect that. Thank you
10/20/2021 13:32	Sarasota		No	No					Remove key portions of the dam to allow manatees to thrive and survive				
10/20/2021 13:33	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is, it's is a very unique ecosystem in it own, why change it		The economic value to the surrounding counties as well as the wildlife that calls it home, nesting eagles, manatees, all the species of fish, as well as other wildlife that calls it home	No	It has been 50 years, why change what thousands of people per year enjoy
10/20/2021 13:35	Leon		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 13:35	Orange		No	No					Please breach the dam and drain the reservoir to enable restoration to begin for our treasured and vital Ocklawaha River.	Short- and long-term environmental and economic benefits on behalf of Florida's flora and fauna, as well as future generations of Floridians.	Honestly, and perhaps, naively, I feel this project is aligned with your organization's posted mission/vision and values on behalf of Florida's diverse natives, residents, and visitors. This river restoration is exactly the type of forward-thinking project I would expect the experts and scientists of our St. Johns River Water Management District to embrace and implement as stewards of our finite resources and funds.	No.	As I take time to review information about this project and participate in this survey, I trust you will take time to read our responses and thoughtfully incorporate our feedback. Optimistically, I congratulate you on moving forward with this river restoration which may become a model for other communities around the world while fulfilling your mission/vision, and creating a bright future and indelible legacy for Florida. Thank you.

10/20/2021 13:36	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. As well, keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As an American citizen who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for this nation's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a [illegible] and will greatly benefit all citizens of the US and Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/20/2021 13:37	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $1? property owners and up to $1? million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economics have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 13:37	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	I am in favor of restoring the original ecosystem - I do not believe that chopping up river ecosystems is a good idea.	Contributing to Environmental destruction.	Mitigated damages would be preferable to doing nothing. I still prefer removal of the dam.	
10/20/2021 13:40	St Johns		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science! 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow would be restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No, now is the time to do this!	
10/20/2021 13:43	Orange		No	No						I would like to the flow of the Ocklawaha River restored by the breaching of the Kirkpatrick Dam.	The area would lose biodiversity important to a healthy environment.	No. Breaching the dam in my opinion is the best solution for the long term outlook of Florida wildlife survival, water quality, and economically, recreationally, and aesthetically for the citizens of Florida.	
10/20/2021 13:45	Pasco		No	No						Breach the Rodmon/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No	
10/20/2021 13:46	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing			Let it be breached and allow the free flow of the Ocklawaha River	Studies (science) have shown that restoring the free flowing will provide ecological benefits to the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers.	Not really....	
10/20/2021 13:49	Outside of state / other	Bow, Washington	No	No					Please restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam	Florida wildlife is very important to the ecosystem and tourism industry, and removing the dam will have a direct benefit to manatees and other Florida wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Continued loss of manatee populations due to lack of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees. The greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. The Florida ecosystem is in crisis. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Please restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for Florida's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. This exciting restoration project will revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway will greatly benefit all citizens of the US and Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/20/2021 13:55	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	Other: The natural flow of water is the solution for all living things. Do no harm is the answer for every decision. The dam harmed every aspect of the land, the water, the plants, and all the animals that had their homes within it. We must let natural landscape provide for life first, not pleasure		Remove it ASAP. BRING BACK WHAT IT WAS BEFORE THE DAM WAS MADE.	Florida			is beautiful because of all the natural plants and animals. Ishtors come to see
10/20/2021 13:56	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $1? property owners and up to $1? million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economics have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/20/2021 14:03	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I cruise the river to enjoy the sights and silence.		I'd like to see the damn dam partially removed, with a 75-foot opening cut in the center. Then add a bridge so that traffic on Rodman Road can still move	The dam obviously creates an unecessary distortion -- an aberation -- of Nature.	That political corruption continues to grow, like a cancer, in Florida.	A fifty-foot cut might work.	Allowing the return of natural river flow is the right thing to do. It's hard to imagine denying this.
10/20/2021 14:07	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		Please take down the damn dam and let the Ocklawaha flow free !!! 🙏🙏🙏	Wildlife and tree restoration. Make strong pathway for manatee	More cost $$ to maintain. And killing the river	Only freeing the oklawaha is my request 🙏🙏🙏	it's overdue and the right thing to do 🙏🙏
10/20/2021 14:11	Putnam		No	No			Other: Enjoying the scenery		no opinion	There are too many different sets of 'cast in stone facts' on both extremes of this question. Claims of 20 springs bubbling forth if water is uncapped as a source of fighting off sea level rise seem suspect. The reality those uncapped springs are linked to three foot drop in water levels of uphill lakes with impact on fire fighting abilities and homeowner insurance rates seem less suspect.	Loss of public use/enjoyment on the rivers with a loss of the multiple Ocklawaha river courses / beds now downstream from the damn dam. Those river branches run fast and deep now. Those river branches are well used now. Will they lose their charm of being practically in the wilderness now?		Commenting about the position of the Riverkeeper which is: Recommendations from St. Johns Riverkeeper: Restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Dam and reuniting Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns Rivers. Restoration would help offset increased salinity and improve water quality, by increasing the flow of freshwater into the St. Johns by at least 150 million gallons of water a day and restoring over 7,500 acres of forested wetlands. I find it extremely difficult to accept the statement that "at least 150 million gallons per day" would be increased flow if the dammed dam was knocked down. Logic is that, after the Rodman pool comes to level it is currently fresh water in minus evaporation is the amount of fresh water out which ought to be for short of 150 million gpd. Are their "facts" fact? You all need to show the public "fact" and not like Dr. Fauchi shows "fact" on the Chinese Communist bug pandemic. Likewise what is the definition of "restored forested wetlands"? If 7,500 acres are "restored" they would logically become other than wetlands. PLEASE show how you ascertain "fact" and show the public the truth before doing anything else.
10/20/2021 14:12	Nassau		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the flow of the Ocklawaha	Restore the flow of the Ocklawaha River, see the springs restored and protect the historical biodiversity of the region.	Far reaching, continued environmental degradation.		
10/20/2021 14:15	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		I would like a restoration of a free flowing river that would then allow connection to Silver Springs and St. John's River.	In a time with increased population explosion in Florida, our springs need to be restored and protected. Fish, manatees, and birds depend on our wetlands. 20 lost springs and Silver Springs will be restored with the opening of the Ocklawaha River.	The loss of the wetlands that make Florida the beautiful state that it is. South Florida's incursion on the everglades is devastating. We shouldn't let that happen in any part of Florida. Let's take action, and restore natural water flow that will improve wildlife habitat, water filtration, flood protection. and flow that would prevent further salt water incursion in our fresh waterways and aquafers.	No. In these fragile times of rapid climate change with increased storms, droughts, fires, and floods; we need to protect and restore our environment.	The restoration will improve water quality and flow for numerous rivers. The preservation of clean water and clean air are my highest priorities. The preservation of natural habitat is important for all of us.
10/20/2021 14:20	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Walking and picnicking					
10/20/2021 14:24	Alachua		No	No					Breach the dam so that water will free flow in the Ocklawaha river.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Native plants and native plant communities, as well as manatees and migratory fish would gain access an be restored.	Environmental benefits to native flora and fauna species, including endangered species would not be possible.	No. The dam must be breached to allow the sustainability of native species.	We all have a stake, environmental and economic, in whether Florida finally restores a free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Ecotourism and recreational dollars will be affected as well as environmental sustainability.
10/20/2021 14:25	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed, so the Ocklawaha River can run freely, smoother, without treachery, and in a more stable and natural environment.	In any amount of research, there lies true, key elements to validate the reality of things. To you, it may not matter, but to the environment, the wildlife, the activists, the advocates, nature, the continued efforts to protect and preserve the land that once was, it matters. To Earth, our gracious life force, it matters a great deal.	My biggest concern is for the continued detrimental damage that is being forced upon the environment. In no way has life been this cruel to our forgiving planet than it has been in the past 100 years or so, there is no more time to waste, we are the ones who need to change how we act upon the outside world that we plunge ourselves into on a daily basis. Today, we can change a little area of the world for the better (slam/reservoir), tomorrow we can tackle bigger, more widespread issues that hinder all ways of life.	I mean, there are always going to be the exceptional few that feel like the go-getters are beating a dead horse. In recent discussions, yes, there is a lot that stands in the way of accomplishing things that will eradicate and erase the hardships that the government implements to kill off any natural beauty that is left to experience. It really is a pitiful thing to witness. The more you educate yourself on the problem, the more willingness you desire to become a part of the solution.	
10/20/2021 14:25	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes			1 time	Other: none of the above	Remove the dam.	Ecological impacts of the dam are well noted in environmental surveys.	Continued ecological impacts.	None	
10/20/2021 14:29	Marion		No	No					I would like the dam removed to restore the natural flow of the river.	information surrounding the health of the waterway and the viability of the plants and animal life that are in the Ocklawaha.	Continued degradation of the water quality	No. The dam needs removed.	
10/20/2021 14:34	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Eliminate	Conservation groups	Not enough support for environment	Any scenario that does not support a healthy environment and ecosystem, I'm against.	Too many developers in Clay County and what's worse is the lack of environmental impact reporting. Florida ecosystems need more support!
10/20/2021 14:36	Palm Beach		No	No					whatever is best for manatee and wildlife	Paddle the Loxahatchee river each morning at sunrise. Our river is dying and I will make some noise to help my river or any of our Fla water ways. We used to see an abundance of manatees and last two years, hardly any. Im very concerned and motivated to help!!!	wildlife numbers getting more depleted as our state grows.	we need to educate everyone on these issues	I am happy to me a local vacata for the manatees. Just let me know how I can help or reach out to someone else you already have in the Jupiter area.
10/20/2021 14:36	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		Please remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	Improve water quality and improve habitat and flow for animals in the river. The fishing they even improve.	Poor water quality and riverine life for animals	Similar to the Kissimmee, restoring the river would be best.	Please restore the Oklawaha.
10/20/2021 14:42	Santa Rosa		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Am a local citizen of Putnam county and I love where I live. Love to fish Rodman as well as taking tons of wildlife photos out there. It's a little piece of heaven for me.	That the Oklawaha River would never look the same and it would take 100s of years to even think it would be the same.	Leave Rodman alone.		
10/20/2021 14:43	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam! Keep fishing, boating and the park for picnicking , maintain pavilions and bathrooms	I would like to have the dam breached to restore the fish to their natural migration up the river and return the river to original levels and expose the springs now covered by water.	The lose of breeding areas for many fish and the lose of the true Florida Landscape.	NO - the dam is too expensive to maintain, wasting tax dollars.	I live near the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers and would like to see the restoration of both rivers which would reicult with the breaching of the dam! We have more small boats, kayakers and paddle boarders than we do bass fishers. Breaching the dam will open the area to a new influx of tourist dollars for those that want to see the natural Florida. Not all tourist these days are headed for the beaches or Disney!
10/20/2021 14:44	Orange		No	No						Removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees	manatees		
10/20/2021 14:46	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Please breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	A free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective. It will benefit the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, not to mention Silver Springs. The science supports restoration. Everyone benefits from restoration. Our tourist economy needs visitors to wonderful spaces like Silver Springs. This makes our lives better and adds jobs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching tm dam would restore fish dowanst foam of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. If we miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	Fresh water is not an unlimited resource. We have so much fresh water that could be clean and available for all residents of Florida. We could restore natural springs that would attract tourists, as well as making Florida a better place for those of us who call it home year round.
10/20/2021 14:48	Martin		No	No							Near the dams down	so the rivers can be reconnected	Wildlife: fish, manatees and river dolphins	no	
10/20/2021 14:52	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. It's perfect	It supports a wealth of wildlife as it is. It would damage what has been established since the damn was built.	It would damage my business. More importantly it would damage the wildlife habitat that is beyond extraordinary at this time.	No	
10/20/2021 14:55	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Connect a free flowing Ocklawaha to the St. Johns.	Negative impact on wildlife and water flow.	Continued degradation of water quality.	NO	
10/20/2021 14:58	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove them	Florida's natural landscape is one of our greatest assets. The dams have had a negative impact that removing them would correct. This is long overdue.			
10/20/2021 14:58	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam entirely	It is killing the life of the waterway			
10/20/2021 14:58	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove and allow the River to flow naturally.	Allowing the natural environment to reclaim itself	Continued interruption of natural river flow.	Can't think of any.	
10/20/2021 15:03	Duval		No	No					Removed indefinitely	Rivers should not be dammed.	Health of the estuary.		No
10/20/2021 15:06	Outside of state / other	Niagara Falls, NY	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 15:07	Lee		No	No					Breach the dam to return the natural waterways for manatees				
10/20/2021 15:08	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the river restored to it's natural state.	Science supports restoration. Now is the time to do this.	We will miss an opportunity when S is available To accomplish this goal. The status quo is not acceptable.	No	
10/20/2021 15:09	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam	Doing so will significantly improve the health of the St. Johns River, 2 or 3 springs and vast stretches of wetlands.	The dam could fail, threatening numerous homes and lives, destroying businesses and homes and infrastructure.		
10/20/2021 15:15	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $1? property owners and up to $1? million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. 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10/20/2021 15:26	Outside of state / other	SC	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 15:28	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Dam. Each day that the dam and reservoir stay in place causes additional environmental degradation.	There are numerous reasons that the river should be restored. (1) To start with, 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of the dam construction would be restored. (2) At least 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the river would be enhanced. (3)Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, resulting in a benefit to many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. (4)Three river systems--the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns--would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. (5) Imperiled plant species such as the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. (6) Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. (7) Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. (8) At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow , and potentially much more, would be restored to the lower St. John's River, improving water quality an increasing resiliency of the entire St. John's/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. (9) An estimated $14,000,000 in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose of its construction. (10) The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. (11) $57,000,000 in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure. There are many other additional supporting reasons.	The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etoniah Creek State Forest and approved Florida Forever projects. Additionally, taxpayers would be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir , and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/20/2021 15:29	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing	Nothing. Keep it like it is.	Its been this way for over 50 years, changing it now would mess up there decoy system	The ecoy system	No	Leave rodman alone; its been here before I was born. Over 50 years
10/20/2021 15:31	Volusia		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone.	Good for fishing and wildlife.	You would be destroying a great habitat for wildlife.	None	
10/20/2021 15:31	Volusia		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River				Restoring the Ocklawaha River would allow American eels to migrate upstream which are a significant source of food for wildlife. The Rodman Dam is an aquatic barrier that poses a threat to the survival of migratory fish species that need to access the Ocklawaha River past the dam. Suitable freshwater habitat for larval development which means a free-flowing river is vitally important. The adult stage of the catadromous species spawns in the Sargasso Sea, drifts at sea for 1-2 years, then stays in freshwater or estuarine habitats from 3-20 years before migrating back to the Sargasso Sea. A single adult female may produce more than 2 million eggs. Dams are a significant barrier on both the upstream and downstream eel migrations, resulting in a precarious conservation status.
10/20/2021 15:34	Outside of state / other	west chester pa	No	No									
10/20/2021 15:35	Lee		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150 millions Of gallons of natural, fresh water to lower Ocklawaha and St. John's Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream.	First, the dam is unsafe. Secondly, the sharp increase in manatee deaths due to lack of warm winter waters. Breeching the dam is necessary to provide uninhibited passage for manatees during the winter months.	If Florida does not act now to provide essential warm water and foliage habitat for manatees at a time when they are dying off at an alarming rate we miss the opportunity to help manatees survive.	No	We must protect Florida's manatees and restore their natural habitat. Thank you.
10/20/2021 15:38	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the river.	Data showing that breaching the dam would improve water quality in the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River	Continued and increasing pollution in the waterways	no	
10/20/2021 15:38	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	Permanently removed		Continued loss of natural habitat	No	
10/20/2021 15:46	Orange		No	No									
10/20/2021 15:46	Outside of state / other	Spokane, WA	No	No					Restoring free flowing rivers is an important goal for improving fish and wildlife habitat and for mitigation of climate change.	We need to restore free flowing rivers.	Habitat degradation and increased water warming.		
10/20/2021 15:48	Outside of state / other	Oakland, CA	No	No					Demolish the dam and let the river run free.	We are liberating rivers all over the country, to great ecological success. Join the movement!	We continue to interfere with nature.	No	
10/20/2021 15:54	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Remove the dam.	The dam results in stagnant water and prevents fish and other creatures from moving in the river.	Continuing costs to support this useless dam.	No	Get on the to partially remove the dam so the river can flow.
10/20/2021 15:59	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: to look at condition of the dam	The dam should be removed and the Oklawaha and submerged springs returned to their natural state.	The value of large springs is immense, just look at Rainbow Springs and Ichetucknee. There are very large springs submerged by the waters of the dam.	The dam will breach during a major storm event and cause untold destruction. Keeping the dam also restricts the movement of aquatic organisms. Of particular interest to me is the spotted turtles about which I have published several scientific papers. It is already very rare in Florida. If measures are not taken to encourage populations, in the future, it will become a candidate for endangered species lists.	Either the dam stays or goes, I don't see that there is an intermediate option.	This issue has existed for a very long time. The dam should be removed once and for all. Cheers, PM
10/20/2021 16:02	Alachua		No	No					I would like to restore the Ocklawaha River by getting rid of Kirkpatrick Dam.	It will restore natural habitat in and around the Ocklawaha River.	It will deprive manatees of warm water they need in the winter.	No. I was against building the dam in the first place. "Save the Ocklawaha!"	
10/20/2021 16:08	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating	Open the Damn to allow the natural flow of the spring water back into the St. Johns River	It would allow boating fishing and site seeing via boat	that the dam would fail and cause extensive damage.	No	
10/20/2021 16:11	Outside of state / other	Berkeley, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. • •10,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. •Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/20/2021 16:12	Manatee		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached, so that the Ocklawaha River can be restored.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/20/2021 16:15	Nassau		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No	
10/20/2021 16:19	Outside of state / other	Gainesville, GA	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/20/2021 16:19	Duval		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha and return its flow back to the st. Johns River.	The damn is aging and we'll need continuing maintenance to avoid failing. Nearby properties could potentially be threatened. It seems obvious that it could be subject to catastrophic failure. It's time.	The st. Johns River continues to be at risk. It makes sense that by doing this we will fortify the 100-mile St Johns River Estuary.	No answer	
10/20/2021 16:23	Indian River		No	No					Return to natural setting.	Just doesnt need to be there.	Wildlife suffering	No	
10/20/2021 16:26	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	Remove (deconstruct) the dam and return the area and Aquawalla river to its natural condition	Help restor Silver Springs, increase fresh water flows to the St Johns	continued salt water intrusion further up river.	no	The time has come to restore the river. The original intent of the Dam and the creation of a cross Florida barge canal are long past. Fortunatly it never happened
10/20/2021 16:31	Citrus		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like the spring to be freed. I'm a republican but I believe the river is more important than a dam for fishing.	The future of wildlife and health of the spring and it's ecosystem is more important.	Same as above.	No.	
10/20/2021 16:34	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Memories fishing, boating, raft race for charities and much more	The younger generations would not the opportunity to experience what I have.	This county is known for our outdoor recreation. Coming from other parts of the east coast of USA the Rodman Dam and surrounding extremities is on of my favorite places to get away. Taking down this Dam would a huge mistake. The organization working to deplete the Dam has no business messing with it	
10/20/2021 16:34	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Protect our natural water way an yet have recreational	The water management in Florida is critical to Florida's survival of natural beauty	We loose wetlands and estuary	Conservationist of Florida natural beauty	
10/20/2021 16:39	Columbia		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	The dam should be removed and restore the natural flow of the river	It would be better for the manatee and fish population.	Continued degradation of marine habitats and waste of resources to keep an outdated dam that does not benefit the public	No, the dam should have been removed long ago	Dams are being removed and restoring rivers to their natural flow all around the world. The benefits of removal far outweigh keeping the dam.
10/20/2021 16:39	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't, it's not good for any recreation. Only the river channel is worth using. Remove the dam and let the river flow.	I was there with the first stick of dynamite and Lindon Johnson. Saw those monster tree crushers just destroy a beautiful forest. I have been an advocate of removing the dam as long as the movement has been going. I wait for each drawdown to go out on the river and enjoy the beauty without the flooded wetlands. I hope that in my lifetime I will be able to leave my home in Welaka and boat the entire Ocklawaha. There is no downside to removing the dam. These reports of all the bass and bass fishermen at the pool are overblown. It would improve tourism in Welaka for boaters, giving them full access to the Ocklawaha. Mother nature will do her thing and within a few years the pool area will be a young and beautiful forest, and the many springs that are now drowned, will be accessible and beautiful to see. Please do the right thing and stop this money pit. benefiting no one.	Increase in access to the river banks, now flooded. Bank fishing and camping. Increased use and enjoyment.	Then we will continue to fight the fight again.	NO, the dam must be removed, allow the river to flow, and mother nature to restore its health	
10/20/2021 16:43	Outside of state / other	Tennessee	No	No					I strongly believe that these structures should remain as they are. Many wildlife has made these structures their habitat/niche. It's a major role in their environment.	We're losing to much wildlife to mankind, making many endangered or worst case extinct. If these structures are brought down the endangered Dugong (Manatee) which Florida so strongly protects, will start migrating into man made waterways. Becoming ever more endangered and into polluted waters.	My biggest concern is the well being of our wildlife. Keeping ecosystems intact for ourselves, our children and our future. We are here on Earth so let's keep protecting and progressing forward. The moon and space sure look cold and lonely and void of life.	Sometimes and adults we think to much or use science when there could be a simple solution to a problem.	
10/20/2021 16:52	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other					I support water quality, preserving the aquifer and our environment
10/20/2021 17:07	Outside of state / other	Sacramento, CA	No	No					Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River. The dam is harmful to the economy, water quality, and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Breaching would result in over 150 million gallons of natural flow per day to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers. Then over 15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor would be restored or enhanced for people and wildlife. Also, the public would save $4-14 Million in dam repairs on a dam past its life expectancy, plus $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream property owners. Finally, restoration would create more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increase visitation, and add supporting jobs.	A storm event might trigger a dam failure or overtopping, resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs could avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration.
10/20/2021 17:08	Broward		No	No					Returned to the natural god given way it was prior to near sited morons	take a physical look at any natural restoration	it would be a terrible shame upon the floridian ecosystem	none	ive and support the natural world the way it took thousands and thousands of years to developе
10/20/2021 17:10	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Other: commercial shiner fishing	I'd like to see it there forever	I am an apprentice commercial shiner fisherman and catch bait there and sell bait to the guides and shiner fisherman. It supports us local commercial fisherman in this area and we would be left with nothing if it were gone.	That my job would be gone	No I can't see anything good but the lake staying there	My name is Aydan Davis
10/20/2021 17:11	Volusia		No	No						no development	over development	very minimal development.	
10/20/2021 17:12	Duval		No	No					I'd like to see it removed and the area restored to its original splendor.		Continuing to spend tax payer money to maintain a pond and dam that is nothing more than a beacon of a failed project and worse, is negatively affecting us.	Sure. Limit and cap the removal of water for profit from our springs all over the state.	This dam is akin to the office building on I-4 that has sat unfinished for years. It is a beacon of a failed project that in this case thankfully was not completed.
10/20/2021 17:12	Osceola		No	No					Breach the dam and return the environment to its natural state prior to 1968.	The barrier to plant and animal movement along the Osceola and Ocala Corridor and the destruction of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain as well as the NATURAL river channel is a major part of the destruction that happened due to the Cross Florida Barge canal initiative. It is well known that this was a disastrous environmental project. It is our moral responsibility to work toward the restoration of this entire area.	The continued barrier to the movement of wildlife and plant life and the continued deterioration of the environment which existed prior to the 1968 debacle.	No. The environmental destruction caused by the original project is understood by many. The restoration of this area of Florida is long overdue and I see no reason that this cannot be addressed in its entirety.	The loss of so much habitat in Florida is disconcerting especially when the intentional projects such as the Cross Florida Barge Canal had so little foresight. In the least it was halted, but much damage had already been done. We have lost so much, but I thank you for being courageous in addressing past mistakes.
10/20/2021 17:13	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Family picnic	Leave it the way it is now. Preserve.	Ecosystem. Community involvement. Part of our history.	Ecosystem damaged.		
10/20/2021 17:15	Brevard		No	No					Please breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs.	Too many manatee dying	Manatee could become extinct.	If there's another way to save the wildlife - manatee and all others, then I'm open to that. But I think we have an obligation to care for this endangered species.	
10/20/2021 17:20	Clay		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	By partially freeing the river, some changes could begin for flora fauna and river health.	This change is important for the people of Florida and for so many aspects of the environment.

10/20/2021 17:22	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Seeing hidden springs during draw down	Breach the dam and let the river flow naturally	Water quality will improve with less herbicide used and clearing of muck that accumulates	The opportunity to grow a healthy, broad based tourist industry with hiking, biking, boating, fishing that would attract tourists to the area for multi-day stays would be lost. Waiting would mean wasting money on continued repair of the dam and loss of species that would be able to spawn in the fresh waters available in the springs of the area but are very difficult to assess for manatees and say going fish that spawn in fresh water.	No, breaching the dam is the minimal solution that makes economic sense	Please take this opportunity to improve the area and make a better wildlife corridor between the Ocala National Forest and the Osceola. Our fresh water and tour destination matter to the whole state an are appreciated far and wide
10/20/2021 17:23	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Removal od the Springs can flow naturally to the St John's River	The rivers health is vital to our area, and clean fresh water isn't supposed to be clogged by a dam. Springs are very important to tourism, endangered species, and our water supply.	Water quality for animals and humans. Endangered species are stopped from migrating.	Organized , slow removal. Still keep the bass fishing tourism coming.	
10/20/2021 17:23	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	It needs to stay and be restored if needed	It is a vital peace to the conservation of that area	Fish and wildlife would tack a huge hit!	No	
10/20/2021 17:25	Hillsborough		No	No					If needs to be removed since it serves no purpose, especially with the cross Florida canal never being finished. It being removed will allow the 20+ springs to be brought back to life and allow manatees to use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers for winter refuge since most other springs in the state of Florida don't have the food resources they need. In return the it would allow the fish population to return to Silver River. This bridge serves no purpose and only disrupts nature from being able to strive. Fisherman see this sight as a fair opportunity to catch bass but have no idea how much they could flourish if this giant Dam was not in the way.	All of the above. Plus the pointless money of almost 20 million in tax payers dollars to fix something that doesn't need to be there in the first place.	The demise of Silver River and a decline in manatee population due to resources being withheld because of a Dam built by humans.	No, This Dam need to be gone.	
10/20/2021 17:34	Orange		No	No					restore to nature	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4.14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities	Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 year	As person who grew up in Florida and who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riveway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife.	
10/20/2021 17:36	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Other: Camping	Maintain it as it is.make upgrades to manatee sensors in locks when available.	There have been several reports put out about the quality of water leaving the reservoir after the toxins are filtered.	That those unfiltered toxins end up in an already devistated st. John's River.	No	Rodman is no different than the other impoundments built at the head waters of the St John's River. Stick Marsh,farm 13 , Anson Garcia. They all filter out the bad stuff before being released into St John's. Which continues to be sprayed with defoliate despite the fact that the grass is all gone due to high water and over spraying.there are other impoundments being built on highway 27 south of lake Okeechobee for the everglades restoration project designed to do the exact same thing.so to tear down down something that has been proven to work when the same technology is being used all around the state makes no sense to me.
10/20/2021 17:38	Outside of state / other	Olympia, WA	No	No					I would like to see the Kirkpatrick dam be removed to restore this important landscape for both the people and wildlife.	Removal of the dam would re-open the waterway to a free flowing system that would contribute to the health of manatees and fish and support water travel and tourism.	The continued negative and downward trend for far ranging migratory fish and wildlife and reduction in the quality of life for people.	I support the full removal of the dam to occur as soon as possible. A temporary drawdown of the reservoir for less than 2 years might work to provide for safety co cost reductions ONLY IF a full and binding commitment to immediate dam removal simultaneously occurs.	Do the right thing, remove the dam, now is the time to make it happen for the benefit for all.
10/20/2021 17:39	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed degrives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	We, Pinellas and Lake Area Trout Unlimited, are asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riveway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riveway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riveway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riveway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/20/2021 17:44	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam. Restore the river to its original path.	Data about the restoration of natural habitat, including the re-emergence of innundated springs.	Funding is available now. We are are a critical juncture in terms of spring revitalization, water quality, wildlife habitat, and eco-tourism oportunities.	No. The retirement of the dam is long overdue.	This is not not only the right thing to do from a conservation perspective in a year that has seen record manatee die-offs and the degradation of natural systems, but it will be an economic engine that will promote jobs and quality of life for all Floridians
10/20/2021 17:45	Outside of state / other	Colorado	No	No					Removing old dams to allow wildlife to flourish	Manatees rely on staff access	Manatees will continue to decline and become extinct	Putting the health of manatees and other wildlife first and foremost	
10/20/2021 17:45	Levy		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Returned to natural state				
10/20/2021 17:50	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Eliminated so the river can retake its natural course.	The manatees are dying and need inland refuges like the Silver River. There would be many more, as well as healthy, non-invasive fish species that could freely travel again. It may decrease bass fishing around the dam, but restoring the river would improve recreation for the entire 40+ mile stretch between the Rodman Dam and Silver Spring.	Extinctions	There is no way to leave the dam intact and restore the river ecosystems below it.	There could be more varied and plentiful fishing opportunities along a restored river. There could be new recreational development for hunting and fishing. There could be a huge boom in manatee population here.
10/20/2021 17:55	Orange		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep everything exactly the way it is.	It is the foremost big bass lake in the state of FL, unmatched!!! Guided on that body of water for the past 19 years and year over year produces big fish that people come from all over the world to catch. It has provided a habitat for so many different wildlife species. Tragedy if the Dam is removed!	Destroy the habitat that has been created for the fish, for the wildlife, and for what I've always known since I was a little kid growing up on that body of water.	Hard no!	
10/20/2021 18:01	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking					
10/20/2021 18:01	Marion		Yes	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Other: Own a cabin rental and restaurant business in Salt Springs	I would like to see Rodman Dam stay as is.	We own Bass Champions Restaurant and Lodge in Salt Springs, FL. We cater to the fisherman and hunters that use Rodman Reservour. We have 10 cabins that we rent as well as a restaurant that caters to fisherman coming here to fish Rodman. It is maybe the most important attraction to this area for my business and it would be pretty catastrophic if it weren't here. It's a beautiful lake with tons of animals and I can't see how any person who calls them self a naturalist would want it destroyed.	Our business would be majorly harmed. We couldn't replace the lost income .	Not at all.	My name is JL Snowden and I am the owner of Bass Champions Restaurant and Lodge in salt Springs, FL
10/20/2021 18:02	Lake		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River flow by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. This will help restore water and wildlife quality and save money spent on maintaining the dam and put it toward improving the quality of more lakes, rivers and springs.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha , Silver and St. Johns Rivers and 50 springs are restored. Fish and manatees are again able to migrate the rivers and springs. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored and enhanced for people and wildlife to enjoy. Millions of dollars saved on repairs of a dam past its life expectancy. Millions of dollars saved on potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat- the Ocklawaha. The recreational development component included in the restoration plan would benefit nearby residents and expand eco-tourism, and more than compensate for loss of the Reservoir.	The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to by under threat in he event of failure of a dam that has never and ill never satisfy the purpose of its construction.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/20/2021 18:07	Marion		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: We own Bass Champions Restaurant & Lodge	I'd like to see it left just as it is.	My name is Michelle Snowden and my husband and I own Bass Champions here in Salt Springs in Northeast Marion County. We have 10 cabins that we rent to fisherman primarily who fish Rodman and a restaurant where we employ 20 or so people. A great deal of our business is from out of state fisherman that come here and rent our cabins and eat at our restaurant during their stay. It's important to our business because of the proximity to Rodman Lake. Without it we would lose a huge portion of our livelihood.	Huge and devastating loss to our business.	No	
10/20/2021 18:07	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Other: Camping	Maintain Rodman as it is. Upgrade manatee sensors in the livks	Several studies that say Rodman cleans out toxins	Unfiltered toxins will continue to damage the River. Already over sprayed and no grass	No	
10/20/2021 18:09	Gilchrist		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Water Quality Sampling	Maintain the dam and lock as intended when first constructed. It is clear the environmental benefits of retention outweigh the desires of a few outspoken persons with sway over large groups of folks who have never followed the studies or even visited the Rodman complex. Things we would like to see happen are reopening of the Kenwood Campground which already has a well and septic facilities and could provide added revenue to the Greenway. We'd love to see a dock/kayak/canoe launch on the pool side of the dam and a slide system and launch on the south side of the dam to make it easier for kayakers and canoeists to traverse the dam and continue downstream. Add a raised observation platform at the point north of the dam at west end of it for birdwatching and general viewing of the complex. Upgrade manatee protection sensor systems at the lock to the current, much improved technology. Add a hydroelectric generator to fund maintenance and enhancements throughout the greenway through renewable, green technology. Recognize Rodman for manatee habitat that it is and recognize it as a wildlife refuge utilized by many threatened and endangered species. I'd also like to see harvesting of problematic vegetation around boat ramps and access points rather than spraying. During the next drawdown disposal areas within the reservoir could be bermed up with an access point where the recovered vegetation could be deposited to create virtual islands and when the vegetation decays wetland trees could be planted.	While there are many supporting documents showing the environmental and water quality value of retaining Rodman dam and Lake Ocklawaha, the most important is The Hendrickson report (Technical Publication SJ2016-1) for the SJRWMD, which highlights the potential to substantially increase detrimental nutrient loads that come from a free-flowing Ocklawaha River. This publication says exceedance of TMDLs may increase from 65 days during reservoir full times to 129 days at Racy Point with a free-flowing river without a mitigation plan for offsets elsewhere in the Middle or Lower St Johns River Basin. There is also a publication called "Springshed Nutrient Loading, Transport and Transformations" by Matthew Cohen, University of Florida (UF - School of Forest Resources and Conservation at https://www.researchgate.net/publication/255649621_Springshed_Nutrient_Loading_Transport_and_Transformations which discusses the increasing nutrient loads coming from the States springs and looks at their origins. This publication has information directly related to Silver Springs and explores some of the existing and potential effects that are currently attributed to other causes. It also highlights the anthropogenic effect when land is converted from forest and farmland to an urbanized landscape. Add in the human population growth projections by UF School of Liberal Arts Bureau of Economic and Business Research which is consistent with the "FWC 2060" document prepared in 2010 fwc2060.pdf (myfwc.com) and there is no doubt that man made effects have the potential to have substantial negative impacts on Florida's ground water and surface waters. With the potential of over 3 million more people living within the SJWMD boundaries in the next 25 years, many within the Silver Springs springshed area, and Rodman's documented buffering effect (see Florida Lakewatch Rodman Monitoring Data), there is no reason to even consider breaching the dam.	Retaining Rodman is essential to the health of the St Johns River, which as of this date, 10/14/2021, has at least three documented algae blooms happening right now. With increases that will occur as the population increases in both the Ocklawaha and St Johns river basins the outlook is bleak enough. Take away Rodman's nutrient and turbidity buffering, and it will only increase the likelihood of severe degradation of the water quality and the negative impacts on aquatic life will be profound and irreversible. I cannot stress enough the value of the refuge Rodman and its abundant vegetation is currently providing for starving manatees as we speak. That will also be gone and the limited and endangered vegetation in the rivers will likely decline substantially with the water quality degradation that accompanies population growth.	Many of the proposals I put in the first section like added amenities are wish list items, so they are negotiable since we've lived without them so far. The Hydroelectric Generation option would provide funding far into the future for maintenance and Greenway's improvements but is still negotiable. Where I draw the line is removal of the dam or even "Partial Restoration", which is a myth. There is unequivocally no reason to proceed down this road considering the potential nightmare scenarios that come along with it. The dam must be retained at all costs.	It's sad that those who wish to see the dam removed have sway over a large group of people who have never been to or seen Rodman, have never looked at he water quality issues we will face in the future based on population increases alone. People who could not find Rodman Reservoir on a map, much less know there is roughly 20 miles if ditched and diked river that needs addressed or that the headwaters start on the northern edge of the Green Swamp and encompass the Harris Chain of Lakes. They don't know the problems with the ecology and chemistry of the water coming from Silver Springs and it's deleterious effects on everything downstream. They believe the manatees are suffering from Rodman's existence, which could not be further from the truth. The worst part is that they are willing to lie and cheat to achieve their goals and bold face tell you "well, you know what we are trying to do" or post on their Facebook page that you can only send one email response to this solicitation then say "how many email addresses you got"!!! Rodman is an invaluable resource, born of a short sighted vision. We cannot be that short sighted again to remove this amazing ecosystem that has resulted from the joint venture between man and nature and will serve us well into the future. Thank you! .
10/20/2021 18:26	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave dam, add more recreation assets, (campgrounds, docks and boat ramps etc)	Great fishing ,boating ,wildlife ecosystem	Loss of a great wildlife ecosystem	No	
10/20/2021 18:34	Lake		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay the same and not change	My businesses and my family rely on the Rodman reservoir for not only income but education	Loss of jobs and loss of habitat for the state	No	
10/20/2021 18:34	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it the way it is.	If Rodman was taken down than most of the wildlife that call it home will have to relocate because there waters will be less than a third of what they have now ! Then they would have to rely on the already vegetation stricken St John's river thanks to the FWC and their spray communist that have all but destroyed that river as far south and north as it runs . You would never have a free flowing river when the headwaters is a man made dam that is controlled by Marion county . If we encounter another drought Marion county will shut the gates and starve the ocklawaha from the water it would need to sustain the manatees and other wildlife that need Rodman at full pool . You would have to destroy a whole chain of lakes to make the ocklawaha a true free flowing river.	The manatees and wildlife that call Rodman home will have to rely on a dead river to feed themselves	Nothing but leaving it as is	
10/20/2021 18:35	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Bring back the Kenwood camp site. Possible walking trails, canoe launch at both sides of dam, and orange springs	The recreation it provides to the community, also the income and attraction for sportsmen. The reservoir provides clean water during droughts as it is a natural filter. There has been 700 + sighting this year alone	Lose of a vibrant eco system. Lose of manatee breeding grounds. Fish and gator breeding grounds. A huge lose to Putnam county income and attraction and resources	No	
10/20/2021 18:39	Osceola		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	Environmental and economic benefits!	Water quality will continue to decline.	No! Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue.	
10/20/2021 18:47	St Johns		No	No					Free the river, natural flow	Science data from UF and other sources	Water quality concerns	Not really	
10/20/2021 18:51	Outside of state / other	Lexington, KY	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed and the river restored.	I grew up in central FL and have been aware of the dam and it's effects on wildlife for decades	Loss of manatee and other wildlife habitat.	No	Free the River. Restore manatee migration. Restore the riverine ecosystem.
10/20/2021 18:58	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would love the dam to come down and restore the river	Manatee travel, uncovering the springs and the restoration of the river back as it was naturally			
10/20/2021 19:01	Manatee		No	No					Reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs. Removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	Reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs. Removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees; bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	Survival of the manatees.		
10/20/2021 19:01	Jefferson		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Leave it alone. It is a thriving eco system	Personal experience of myself and the tens of thousands of others	That once again a thriving system could be ruined due to a few dissenting people	No	Rodman reservoir is home to numerous species of fish, waterfowl, manatees, and other animals. It brings in millions of dollars in tourism and is thriving! Leave it alone
10/20/2021 19:02	Volusia		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Please get rid of that useless money pit! Return the Oklawaha to a free flowing river. It should have been removed years ago.	Paddling the river at the end of the drawdown, seeing with my own eyes how badly that area wants to thrive and renew. Seeing the water quality and swimming in cannon springs made it as clear as that spring water that the dam must go!	That lives will be lost when that antiquated monstrosity fails.	Either it goes or it stays there is no middle ground and it is past time for it to go!	Do something meaningful with your position and help start the healing of that area by removing the damn. You can help fix the mistakes made by many so long ago.
10/20/2021 19:06	Outside of state / other	Louisiana	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	It should stay as it is and not be tampered with in any way.	I try to go at least once a year to enjoy the fishing and the wildlife it has to offer. I feel if the reservoir is changed it could be detrimental to the many species of wildlife that thrive there and call it home.	It should be left the way it is.		
10/20/2021 19:14	Duval		No	Yes				Other: It has been many years and was just a couple of day trips	I would like to see the river restored and the environmental damage caused by the dam construction reversed	1. Salt water intrusion in the St. Johns River 2. the possibility of the dam overflowing and flooding the region with current changes in climate conditions 3. the tax dollars needed to continue to support a dam that was part of a barge project that was never realized.	- the tax dollars needed to restore and the possibility of the dam overflowing and flooding the region with current changes in climate conditions which would need more tax dollars	not really -	If most Floridians would like the river restored, hopefully Tallahassee will pay attention. It has been disappointing that other issues that have been voted on by Floridians (such as keeping daylight saving time and restoring voting rights to felons) have been thwarted at the state level.
10/20/2021 19:17	Hillsborough		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	The Great Florida Riveway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riveway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riveway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riveway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/20/2021 19:19	Hillsborough		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and Silver Springs - The Great Florida Riveway	Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for wildlife.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No	Restoration would benefit people and animals.
10/20/2021 19:20	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Viewing the destruction of the River.	As described. Remove the dam, drain the reservoir, assist nature in a natural restoration of the riverine vegetation.	Kissimmee River Restoration, and countless other dam removals throughout the US for ecosystem restoration.	Continued degradation of the ecosystem. This is a travesty and has gone on long enough.	No.	Just do it, and at the least cost possible. Leave a small portion (Less than 10%) of the dam and interpret it to visitors.
10/20/2021 19:23	Duval		No	No									
10/20/2021 19:25	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing	Remain the same	Manatees conservation		Wildlife	Not at this time
10/20/2021 19:26	Flagler		No	No					Improve the water quality	an excess of manatees dying	extinction of the manatee population	no	Please help save a prehistoric creature
10/20/2021 19:26	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	restore flow	preservation of natural flow into st johns	river quality	no	
10/20/2021 19:29	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep it the same. I am very concerned that draining the reservoir will damage Florida's water supply, cause salt water intrusion into the aquifer, and forever damage Florida. It is my belief that permitting flesh water to drain into the SJR and the ocean will waste it, that the positive head from the reservoir slows the drainage of spring water, and that draining it could be disastrous.	There are many springs known to exist under the reservoir and likely some as yet undiscovered. As an engineer I studied fluid mechanics and as a marine Engineer studied naval architecture. I have a firmly held belief that the positive head pressure supplied by the reservoir reduces the flow rate, preserves fresh water, and protects our water supply.	Florida's water supply would be destroyed forever rendering it uninhabitable.	IDK.	

10/20/2021 19:41	Lee		No	No					I would like to see the Dam removed so we can begin the process of nurting Florida's natural environment back to health. Times have changed and I feel like it's more beneficial now for it to be removed, not only for migrating manatees and other wildlife, but us as well. More and more people are vacationing and visiting places that are natural and "untouched" and wanting to see wildlife in the wild. The removal of the dam and restoration of the surrounding areas could eventually draw tourist.	The most important piece of information is that there's scientific proof that the removal of the dam will be beneficial to Florida's environment and wildlife.	Manatee population continuing to stay at a dangerous level and surrounding water quality getting worse	Finding a way to make the people opposed to the removal to realize how it could benefit them as well and start to find a common ground	
10/20/2021 19:44	Miami-Dade		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the area restored to its natural condition.	Restoring this area would allow more freshwater downstream so that manatees and migratory fish would be able to navigate historic routes. It would also improve historical spring access and improve wildlife habitat downstream.	We would continue to lose valuable habitat and wildlife.	No.	
10/20/2021 19:45	Outside of state / other	Pnnsylvania	No	No					The dam needs to be removed. As an aquatic ecologist I know how damaging dams are to river ecosystems. Although I have not been quite as far north as the Rodman Reservoir, I have been on other rivers in Florida and know how important free flowing rivers are to manatees and migrating fish.	Free-flowing rivers allow the normal flow of water and sediment downstream with the seasons. Aquatic organisms, including fish, can move freely up and down a river for spawning. Dam removal would help restore the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers ecosystems.	There is currently funding available for dam removal and failure to remove the dam would continue the ecological damage. The rivers would continue to be disconnected.	No. Dams need to be removed whenever possible. In the area I live, hundreds of dams have been removed and once again provide quality habitat for aquatic organisms and riparian vegetation.	
10/20/2021 19:46	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Stay the same	Can't go wrong with fission	My biggest concern is losing all that wildlife big bash country	My biggest concern is losing all that wildlife big bash country	There's actually people out there who make a living off those places you'll be taking livelihood away from good people.
10/20/2021 19:47	Sumter		No	No					Remove it	It hurts manatee habitat	More manitees will die	Restore the habitat	
10/20/2021 19:50	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the removal of the Rodman dam .	The ability of manatees and fish to move freely through the rivers affected	Decline of already declining manatee numbers.	I don't know	
10/20/2021 19:53	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: It's a peaceful get away from reality.	I would like to see it all stay the exact same way it is now, nothing needs to change, it bring in visitors and tourists from all over to view wild life, fish, hunt, and just get away from reality	I grew up in this area, we came up here all the time to ride the forest and the reservoir was a nice place to stop and take a break and relax	I'm afraid it will kill local businesses, stop almost all fishing tournaments, and kill a lot of the wild life that lives there	It will kill a lot of the wild life that rely on it	
10/20/2021 19:55	Putnam		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Continue to be a world class nature Eco. system.	Rodman Reservoir continues to be an important fiber for the water entering into the St. Johns River.	We moved to Putnam County 24 years ago to fish and boat on Rodman Reservoir. We must keep Rodman Reservoir for future generations of Americans to enjoy.	No.	
10/20/2021 19:58	Flagler		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. 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Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.	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10/20/2021 19:59	Pinellas		No	No					I want the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the river restored as much as possible to its original footprint.	The wonderful informational website: https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/	First remove the dam. Then it may take years to restore the rivers to their natural paths.	Get it started and make future plants to complete the project!	For over fifty years, the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam has impacted so many communities along the 217-mile Great Florida Riverway - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers and historic Silver Springs. We can unite all our communities for a better future.
10/20/2021 20:00	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Stay just like it is	Rodman is one of the most beautiful places to visit. The wildlife that lives there has made it home. If you take it way you are destroying a wonderful nature preserve.	That it was destroyed for all the wrong reasons	No	
10/20/2021 20:01	Columbia		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and features associated with it and restore the free flowing Ocklawaha River	Ocklawaha's unique geology and the unique processes that formed it make it a river unlike any in Florida. This also makes it the oldest river in the peninsula. Additionally, the swamp-forest and wildlife associated with this river make it a true gem of wild Florida.	My biggest concern is for the continued obstruction to the movements of wildlife that would normally be moving and migrating up and down the river. Manatees are losing habitat in South Florida, so allowing them unimpeded access to the huge, warm water refuge of Silver Spring would be a tremendous benefit to the species. Other species, including mullet, catfish and others would also benefit from being able to move up and down the river. Aside from the natural benefits, it is troublesome that a huge sum of taxpayer dollars are spent every year to maintain this manmade fishing hole. If the dam is removed, the free flowing Ocklawaha will cost nothing to maintain.	No	The fact that this incredible river continues to be blocked, simply for recreational fishing--a tiny sliver of our overall Florida community and economy--is the height of irresponsibility.
10/20/2021 20:02	Suwannee		No	No						Yes	Restore Manatee habitat	Manatee well-being	No	
10/20/2021 20:03	Volusia		No	No					remove Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Oklawaha River to oc's original state	Documentaries of the ecological damage to the River ecosystem	Manatees and other wildlife suffering greatly.	no.	
10/20/2021 20:07	Orange		No	No					As with the Everglades, free flowing natural water is a plus. The Kirkpatrick Dam should be removed.	We own a vacation home in Lake County and realize that this would benefit us.	The loss of natural wildlife.		
10/20/2021 20:08	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times		2-5 times		Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue.	
10/20/2021 20:12	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the dam	Loss of habitat for species that rely on a free flowing river	Status quo	Leave the dam in place and open a bypass channel around the dam.	It's time!
10/20/2021 20:12	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I am in favor of a free-flowing Ocklawaha and the restoration of this natural system by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	Kindly consider my submission. Thank you
10/20/2021 20:21	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time			Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching or removing the dam is well overdue.	As a lifetime Florida resident who grew up in this area, I have seen the springs and waterways change for the worse over my lifetime. Restoration to the original state of waterways is a way to restore this. Please give this all consideration.
10/20/2021 20:24	Sarasota		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Other Wildlife viewing	I think the dam should be breached to restore the natural flow of the river. Protect the environment	Wildlife			
10/20/2021 20:26	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Dam destroyed to rubble	The reservoir is ugly, gross, and lacking of any use except fishing which would still be able to do with a river instead of a cesspool	Millions spent on an outdated dam, idea, and recreational (fishing) concept with the loss of natural springs and a healthy flow of water to the St. Johns	no. Dam must go	
10/20/2021 20:28	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 20:38	Lee		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	While there are plenty of environmental concerns and reasons to pursue restoration for our springs, fisheries, and manatees, I think the fiscal reasons are the clear reason by there should be a breach. This would save $4-14 Million in dam repairs on a dam that past its life expectancy and would afford $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners.	1) Public safety: A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. 2) Missed economic opportunities: Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	The Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam is one of the last remaining scars from the ill-advised Florida Cross Barge Canal. It is high time that we breached the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam to heal those historic wounds and to begin the process of healing Florida's Great Riverway by reuniting our rivers.
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10/20/2021 20:39	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see a free flowing Ocklawaha River restored.	Results of studies done by federal and stage agencies.	That we if miss the ideal opportunity to get this done.	I don't think anything but restoring the Ocklawaha is the desired outcome.	
10/20/2021 20:46	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing Other	Open it up and return to the natural way there was.	It is an outdated man made obstacle.	That we missed an opportunity to restore a natural habitat.	None that I'm aware of	Thanks for gathering this information.
10/20/2021 20:57	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Save it for fishing	Local economy	Sad people	Not sure	Help save the local economy and fishermen for ever!
10/20/2021 20:58	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would see it dismantled and the original river restored.	I think it would be better for Florida's natural environment and help St. John's river w cleaner water.	Florida is under a lot of stress because of development. I would hope to do whatever we can to preserve wild land and animals.		
10/20/2021 21:02	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times			Boating Other: Scenic viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River. Breach the Rodman Dam. This would help the wildlife & water quality on the river.	Restoration would increase visitation + creating jobs. It would provide more DIVERSE recreation for the general public - not just fishermen. Fishing would still be good - more natural!	A dam failure could cause huge damages. It could be caused by aging infrastructure or a large storm.	NO!	
10/20/2021 21:06	Citrus		No	No					Breach the dam & restore the springs	Quality of aqua system and detrimental effects on downstream marine life under existing conditions.	Continued decline of marine life downstream of dam in particular the manatee population .	None breaching the dam is the only logical solution to restoring downstream nature to its previous balance.	Long overdue action should now be instituted to correct decline marine life downstream of dam. No logical reasons to wait any longer.
10/20/2021 21:06	Outside of state / other		No	No					Removal and return to natural condition	Animal welfare	Animal welfare	Improving animal welfare	
10/20/2021 21:08	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	If the dam is removed, then the fish populations and the Manatee could swim up river from the St Johns to the upper portions of the Silver River. Also, 20 different natural springs (eg Cannon) would reappear.	The dam bunds and the owners of properties along the river get inundated with toxic clime.	no.	The dam has been sitting idle for 50 years. The fishing isn't all that good. It is time for th edam to go.
10/20/2021 21:08	St Johns		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 21:12	Outside of state / other	Maine	No	No					To restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Only breaching the dam will restore the area to its natural state, for wildlife and manatees.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/20/2021 21:17	Outside of state / other	MI	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing				No	
10/20/2021 21:18	Citrus		No	No						Looks like this needs to be removed to help the manatees, they are in dire straits on the east coast with not enough food	The beginning of this article it talks about the health of 3 rivers before the dam & reservoir was built	Lose more manatees	
10/20/2021 21:20	Indian River		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/20/2021 21:22	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam, so that the natural habitat can flourish and return to its natural state.	I heard the a representative of the River Keepers talking about it on NPR.	It would be unfortunate for Florida and everyone in it. Human development is inevitable but we need to protect the environment and help it flourish. That way it will be there for our children and our children's children	Not really, just get rid of the dam	We all win if we are champions for our environment
10/20/2021 21:25	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	remove the dam and return the river to its natural state.	just looking at the river and the reservoir.	it will take time for the river to be restored, and the longer we wait the harder the job will be.	No.	
10/20/2021 21:30	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Restore the river and surrounding environment to its original state	The continued degradation of the area.		

10/20/2021 21:32	Lee		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers. Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. 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10/20/2021 21:34	Sarasota		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Manatees are dying unnecessarily. 2021has been the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.
10/20/2021 21:35	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached for the sake of river and ocean health.	The knowledge that manatees need warm water to survive the winters.	species extinction	nope	Thank you for restoring the Great Florida Riverway
10/20/2021 21:43	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Open up to river access				
10/20/2021 21:46	Seminole		No	No					Open it up and restore the normal flow of the river.	Since much of Florida is being paved over and developed, thousand of acres of submerged lands will dry up and be available to our dwindling land animal populations. Restoring the natural flow of the river will improve aquatic wildlife as well.	Along with the negative environmental impacts of the dam we would also need to pay for upkeep on the dam.	Create an opening wide and deep enough to get the flow and water levels back to where it was before 1968.	Back in the '60s the government made quite a few messes across Florida. Much of this was altering the natural water flow. Now we are trying to get things back to where nature intended. We don't need a barge canal.
10/20/2021 21:48	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	I believe that the area should be restored to its original condition. Remove the dam.	Continued degradation to the natural resources and wildlife that try to survive here.	No	
10/20/2021 22:01	Lake		No	No					Want the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam removed.	20 springs and thousands of acres of wetlands would be restored. Fish populations would increase, attracting sport fishing business. Important manatee habitat would be restored.	Millions of taxpayer dollars are spent unnecessarily to repair the dam. This dam provides no public benefit. No flood protection, water supply or power.	No. Removing this environmental disaster is the only desirable option.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most cost effective project to protect our springs in FL today. This is a great opportunity!
10/20/2021 22:02	Duval		No	No					Back to nature	Florida loves to pave paradise. I say the fewer structures and restrictions, the better.	Crooked-assed Florida bullshit. Maybe DeSantis'll try to tell us that dirty water is best for drinking.	Perhaps.	
10/20/2021 22:03	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached/removed and the natural flow of fresh water restored.	The most compelling information to me is that breaching the dam is ecologically important. I have read about this several times over the years and it seems that the strongest argument for breaching the dam is that this is the best thing to do ecologically. The strongest argument for status quo seems to be that the reservoir supports local businesses. I believe it is best to side with the results of ecological studies and breach the dam. If the studies are correct, the result will be an area that will be healthier than what exists now, which it seems to me would yield a healthier economic outcome as well.	If the dam is not breached, I would be concerned that the health of all the affected waterways and springs would decline. It seems algal blooms in the St. Johns River are getting worse, and starvation deaths of manatees due to a decrease in prevalence of aquatic vegetation is getting national attention. From what I understand, the additional fresh water flow that would be gained by breaching the dam could help decrease downstream algal blooms and support the growth of aquatic plants.	I like to think I am the kind of person that can compromise when needed; however, this situation seems more like a question of whether to turn a switch on or off. Yeah, some switches you can hold in a position that is part way between On and Off, but that requires a lot of attention and does not achieve any part of either possible outcome. I think the dam should be breached.	I thought I read that the dam was at its end-of-life, there was funding to breach the dam and there was political support (the governor?) for it. If so, I'd like to see it happen before someone takes away the funding. I was raised in Jacksonville Beach, where I live now. I visited Silver Springs as a kid. When I attended UF I often drove through Palatka on my way to Gainesville because it is a pretty drive through that area. I've traveled the St. Johns River from Sanford to the Atlantic Ocean. I drove up 19 through the Ocala National Forest just this past Saturday, not because that was the fastest route, but because it was the calmest. There is great beauty there and even greater potential. There is potential to restore the Ocklawaha and adjacent areas; there is potential to improve water quality in the St. Johns, and there is potential to increase the economic impact that healthy waterways have on adjacent communities. Thank you for listening.
10/20/2021 22:15	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed	To preserve endangered manatee and migrating fish species and restore historic river	Damage to wildlife and water quality	No	I have had the privilege of enjoying the River since prior to the damn dam all my life. Total waste of money.
10/20/2021 22:19	Hillsborough		No	No				Other:	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	Manatees are struggling with starvation from seagrass loss; the greatest long-term threat is the loss of warm water habitat.	We would lose more manatees and other wildlife.		We can't let the recovery of manatees, a conservation success story, be reversed.
10/20/2021 22:23	Citrus		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Reinstate the normal flow of water	This will allow the hidden springs to come to life again, help with fish and manatee populations as well as improve water quality and clarity on the river	That things stay the same or continue to worsen	Open the flow without completely removing the dam.	
10/20/2021 22:24	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times			Wildlife viewing	I would love to see you guys reserve it I love seeing all the wild animals	I love witnessing these gentle creatures from the distance	If they decided to destory this magical place	I don't have any pictures	
10/20/2021 22:28	Hillsborough		No	Yes					I would like to see the dam breached, so that a free-flowing river system can be restored.	Many studies show the detrimental effects dams have on ecosystems.	That the dam is a hazard if not removed.	Not really.	
10/20/2021 22:31	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking	I would like to see the removal of the Rodman dam so that many rivers could be rejoined and fish could thrive.	The environment has suffered terribly since the Rodman Dam was installation.	I'm afraid the Ocklawaha, over 50 springs, and possible the St. John's river will suffer.		
10/20/2021 22:34	Outside of state / other	New York	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
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10/20/2021 22:52	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Very difficult question. If posed 50 years ago I likely would've been strongly opposed to the creation of the Rodman dam and Reservoir. Today however the reservoir has created a new biome widely enjoyed by hunters, anglers, and other outdoor recreationists. Wow I would like to see the Ocklawaha restored to it's Natural course, I'd also like the Rodman Reservoir to remain intact.	The Rodman Reservoir is an important and widely used habitat yet, The natural course of rivers is equally important.	The Reservoir will be lost and the natural course of the alcohol ha ha won't be restored. Admittedly mine desired outcome may be utopian.	Assuming this question is designed to appeal to people who either feel the river should be restored or the reservoir should be maintained unconditionally I'd prefer a solution where the reservoir is maintained and the Ocklawaha finds a course similar to its historical flow.	Save the Reservoir and Restore the River. Good luck!
10/20/2021 22:52	Orange		No	No					I'd like to see the clearing of items and changes made in order to allow the manatees access to the warm waters so they can survive. Provide vegetation so they can eat and feed their young.	Manatees are a large part of florida heritage. I personally adopted Anne two years in a row. She's had many babies. I'm sick of how many manatees that have been lost due to no access to warm springs or food.	They would no longer be any left, eventually they'd all freeze or starve to death	Not really. The only outcome needed is providing help NOW anyway possible! They need our help. We are their voice. Let's all pitch in and create a livable environment so they can begin to thrive again . Before it's too late.	
10/20/2021 22:59	Orange		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	2-5 times	Other: just viewing the area	removed Rodman dam; restoring the natural flowing river.	Removing the dam would allow the hydratic hammock, plus hardwood forest would return 9-14,000 acres which the dams currently has flooded. Allowing the forest the support neotropical bird species (US signed migratory bird treaty). Increase riparian landmass would allow for addition filtration of nutrients (fertilizer). Removal would allow natural migration of fish including sturgeon etc, and manatees to continue up to silver springs. Potential a broader base of ecotourism, fishing, exploring newly exposed springs (20+), birding, kayaking, swimming etc. Palatka would benefit much from a broader based of Ecotourism. Bike trail could be establish to connect to keystone trail, allow with a number of other activities mentioned above. A good example is Winter Garden, prior to the west Orange trail it was a dying downtown, after establishing bike the town has boomed with Ecotourism being the base to create all the downtown business. Removing the dam would allow endangered creatures, fish, snails, manatees, and neotropical birds such snail kites, wilson warblers to have breeding, feeding areas restored.	continues spending of public money a long dead project, poor water quality, deaths of manatees in the locks, endangered fish species unable to migrate up river. A slow death of the river. At some point the river will return - the dam will fail with very bad human cost down river. We can do this logically or just let nature do it. It up to you. I prefer a controlled engineered solution.	not really, being half pregnant is not a natural state. Just remove it.	Thank you for taking the time to ask - I appreciate the ability to put my 2 cents in. Eugene Stoccardo
10/20/2021 23:03	Outside of state / other	Raleigh, NC	No	No									Please restore the manatee habitat!
10/20/2021 23:14	Orange		No	No					Taken down	Manatee deaths	More manatee deaths	No	Hope it happens!
10/20/2021 23:15	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times		Remove the dam and free the river.	History. The dam is unnecessary and its removal is long overdue.			
10/20/2021 23:17	Outside of state / other	Phoenix, AZ	No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: hiking	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. £5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm-water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife.
10/20/2021 23:17	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: Field trips about landscape ecology and ecological restoration	I want to see the dam breach to accomplish partial restoration that results in the return of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	All of the biological and ecological science as well as the research on the recreational economy of a restored Ocklawaha River supports restoration. That includes information on the return of native fish migrations, rare fish habitat, restoration of Silver Springs, manatee conservation, riverine forest wildlife habitat, ecological benefits of flooding in restored floodplain habitat, and regional and statewide wildlife corridor benefits.	That the reservoir will continue to degrade and the ecological integrity of the river will also continue to diminish.	No, partial restoration is the only reasonable goal. Retaining the reservoir is expensive and not worth the special interests served by the reservoir.	
10/20/2021 23:23	Bay		No	No					Preserve native plants	Not many native plant areas left so must preserve what we can.	Please, no construction in that area.	Like a state park, share the space with native species and people.	
10/20/2021 23:26	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / Kayaking Other: Hiking	Return to its natural state				
10/20/2021 23:30	Palm Beach		No	No					Returned to the way it was originally.	success of other restoration projects	?	possibly ?	
10/21/2021 0:17	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Remove the dam	Restore the river to allow the re-emergence of the springs and wildlife	Continued use of taxpayer funds to maintain an obsolete and unneeded reservoir	Partial destruction of the dam.	
10/21/2021 0:46	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Breach the dam and reservoir so the manatees can have access to warm water.	They don't have enough warm water and breaching the dam would allow them access to warm water habitat.	Manatees not surviving.		
10/21/2021 1:42	Outside of state / other	MN	No	No					Even white manatees are still struggling with starvation from seagrass loss, the greatest long-term threat to these animals is the loss of warm water habitat that manatees need to survive the winter. Right now, 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - an unsustainable and unnatural situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River is critical to ensuring the survival of manatees in the winter and beyond. One critical step will be breaching the dam that holds back the Ocklawaha River, which will help hundreds of manatees by allowing them to access additional warm water habitat.	Manatees have already reached a record number of deaths this year - and if we don't restore additional areas of their natural habitat, we could lose even more manatees in the future.	We need to make sure we use every tool to help save manatees and other wildlife from habitat destruction and pollution. The recovery of manatees has been a conservation success story until now - we can't let this progress backslide on our watch.	Save the manatees.	
10/21/2021 1:53	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove dam, drain reservoir, and let river flow.	Biography of Marjorie Harris Carr	Continued manipulation and degradation of an important riverine system.	Such an?	
10/21/2021 2:37	Palm Beach		No	No					I want to support manatees in any way possible!!	Waterways that encourage the thriving of manatees!	Manatees might perish and eventually become extinct!	I don't know of any to help manatees.	
10/21/2021 2:47	Sumter		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 3:01	Union		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the flow of the river.	Surveys and photos showing the decline of the river bottom, water quality and springs.	The continued decline of the river.	I've read that about $1 million dollars a year is spent on the reservoir. That would give greater return if the natural flow of the river is restored.	

10/21/2021 3:33	Hernando		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please safely and without environmental destruction, remove the dam and restore the historic river flow.				
10/21/2021 4:07	Lake		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record	Hundreds of manatees would not have access to essential warm water habitat	No. Breaching dam is 50 years overdue	
10/21/2021 4:15	Bradford		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing					
10/21/2021 5:20	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Save Rodman	Fishing	The muddy mess left behind	No	Save Rodman!!!!!
10/21/2021 5:25	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	Remain in place	Removing it would destroy best fishing area in area		None	
10/21/2021 5:35	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it alone	Keep water levels up	Eco systems would be destroyed	No	It's a great fishery with many great attributes, I have seen many manatees while being there. It also brings in a lot of revenue to local businesses.
10/21/2021 5:38	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the Ocklawaha and the springs, wetlands and floodplains	The mitigation of the St. Johns River dredging; the provision of fresh water to the St. Johns	That all the benefits of breaching the dam would not be achieved		
10/21/2021 5:48	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing	Rodman is one of the best fisheries in the state, it helps the putnam economy and is a landmark destination for fisherman all over the country.	Many people's livelihoods depend on rodman. Draining the reservoir would greatly effect the putnam economy.	No	
10/21/2021 5:51	Orange		No	No					Restoration of a free flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman reservoir and Kirkpatrick dam.	Restoration of the natural river channel.	Loss of native plant habitats and ecosystems Aquatic plant communities would regenerate Endangered plant species would recover and regenerate Restoration of the native flood plain The negative effects to native flora and fauna Taxpayers will always be footing the bill for the regular upkeep and maintenance for an unnecessary dam	No	
10/21/2021 5:54	Alachua		No	No					I support removing Kirkpatrick Dam and restoring the free-flowing Ocklawaha River	It is time to stop spending nearly $1 million of our tax dollars to maintain this obsolete reservoir	Continue a big waste of $$	no	
10/21/2021 6:08	Lake		No	No									
10/21/2021 6:12	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Tear down the dam and let the water flow naturally	Wasted tax dollars that could be spent on river preservation	The imbalance of the eco system would continue to threaten our wildlife	I believe the choice is dam or no dam, so no	
10/21/2021 6:19	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached to restore the Ocklawaha to a free-flowing river.	Twenty fresh water springs would be restored, as well as 7500 acres of forested floodplain. Fish and manatees would be able to migrate into the river as they did for eons before we blocked their way. The dam has exceeded its lifespan and needed repairs are very expensive. It makes more sense to save that money and have the economic benefit from increased tourism along the river.	The continued degradation of the Lower Ocklawaha/St John's River system. It is too expensive to maintain and the damage that would be caused if the dam fails could be catastrophic.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	Thank you for this opportunity and I hope you can make a decision that benefits all living beings.
10/21/2021 6:25	Clay		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Fantastic wildlife Habitat. Eagles, Ospreys, Gators	Nothing, keep it as is.	This is one of the richest fisheries in the US, North America. In the top 10 Bass lakes in North America. It has created a fantastic wildlife Habitat. Not many places you can go in the state of Florida and see LIVE Bald Eagles thriving here.	Taking down the dam would create one of the largest mud holes in the state. The local economy would take a large negative hit. If the dam was removed today my Grandchildren not yet born would never see nothing but a baron mud flat and not be able to enjoy the rich wildlife habitat that exist today.	I would have to see what options are available.	Most of the so called environmentalist wanting to destroy this don't even live in the state of Florida. I would support an additional fee on fishing licenses to pay for the maintenance of the dam and the lock.
10/21/2021 6:28	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is and has been for 50 yrs.	There is no reason to tear down the dam. The cost is too high and the results uncertain. We have stability now and we should leave it alone.	The fishing/tourism dollars generated by the reservoir would evaporate.	There is no middle ground on tearing out the dam. It is either there or it is not.	
10/21/2021 6:33	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Release the dam to allow the natural flow of water return to the area relieving it of the back-up vegetation, allowing the springs to be showcased. Also, fishing would improve	http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/cssjrp/2021/08/16/drawdowns-a-brief-look-at-rodman-reservoir/	The area surrounding the dam would continue to loose the advantages of a healthy	More frequent drawdowns.	
10/21/2021 6:40	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling camps, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Florida's water systems are in critical danger and needs to be protected as much as possible. Breaching the dame and restoring the river, benefits everyone and and everything, from recreational use to wildlife and the health of other water systems.
10/21/2021 6:43	Duval		No	No					Please breach the dam and allow free flow of Ocklawaha River into the St. Johns River.	Health of the St. Johns River	Health of the St. Johns River continues to deteriorate.		
10/21/2021 6:46	Duval		No	No					removed and let Ocklawaha run free	article from St Johns river keeper	damage to st johns, loss of ecosystem and springs	not really	
10/21/2021 6:49	Alachua		No	No					Restore the river and remove the dam.	Restoration of ecosystems. Improve/restore springs and manatee habitats that have been lost unnecessarily.	Ecological decay. Continued rise in deaths of manatees. Never seeing springs flow that would otherwise if it weren't for this dam.	No	In my understanding of this reservoir and dam it serves the needs of people who like to fish and otherwise offers no other significant benefit. Why would we want to keep the dam if it's expensive to care for and is detrimental to the environment in so many ways? Just so people can fish there? Please remove the dam and restore the natural river flow. Thank you.
10/21/2021 6:50	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: kayak on the river	Dismantle the dam to restore the river's natural flow	The St. johns river needs the fresh water and wildlife needs our protection to thrive again. A few anglers and their economic impact have blocked the return to the natural flow of things for far too long. Removing the dam and reservoir will change and improve the scheme of things vis a vis tourism, recreation.	The overall health of both rivers will be negatively impacted, as will the wildlife.	A crackdown on our activities that impact the area's ecosystem. Eliminate septic systems, fertilizer runoff, uncontrolled development and pollutants. The reservoir has buried many fresh water springs that are tied to the Florida aquafer. Free them.	The Ocklawaha River has been a tourism attraction for more than 150 years. It is a natural treasure that should be nurtured. Bass anglers will thrive when the dam comes down.
10/21/2021 7:01	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time		Opened up to free the Oklawaha	History	Typical lacck of focus by bested interests	No	This is a very biased survey
10/21/2021 7:02	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing	Id like to see the Ocklawaha River restored to its natural flow pattern and all impediments removed.	The work of the scientists and other environmentalists have proved to me the health of the Ocklawaha and St. John's Rivers would be vastly improved by the removal of the dams. Personal observation also plays an important role. I can remember as a youngster the amount to catfish and striped bass that would migrate up the review and could be viewed in large numbers all the way up to the Silver River and Silver Springs headwater. Today these species are all but absent. It doesn't take a scientist to tell that something is terribly wrong and the waterway is suffering a demise.	The continued demise of the entire river ecosystem and the over decline in the health of the St. John River.	Any plan that moves towards restoring these vital ecosystems to their natural state.	The disastrous Cross Florida Barge Canal program was thankfully halted and subsequently defunded. Now it is time to complete righting this horrible wrong by beginning the restoration process. It will be arduous for sure, and there will be public outcry in opposition. But it is the right thing to do now and will prove to have been a most generous act by future generations of Floridians.
10/21/2021 7:03	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Y'd like to see it removed and the Ock be restored to it's natural flow.	The dam is obsolete and has a negative impact on the ecosystems on the river.	The continued over development of Florida's waterways.	No	Free the Ock
10/21/2021 7:12	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 7:14	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Walking	Remove the dam and reservoir and restore the river to its natural state	The dam is not used as intended. I believe a natural river is better for recreation, environment and enjoyment for all.	Environmental impacts	No	
10/21/2021 7:30	Seminole		No	No					Breach the dam!!!	Several springs would be restored, fish populations increase, and manatees would gain access to more waterways	Springs wont be restored	No, this is years overdue.	
10/21/2021 7:33	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Remain	There is a large amount of native Florida wild life that relies on this body of water.	A large number of native wildlife would be displaced.	Maybe maintaining a lower water level.	
10/21/2021 7:34	Alachua		No	No					Free the Ocklawaha and restore to its original state	Degradation of the springs	Spiraling downward of destroying our springs	not sure I'm all for compromise but it seems that either we have a dam or not	
10/21/2021 7:38	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay as is!	- fish for a living and Rodman Reservoir is a main stay in the rotation of fishing spots.	What happens to all the wildlife, fish and American Bald Eagles that call the Reservoir home now that the eco systems are in place!	Rodman Reservoir is now home to a complete eco system. Manatees, trophy black bass, Americans symbol of hope the Bald Eagle and so much more. Man started the cross Florida Barge canal and it has become so much to the wildlife. So no leave it as is, is the only out come acceptable.	
10/21/2021 7:38	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing					
10/21/2021 7:39	Alachua		No	No					deconstruct damn and return natural flow	needless cost of maintenance and disruption of natural environment and animal habitat due to damn	Continued disruption of nature due to damn		
10/21/2021 7:42	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Take it down now to improve the rivers increase fish populations and help manatees	Damn is past its life expectancy and our Florida resources will not last for future generations protection is need immediately	Death to some of our precious springs wake up	No	Stop making this about politics and protect Florida precious resources
10/21/2021 7:45	St Johns		No	No					Remove the dam to restore natural water flows downstream.	Times Union article	Continued algae blues.	Not that I can think of.	None
10/21/2021 7:49	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Tear it down	Helping the silver Ocklawaha rivers will increase fish life	Death to springs	No	Should never be there
10/21/2021 7:54	Seminole		No	No									
10/21/2021 7:59	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed for the benefit of taxpayers, fish, wildlife and recreational users of the river.	It costs taxpayers more than $1 million a year to maintain a reservoir that provides no public benefit.	The dam will continue to deteriorate and maintenance costs will skyrocket.	No.	
10/21/2021 8:01	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing, leave it alone!!!	The habitat and eco system that has been established from this dam over the years is unbelievable. from the birds to the manatees it's a wonderful environment.	You would loose an incredible fishery. Rodman is a top 10 destination for catching big bass. Not to mention the loss of revenue for the surrounding businesses and the people that make a living off the lake.	No	
10/21/2021 8:03	Marion		No	No					restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea-level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 8:05	Alachua		No	No					Get rid of the dam and restore natural water flow to save taxpayer $ and help the river dp what rivers should do	Trusted FL environmentalists have indicated this is better for the environment.			
10/21/2021 8:06	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4.14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 8:09	Outside of state / other	Ny	No	No					Protect habitat for manatees.	The number of deaths and starvation due to sea grass loss.	More needless deaths of innocent manatees.	No	It is our responsibility to protect wildlife!
10/21/2021 8:10	Hillsborough		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat if the river flow is restored. More and more manatees are dying every year from their habitats and food sources growing smaller.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe and will cost millions of dollars in taxpayers' money to temporarily fix.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	We need to start taking better care of our land. This is one big step that can make huge changes for our Florida wildlife. If we continue to make these decisions that harm our environment, wildlife will continue to die, our water will continue to become polluted and the beautiful springs that are natural to Florida will no longer be beautiful. This is also financially the best option in many ways.
10/21/2021 8:24	Clay		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed completely	A growing chorus of environmental groups and others are convinced that the best way to improve the quality of the st johns is to restore the free flowing water.	We live on the st johns. The algae blooms are so bad that we worry about going out on the river and certainly wouldn't eat anything caught in the river. And what is happening to our manatee population is distressing. They are, starving because we are allowing their food source to be polluted.	No. I sympathize with the businesses that have grown along side the dam and fear for their livelihoods. But I think the dam removal can open up other opportunities which would allow everyone to win.	The dam removal has been an ongoing debate for years. We have an opportunity to do the right thing for our waterways. Please don't let this chance pass us by.
10/21/2021 8:32	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the rivers	scientific information	Loss of Silver River, St John's River& theOklawaha River	None	
10/21/2021 8:33	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times			Return River to natural state	Environmental concerns and the debility to navigate the old route from Jacksonville to Silver Springs			
10/21/2021 8:35	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4.14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Although this year's crisis was mostly due to starvation from loss of seagrass, the long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. As a taxpayer and resident of Florida, who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our wildlife and people. Thank you for your consideration to this important matter.
10/21/2021 8:35	Orange		No	No					remove the dam and restore to natural beauty which will bring fresh water.	More fish, manatees could get to silver springs, now the manatees have to go through the locks, improve water quality in the St. Johns River.	Waste a lot of money to repair the dam.	No options remove it...JUST DO IT.	
10/21/2021 8:36	Outside of state / other	Kentucky	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Leave it as it is! Fantastic fishing and amazing beautiful wildlife.	Devastating ecological impact of removing the dam destroys the post-dam habitat that has emerged over the last 40 year (1960). Visitors from all over the world come to Rodman	Ruins the beauty and destroys the fishing and fish habitat. Two wrongs don't make a right!	Catch and release on Rodman only	Stop tinkering with this. The canal project is dead. Rodman, for better or worse, is part of this legacy. There is a thriving ecosystem there. Leave Rodman alone!!!
10/21/2021 8:37	Miami-Dade		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	examples of other restorations	losing water sources		
10/21/2021 8:39	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/21/2021 8:44	Hillsborough		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4.14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway. We must ACT NOW	We continue to watch our land and environment be compromised and as a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/21/2021 8:46	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Allowing for the free movement of manatees and other wildlife	Manatees will not have free access to food and water	No	Restore the springs, the water quality, the wildlife and the natural landscape that was and should be The Ocklawaha.
10/21/2021 8:47	Lake		No	No					I would like to see changes to help the environment and manatees.		Continued destruction of manatee habitat	Not sure	
10/21/2021 8:50	St Johns		No	No					Remove the dam and allow the river to flow	The science supports this position. Environmentally this is the right path.	Environmental = St Johns river environment, health of springs, health of forested lands.	No. This is a mistake that needs corrected.	
10/21/2021 8:50	Lee		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	

10/21/2021 8:51	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the Dam. This is not republican or democrat ...its just common sense. People talk and talk about doing the right thing, caring for the environment, helping the planet, etc. This is as obvious as it gets.	The Dam stops the huge natural flow, fact. The dam removal is only restoring what nature intended, fact. The dam removal heals the St Johns river, fact. This should be the easiest decision you will ever make.	Continued decline of the St Johns river affects all of us in northeastern Florida.	No, it just needs to be removed and the flow restored. You can do this, please.	Being a former employer and a former City councilman I understand issues with various sides. You are trying to listen to both, that is good. At some point action is required on this dam. We have been watching this issue for over 21 years that this area has been home to us. Discussing this amazing water flow with hundreds of folks during that time, I have never met anyone that wants the dam to remain! All decisions carry some difficulty, but this issue is clearer than any I have ever seen. Please do the right thing for the river and our beautiful north and central Florida. Thank you.
10/21/2021 8:56	Pasco		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	If prevents natural migration of fish and hundreds of manatees to get to refuge and Forage during the winter. Restores freshwater flow and uncover springs that are essential to manatees and provides thousands of acres for Florida birds and wildlife to live. Bears and panthers too.	Continue ue decline of Florida wildlife. If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other. areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	The manatees need our help. FLORIDA IS KNOWN FOR THEM IT WILL BE A SAD DAY WHEN THEY ARE GONE BECAUSE OF US HUMANS NOT LOOKING OUT FOR THEM. JUST LIKE THE PANTHERS.
10/21/2021 8:56	Broward		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River. Break the damn and let the river flow FREE AGAIN. A free running river will restore the environment which will cause the economy around the river to grow.	Floridians deserve to enjoy the natural environment of this beautiful state. We must save what is lift of wild Florida for us, the living, and those that come after us.	Florida and Floridians will lose another beautiful and wild place for their enjoyment and recreation. Being in nature heals the soul.	No!	
10/21/2021 9:01	Osceloa		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 9:06	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is	Huge wildlife habitat and fishery's	Detrimental natural habitat and animal sanctuary destroyed	It supports some much wildlife leave it as it is	
10/21/2021 9:07	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the flow into the Stjohns River.	I am a native Floridian and I am angry at all the destruction of what I considered so great about growing up along the river in the 50's and 60's. The St. John's River is vital to a very large area for recreation and commerce. It needs to be restored just like the Kissimmee River.	Continued worsening of our great river until it is nothing but sludge without life.	No	
10/21/2021 9:09	Seminole		No	No					I'd like to see it breached	restoration of Florida's waterways	further degradation of our waterways	no	
10/21/2021 9:11	Duval		No	No					remove the dam and restore the reservoir			remove the dam only	
10/21/2021 9:12	Leon		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: canoe trip many years ago and a site inspection when I worked for FWC many years ago	remove the dam; let the river flow	years of involvement in the issue when at FWC and various studies	lost opportunity to do the right thing for the river	no	
10/21/2021 9:13	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Re-establishment of the Lower Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam, allowing for the range of water levels and flows to approach historical patterns prior to dam construction.	Documented suppression of springs within the affected area and periodic backwater impacts in the Silver River		Any scenarios that allow for achieving a wider fluctuation of water levels, creating a more dynamic and natural system.	
10/21/2021 9:13	Clay		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking	I strongly favor removing the dam in order to allow the Ocklawaha River to return to its natural flow.	The environmental benefits and mitigation of algae blooms will improve the health of the St. John's River. As an avid paddler who enjoys kayaking on the pristine Florida spring-fed rivers, the dam removal will expose more springs and increase recreational miles of clean water.	The St. John's River's health will decline.	No. The east-west canal project was a bold idea that failed and deserves bold action to reverse the damage to one of the state's best features, rivers.	
10/21/2021 9:15	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Other: I wanted to see the dam and the reservoir to learn what is happening to it.	I would like to see the reservoir and dam removed and the river to flow freely.	I believe what the Riverkeeper says and how it will benefit the river especially in NE Florida.	The St. Johns River will be in jeopardy as it will result in it being unhealthy.	no	Please let the river flow as it is intended.
10/21/2021 9:15	Martin		No	No						No further damage	More damage to the environment	Yes	
10/21/2021 9:16	Seminole		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs, and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitats for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers, and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow, and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. 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10/21/2021 9:16	Orange		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the dam, the last remnant of a canceled, discredited and environmentally ruinous plan to divide the Florida Peninsula, breached to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	Restoring the Ocklawaha will restore 20 natural springs, hundreds of acres of forested wetlands and clear the route between Silver Springs and the Atlantic for fish, manatees and boaters.	If the dam is not breached, it could require millions of dollars in maintenance, a huge waste of money for taxpayers to maintain an obsolete piece of infrastructure that does harm to the environment.	No. The environmental and economic benefits of breaching the dam dwarf any supposed benefits of keeping it. This is not a close call.	The only argument for spending millions of dollars to maintain the dam is the supposed recreational and economic benefits from the Rodman reservoir. The benefits in those categories would be greater from restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha and restoring the natural springs along its route. Many more ecotourists will come to enjoy a restored river and give a boost to the local economy through their spending.
10/21/2021 9:18	Nassau		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Please leave Kirkpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir as it presently is. Though changes to the area when the dam was built took place, the reservoir and dam have been there all these years and think about all the abiotic change which will take place if removed; plus fisherman enjoy the fine fishing the reservoir provides.	Damage and change to the environment would happen if the dam is removed.	Damage to the fishing reservoir.	N/A	N/A
10/21/2021 9:18	Putnam		No	No					It's time to reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs for fish, manatee, and other wildlife	It will save the Silver and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs and their riverine ecosystems.	Not breaching the dam would not create a huge economic and environmental impact for northeast Florida		
10/21/2021 9:19	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	The Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam should be dismantled. This should have been done years ago when the Cross Florida Barge Canal was scrapped.	Saving the natural wetlands and wildlife.	Continued destruction of the environment and wildlife.	No.	
10/21/2021 9:21	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time		Removal of the dam/restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	Data provided by the St Johns Riverkeeper as well as other scientific sources/studies.	The health and future of the St Johns River and its tributaries.		
10/21/2021 9:22	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	for it to be removed	the health of the St. Johns River depends on freshwater flows from its tributaries and the dam is holding back massive amounts of water.	the health of the SJR would continue to decline and saltwater intrusion would continue to get worse. eventually, much of the lower SJR would be functionally dead.	perhaps an agreement to let a substantial amount of additional freshwater flow through the dam each day.	
10/21/2021 9:22	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam, and restore the River to its natural state as before.	The Dam was never practical, and totally political. The River needs its restoration. The fishermen and women will have many other places to fish.	See above. The needs of the public far outweigh the recreational needs of the people who fish.	NO	Thanks greatly for your efforts.
10/21/2021 9:22	Putnam		No	No					The dam(s) should be removed to allow natural free flow of water and nutrients throughout the entire rivershed system.	Grass beds in the St. Johns River have suffered from changes in nutrient levels and salinity, negatively affecting fish and wildlife populations.	Continued degradation of habitat throughout the riversheds.	If the dam is not removed, there should be a water release schedule and discharge volumes that more closely mimic historic natural flows, i.e., higher releases during rainy seasons and lower flows during the dry season.	Retaining unnatural flows and discharges when not needed for water supply or flood control is detrimental to fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. The argument for economic impact makes no sense when one does not see the major fishing tournaments being held on the Rodman. They are being held on the St. Johns River. Restoring natural flows and discharges would benefit the entire river system in this part of Florida.
10/21/2021 9:23	Duval		No	No					removed/dismantle the dam	The need to restore the flow of the Ocklawaha River to help the springs and the St. Johns River	continued degradation of the Springs and the St. Johns River	Not that I've heard, seen or read about	Keep up the good fight!!
10/21/2021 9:23	St Johns		No	No					Reunite the river and help restore the natural ecosystem. There is so much destruction of habitat and we are facing so many consequences of human exploitation and mismanagement of resources.	This is the most significant opportunity we have had in two decades to convince leaders it's time to reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs for fish, manatee, and other wildlife. Too many dying Manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife cannot wait. Drawdowns are temporary fixes.	Manatees - Water Quality - Springs These are essential to this region of Florida. HELP PRESERVE THEM. PLEASE.
10/21/2021 9:23	Lake		No	No					Breach it and restore rivers springs it has covered	Fish populations have declined 92%. Manatees would have more warm waters to retreat to . It would improve Solver Springs	Continued decline in natural habitat and increased nonnative species. Areas with increasing populations will benefit from more availability of local fish!	No	I hope you all use uncommon sense.
10/21/2021 9:25	Palm Beach		No	Yes		2-5 times	Boating		Returned to it's natural flow	to improve the quality of the water.	lost all viable recreation and native habitat	I don't know of one.	
10/21/2021 9:25	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam as soon as possible.	The area needs to return to its natural state. Our wildlife and our tourism industry need it.	Wildlife will suffer. A once- FL treasure will not be returned to its pre-dam condition.	Hard to see a halfway point between a day and no dam. Do you have any suggestions?	Please remove the dam as soon as possible.
10/21/2021 9:25	St Johns		No	No									I support your position
10/21/2021 9:31	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Visit to see the damage it causes	Take out the damn dam.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers. Welaka right next door to the dam touts itself as the "bass capital of the world" so the reservoir is not needed for bass fishing.		no	
10/21/2021 9:33	St Johns		No	No					Restore the River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/21/2021 9:34	Brevard		No	No					I would like to see the area restored and the dam removed.	The environmental disruption of over 7500 acres of forested wetlands plus the downstream impacts should be reversed.	The continued disruption of natural systems.	Perhaps. I would have to see the options.	The project was ill-conceived from the beginning, and restoration should be completed.
10/21/2021 9:34	Clay		No	No					To remove the Kirkpatrick Dam	The health of the St Johns River and for all the wildlife such as manatees that rely on the springs that makeup our waterways.	More damage to the way the ecosystem is supposed to be.	The Kirkpatrick dam needs to be removed	
10/21/2021 9:34	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Other: Just checking on the logjam at the dam.	Breach it so the Ock can resume its free flow to the sea.	Awareness that the pond obliterates the beauty of numerous springs covered by its waters, prevents the free movement of manatees and fishes through the river system, and destroys the natural beauty of the landscape.	That the dam might fail catastrophically and that we continue with this ill advised destruction of the natural beauty of Florida.	Nope. Get rid of the dam. It's been 50 years of special interests prevailing. Time for real Floridians to win back a slice of their heritage.	Breach the dam.
10/21/2021 9:35	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. 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10/21/2021 9:36	Jackson		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing					
10/21/2021 9:36	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating	That the Ocklawaha be made navigable from Silver Springs to the St. Johns River.	The Ocklawaha is not currently navigable from Silver Springs to the St. Johns River.	That there will never again be boat traffic between the Harris Chain of lakes and the St Johns River.	No	
10/21/2021 9:40	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restoration of the Ocklawaha River by. The economy, water quality, and wildlife is heavily negated throughout the Great Florida Riverway while the dam stays in place.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, SJ springs, and associated ecosystem are restored.	Millions in taxpayer dollars are unnecessarily spent to upkeep and repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit while negatively impacting broad ecosystems.	No. Breaching the dam is decades overdue. Dam safety and potential flood impacts to downstream properties, improved water quality, and enhancing wildlife/ecosystems simply can no longer wait.	As a long time Floridian who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning millions of dollars in net benefit over the coming years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk while increasing regional visitors and economic benefit. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you very much for your consideration.
10/21/2021 9:41	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove dam	It blocks natural flow of river and creates unnatural conditions affecting wildlife habitat and ecosystem functions	That we failed again to make a simple change to help our natural environment	No	
10/21/2021 9:42	Duval		No	No					restoration of the natural flow from the beginning this boondoggle should never have been started	Extensive reading over the years has lead me to believe that it is the best plan to promote and maintain the health of the St Johns River and its tributaries.	further degradation of the River	begin the process and the improvements that will occur will encourage full restoration.	do not stop
10/21/2021 9:43	Clay		No	No						Removed			
10/21/2021 9:44	Osceloa		No	No					It would be ideal to see the Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	It is vitally important to Restore the Ocklawaha River as my understanding is it will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. This is vitally important to the future of FL.	I have several major concerns. It seems if Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Certainly in addition, literaly millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Currently I understand thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. This is a situation that needs immediate action.	Absolutely not! Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue already.	As a resident of the state of Florida who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. My family and every single resident of Florida need this action taken.
10/21/2021 9:45	Lake		No	No					Open the dam and let the water through	Dam is at the end of its life. A planned take-down of it is better than a "weather event" take down. The springs and the wetlands need the water. The water collected behind the dam is ugly and not native Florida and will not improve in value to fish, recreation and water collection in the future.	Springs recovery and clean-up (fewer septic tanks, chemical protections) are slowed/ stopped because there is more water to disguise the damage. Unrestricted growth. Unrestricted mining that pollutes the waterways.	increase water flow through the dam, natural connection between the "collected waters" and the waterways so there is some natural balance of water, native plants and fish, etc.	This has been studied to death. A few people with lots of money want no change because no change benefits them. The majority of people who live in the area and naturalists have wanted the change for years-decades.

10/21/2021 9:47	Orange		No	No					I would like to see a permanent breach of the dam to begin the restoration of the tributary ecosystem that once existed in the Ocklawaha river system.	7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. Imperilled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Harbenglitia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida I Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. I Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. I Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. I At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. I An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. I The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, inclu	Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/21/2021 9:48	Seminole		No	No					Clean up the river.	Manatees are dying at an incredible rate.	Loss of manatees.	I would have to see what alternatives are offered.	
10/21/2021 9:49	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River as outlined in the USFS environmental impact statement	Partial restoration is intended to restore river hydrology and floodplain function to near preconstruction conditions through breaching the dam, with limited removal and/or alteration of structures and alteration of the topography. This alternative will retrieve National Forest System lands at the lowest cost while restoring river and floodplain hydrology. Additionally, FDEP's Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway State Recreation and Conservation Plan is updated and continues to say "The Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, have an established policy that the Ocklawaha River should be "partially restored" with the FDEP as the lead agency. However, the Legislature has not appropriated funds for this purpose. If funds are made available and permits are issued, it is the intent of the FDEP to undertake this restoration."	The permit has lapsed, and the state of Florida is operating structures on USFS lands without a permit. Since 1968, the dam has closed off flow of the Ocklawaha River, flooded more than 7,500 acres of forested wetlands, 16 miles of river and at least 20 springs, and blocked upstream migration of many fish and aquatic species impacting the ecosystem from the St. Johns River to Silver Springs and beyond. Additionally, it prevents boats from navigating the entire river system. It was a bad idea whose time needs to come to an end.	No	
10/21/2021 9:50	Palm Beach		No	Yes		More than 5 times	Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Camping, hiking and off-roading (legally accessible NF roads/historic jeep trails, etc.). Note that these activities supported numerous local businesses over the past 20 years I've been visiting...	Decommission and restore river/springs. Include efforts to address concerns with loss of lake fishing habitat, where practical.	Roadman reservoir serves no real function aside from supporting a small lake/fishing economy, which while definitely important, can be mitigated through a well thought out economic development strategy that would help to transition existing businesses, residents who live in and/or frequent the area, from a very limited use to broader tourism options (retained fishing, expanded river use [kayaking/canoeing/scenic trips], spring access and trails, etc. etc.) as the river/springs are restored. Understandably, the transition would span several years, AND would need to contemplate grant funding, or other resources to help those who can document financial hardship (business loss)...	Simply put, the Rodman Reservoir was a mistake, the loss of which destroyed significant environmental habitat with zero mitigation. There is zero reason to justify not working towards decommissioning.	Reduce lake levels to allow for retention of "some" semblance of lake area, with funding for locks to allow for partial restoration of river (and any springs that may be within areas that become exposed).	
10/21/2021 9:52	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam and get back to natural Florida				
10/21/2021 9:54	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed.	Environmental impact of the dam.		Other environmental remediation of the dam and its surrounding impact on the Ocklawaha watershed.	
10/21/2021 9:56	Volusia		No	No					All dam's that restrict water flow only for the purpose of electric generation should be dismantled in lieu of greener and less ecologically devastating power generation facilities.	Dam's create an artificial eco-systems that disrupt the natural wildlife's habitats and migration.	That the delay of the restoration of the natural flow of water will continue to degrade the habitat for the area.	no	
10/21/2021 9:57	Citrus		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating	Save the Manatees	Endangered Manatees	Sad. No plans for Manatees to	Nope.	
10/21/2021 10:00	Lake		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam!!!	Manatees will gain access to the river, exposing 20+ springs!	Hundreds of manatees could lose access to warm water during the cold months	No. this breach is a long time coming.	
10/21/2021 10:04	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canops, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Save the manatees, restore our springs. As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 65% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/21/2021 10:05	Volusia		No	No					Removal	News reports	Expense to maintain	Partial removal	
10/21/2021 10:07	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	No									
10/21/2021 10:10	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	remove the dam and restoring the free-flowing Ocklawaha River	Proposals to restore the river have been proposed for over 30 years and have met with resistance from politicians and fisherman. The will of the people have requested that these old measures of restricting water flow be removed so that Florida can again experience the true habitat restoration.	The pressure for development will continue to hinder any attempts to sustain Floridas unique natural ecosystems.		
10/21/2021 10:10	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: sightseeing	Remove it.	Health of the St. Johns River	Continued degradation of the St. Johns River	No	
10/21/2021 10:14	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		DEMOLISH IT LET THE WATER GO FREE	Pollution in all of our waterways. MANATEES dying saalife dying, invasive species proliferating NESTLE stealing water from GINNIE SPRINGS.	FLORIDA DROUGHT AND DEVASTATION	NONE get rid of the dams that were built for a canal that never happened. We are running out of time.	We are running out of time.
10/21/2021 10:14	Pinellas		No	No					The whole river system should be opened up as it was designed in nature to preserve our natural resources and wildlife	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.	death of more manatees, loss of habitat for Floridas wildlife		
10/21/2021 10:16	Sarasota		No	No					Allow the free/natural flow of the river.	The vital need for water available, clean, to ensure water supply for generations.	Poor water supply, unclean contaminated and unusable water.	Not really.	
10/21/2021 10:16	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		REMOVED	Love of Oklawaha		No	
10/21/2021 10:19	Putnam		No	No					I'd like to see it removed amd water flow restored to the ecosystem.	Manatees need winter homes and forage. Ecological balance can be restored if the dam Comes down. Also, there are funds available amd legislative authority from 20+ years ago. Why hasn't it come down yet?	We need to reverse the mistake that cross florida canal created. There is. I reason to wait longer to restore the natural ha it at. Otherwise the effects of climate change can create u known Consequences.	No. I can't see a compromise. From what I understand, it's only the sports fishermen who want the dam. But the rest of us want a healthy ecosystem. Why do the anglers get to have their way decade after decade? We have an opportunity here. Let's take it.	
10/21/2021 10:19	Lee		Yes	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canops, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 65% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/21/2021 10:19	Marion		No	No					DEMOLISH THEM THEY ARE USELESS WE NEED THE FLOW OF WATER	Manatee deaths, ginnie springs water taken by Nestle,	The river would be more polluted and more invasive species will destroy our waterways The dams were built for canals THAT NEVER were built.	NONE SAVE OUR WATER	
10/21/2021 10:22	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove it.	This dam is an impediment to the health of the Ocklawaha River and all of its associated ecological communities	Continued ecological blight and a negative impact on nature tourism	Long-term, no.	I hope you all what I will be an overwhelming request for its removal by the people of Florida.
10/21/2021 10:24	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to benefit our economy, water quality, and wildlife throughout the Great Florida Riverway	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, natural flood protection, cooling canops, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/21/2021 10:26	Lake		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 10:27	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Family gatherings and visits with our sons boyscout troop.	I would like to see it maintained as a recreation spot for visitors for fishing, boating and canoeing, hiking and exploring and enjoying the wildlife. We have been going there for these things for the past 25 years and raised our Eagle Scout son out there.	We have seen many wild life cratures in the wild there. Eagles, manatee, black bears, foxes, racoons, deer, a Florida Panther, hawks, turkeys, etc. We raised our son and took his scout troop there for years to learn valuable skills and appreciation for Florida wildlife. He became an Eagle Scout. Our family has lived in Florida since the 1850s, this is one of the last places we can enjoy and learn about our Natural heritage in Florida.	That this place would be lost and missing in the experience and heritage of our famy. No more holiday gatherings or wildlife viewing experiences.	No there is not. We were married out there at the dam. We have many memories and value its current state to continue the tradition of teaching our children and grandchildren about the natural world.	My family and I are Native Americans who came to pioneer Florida in the 1850s. We have seen to much change and destruction of the natural habitat of Florida. Destroying or changing its present state would take away a last place for us to gather and enjoy our heritage!
10/21/2021 10:28	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see it revert back to letting the Ocklawaha flow back into the St Johns River	The salinity of the St Johns	MORE ALGAE BLOOM AND SALINITY		
10/21/2021 10:28	Broward		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Hundreds of imperiled manatees will gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/21/2021 10:30	Citrus		No	No					Breaching of the dam.	Spillway it would benefit a number of rivers and streams including the St. Johns and it would help preserve aquatic wildlife. East coast manatees need all the help they can get right now	Continued devastating loss of manatee population.	Not unless manatees and fish were allowed to travel freely on the Ocklawaha.	
10/21/2021 10:30	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see it removed to allow the natural flow of the river. The dead trees are a hazard to boating and the springs need to be restored.	Unnecessary change in natural flow of river that impacts water quality of the SJWD. The river is beautiful above the dam but the reservoir is ugly and unnatural.	Continued unnecessary deterioration of water quality in Florida.	no	Very good survey. It requires responders to give a legitimate reason why they want action taken. I volunteer at Crystal River Wildlife Refuge, and my primary concern is protection of manatees.
10/21/2021 10:30	Sumter		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and allow restoration of the river to take place. When reservoir is partially drained for drawdowns you can see the old river channel emerge. Natural restoration of the floodplain first will begin immediately with removal of the dam. Retaining the dam will be very costly as it will likely have to be rebuilt to current USACE standards for earthen dam structures. Makes no sense to retain this dam and reservoir.	USACE earthen dam standards and simply watching the old channel emerge when reserv our is drawn down.	Continuing environmental loss as reservoir clogs with aquatic weeds and high public cost of maintaining/ bringing earthen dam up to USACE standards.	A first step would be to lower the reservoir to lowest possible level by removing lower sill of the concrete gate structure.	It was an ill conceived idea 50 yrs ago and needs to be reversed. Florida's economy depends on tourism and we need to keep it beautiful and natural.
10/21/2021 10:30	Polk		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Opened up in specifically chosen sites.	Research on dam effects on fish and wildlife	Loss of habitat for Manatees		Please make a long overdue decision to remove dam/reservoir and restore the Ocklawaha River.
10/21/2021 10:32	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Please breach the dam so that we can restore our wildlife corridors.	Restoration of critical rivers and springs. Now, is the time to fix this problem.	Declining water quality and interference with the natural order. Since the dam does not provide electricity or flood control taxpayer dollars are being wasted.		
10/21/2021 10:34	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Return to its natural flow	Natural flow of water and animal migration	Same ol, same ol not looking forward state	Not sure	
10/21/2021 10:35	Charlotte		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Florida has suffered decades of environmental stress, and 2021 is no different. As one of Florida's most treasured asset, the Florida Manatee, 2021 has been the worst year on record for these gentle creatures. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 10:36	Marion		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/21/2021 10:36	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are so many, but restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha helps manatees, springs and rivers are healthier and the restoration creates more recreational opportunities.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high and environmental needs are critical.	No.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.

10/21/2021 10:38	Pasco		No	No				Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/21/2021 10:39	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times						
10/21/2021 10:43	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river	The renewal of the natural springs and the ability for the river to flow naturally			
10/21/2021 10:45	Nassau		No	No					River restoration	People and wildlife will benefit			
10/21/2021 10:46	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Being removed	Health of the St. John's river			
10/21/2021 10:46	Leon		No	Yes	2-5 times	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Area hiking, cycling and camping.	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick dam removed to allow the Ocklawaha river restored to its natural state. the dam was a mistake in the first place. It should have been removed years ago.	The springs of Florida are known worldwide. It is also common knowledge that our springs are under stress. The Rodman Reservoir suppresses the natural flow of springs in the area including world famous Silver Springs. The water obscures and supresses many springs that flow into the Ocklawaha. Wildlife would move more freely on and in the Ocklawaha as it has for millennia, restoring manatee access to the Silver River/Springs and other important habitats. Future maintenance of the dam does not make economic sense considering our already crumbling and neglected infrastructure.	Continued degradation of Florida's springs system and water quality. Missed opportunity for increased manatee access to warm water habitat. Increased algae blooms and weed infestations. Continued waste of funds on an environmental mistake made many years ago.	No. The Kirkpatrick dam shouldn't have been built in the first place. It should have been removed in 1971 when the Barge Canal was scrapped.	The best time to remove the Kirkpatrick Dam was 1973. The next best time is today.
10/21/2021 10:52	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking					
10/21/2021 10:52	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing	Have it removed and connect the rivers as God created them.	The barge canal fiasco has been abandoned, time to try and repair the damage it has caused.	Continued damage to fish, manatees, and springs	Remove the flood gates and let the river flow.	
10/21/2021 10:53	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 10:54	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like them removed	The increase flow of fresh water to the St. Johns river will increase the water quality in Clay, St. Johns and Duval counties.	Continued degradation of river water quality	Remove the dam & lock gates	
10/21/2021 10:54	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	The entire system must be returned to its natural condition. Starting 65 years ago that area was our favorite recreation/camping spot in Florida. My children long for it to be restored.	I sell real estate for a living and have seen the natural environment become more and more important to folks coming to the University of Florida or just retiring to our area.	Without water there will be what would become a dead zone and not support human activity or the life of our manatees and other precious wild life.	No	
10/21/2021 10:54	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it removed, allowing the river to return to its natural state	The millions of dollars wasted on maintaining and repairing the dam. The fact it shouldn't be there, as the cross Florida barge canal project was scrapped decades ago. The restriction of access upriver to wildlife, including manatees. And the abundance of local alternatives for local anglers, so they and their businesses can continue to be successful	Wasted tax payer money indefinitely, environmental impacts of chemical sprays intended for vegetation control, and continued limitation on areas manatees can utilize, especially in light of development growth projected in the future.	No, the dam must be breached. However this could be done in a planned, stepped fashion, to reduce impact on those who say they will be negatively effective to allow them time to adjust. My preference would be the immediate removal, return to the natural course, and cessation of wasted millions of dollars	Removal will enhance economic opportunities in the area and the local economy will be supported by those wanting the dam. Those worried will be rewarded with increased interest in the area, and more concentrated areas for catching game fish. It will be a win-win
10/21/2021 10:56	Clay		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep the Dam, I've been fishing Rodman for 20 year, why destroy something that been there so long??	Fishing	Very disappointed in the state	No	
10/21/2021 10:57	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the dam	Restoration of springs and flow into st johns	What a lost opportunity	No	
10/21/2021 10:58	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		Please remove the dam and restore the river	The health of the St. Johns river	Increased flooding from dredging St john's and freshwater needed to improve health of St. Johns.	no	
10/21/2021 10:58	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River and protect the North Florida water system, including the St. Johns River.	Removing the Ocklawaha River was the wrong. We need to restore the natural life of the river and the land around and create a water system that supports the ecology that can survive.	We may loose a great deal of wild life because the salinity of our rivers is increasing due to dredging. We need the free flow of the river to reestablish a viable ecology.	No. That dam has been around 50 years,it's a drain on ecology and our economy. It needs to go.	I am concerned about the homes that are in danger if the dam breaks. After 50 years, the dam is getting weak and could go with a hurricane or even a big rain. We need to help those people protect their homes.
10/21/2021 10:59	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I had heard about it but never seen it before Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove dam and restore river and floodplain	Overall net environmental benefit to watershed; restores natural balance	If restoration is not accomplished now then when will restoration ever be achieved... long term operation and maintenance of existing system is pointless... public resources could be better deployed to enhance public's access and enjoyment of river and surrounding land and water resources	Better maintenance of system and improve navigation; more public access	Good luck
10/21/2021 11:00	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	Second Paragraph Options by Topic: OVERVIEW: This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. WATER QUALITY: This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 11:01	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and let the water flow naturally.	The dam had been around 50+ years. It's weak. It could fail at any time.	Our North Florida depends on a strong river and a thriving natural water system.	No.	Thank you for considering my thoughts.
10/21/2021 11:03	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and natural river flow restored	From my aquatic ecology training (MS) I am aware that dams are an unnatural barrier that dramatically alters the ecology from riverine to lacustrine, destroys wetlands, degraded water quality and prevents fish (and manatees in this case) from migrating to their spawning, nursery and/or overwintering habitats.	The biggest tributary to Florida's largest river will remain cut off from the system and unable to contribute to the resilience, health and productivity of that river (St. Johns).	Not really. Drawing down the reservoir to river level and keeping it there helps with some of the problems, but why keep paying to maintain the dam in that case?	The dam was built for a purpose that never came to fruition (cross-FL canal) that presumably would have justified the many impacts it caused. It should have been taken down immediately but was not due to an expectation of great socio-economic benefits that never materialized. Studies have shown that a restored natural river with appropriate access can be dramatically more beneficial locally as well as to the State of Florida than continuing to pay to maintain the current degraded system.
10/21/2021 11:04	Duval		No	No					Demolish dam and restore river flow and flooded zone.	St. John's River pollution and animal habitat destruction.	Eventual death of River life.	No.	
10/21/2021 11:06	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 11:09	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking	I support partial restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Dam at the natural river channel, west of the main Rodman Dam structure.	Partial restoration is supported by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Greenway Plan and is supported by almost all scientific assessments of the Ocklawaha Restoration Project, all agency recommendations, two environmental impact statements, and conservation organizations across the state	Diversification of indigenous species in the Ocklawaha River system is my biggest concern. Habitat loss is increasing due to many factors including human encroachment, population increase, and climate change. Partial restoration of the Ocklawaha River will increase wildlife habitat in North Florida and allow greater species diversity.	No. This is already a compromise.	
10/21/2021 11:09	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Other: Science, sampling	Removal and restoration of the of the river channel and wetlands.	The freshwater inputs to the St. Johns River are critical to mitigate rising sea levels and saline upgradient creep due to channelization and deepening at the mouth of the St. Johns River. We need to stop losing a large amount of water through evaporation behind the dam.	the wetlands, and middle and lower St. Johns river basins will suffer from salt stress, and lack of river inputs from the tributaries.	Breaching without total removal. Otherwise, not really.	
10/21/2021 11:10	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see it breached and removed. And the Ocklawaha run free!	The present condition of the water system is shameful. The damage to the ecosystem, the river and wildlife is disgusting. The Cross Florida Barge Canal project was halted years ago. The fact that the Dam still exhausts is a failure in government leadership and policy. Florida IS it's beautiful waterways and natural habitats. Greed, business and money have ruined Florida most important assets! Bring old Florida beauty back to our state. Protect our water sources. Protect our fish and wildlife. Most importantly our beloved Manatees and their habitats. Make Silver Springs the beautiful place it once was. Act NOW, before it's too late. Thank you from a life long Florida resident who loves this state.	Continuing to destroy the natural beauty of Florida and it's waterways!	No. Needs to be done in full now.	Florida is our waterways! Restore and protect them now before it's too late.
10/21/2021 11:11	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Remove the damm	Releasing the water into the river.		No	
10/21/2021 11:14	Seminole		No	No					Breach of the dam to restore the natural habitat.	Information concerning the fragility and uniqueness of Florida's ecosystem	More degradation and loss to Florida	No	
10/21/2021 11:14	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/21/2021 11:15	Hernando		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Preserve it	Resident	Wildlife will die		
10/21/2021 11:16	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored. 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	** I am familiar with the issues. Also, I read and recommend a fascinating book titled "Ditch of Dreams", that was very influential to me.
10/21/2021 11:16	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking	I am an avid kayaker and fisherman. I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam removed, the Ocklawaha river restored and the surrounding land to be protected once it remerges.	The reservoir and dam are mistakes from decades ago. The original purpose for both was quickly deemed pointless.	We are destroying a river and missing out on restoring an incredible and unique ecosystem.	No. Removing the dam and restoring the natural flow is the only goal.	It makes zero sense that we are keeping a relic from a failed idea decades ago. For what? Bass fishing? I am a huge fisherman of all species. Bass populations will improve along the river and natural fish migrations will return. As a fisherman, I am more excited about the prospect of catching a variety of fish including bass as well as being surrounded by a pristine environment. Can you imagine being able to paddle from Lake Harris to the Atlantic Ocean? There is no telling what we could catch. Remove the dam. Restore the river. Thank you for your time.
10/21/2021 11:21	Marion		No	No					Take it down and free the river.	The quality of the water in the Silver River and the lack of native fish that were there when I was a child.	The ultimate destruction of the priceless Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers.	None.	Please do not spend money to repair a dam that does NOTHING. Please restore this beautiful river to its natural state. Fishermen will ultimately enjoy more than they do with the reservoir. I have seen this, as did my father, his father, and his father on this beautiful river.
10/21/2021 11:21	Duval		No	No					remove them	nature	nature is degraded	no	
10/21/2021 11:21	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Ocklawaha River restoration	information from the Free the Ocklawaha River Coalition - For Everyone, and 1000 Friends of Florida	continued degradation of the Ocklawaha and St Johns river systems	yes, partial restoration if it includes removal of the dam	
10/21/2021 11:22	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by getting rid of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy and it is not good for the ecosystem	I don't want to see taxpayer dollars used to repair a dam that is bad for the environment. My understanding is that the dam is not safe and a storm could trigger a dam failure so I want to see the natural flow of water restored instead of repairing it.	No	Florida's rivers are the best part of Florida. As a long-time Florida resident and an avid kayaker, I care deeply about the environment and Florida's wildlife. Please restore these rivers!
10/21/2021 11:22	Miami-Dade		No	Yes				Other: General nature and scenery viewing and experience	Remove the dam, restore the free flowing Ocklawaha		The continued loss of habitat that supports a large variety of species, more than the reservoir does.		All over the state we can relate to this loss of wild river. Even the Everglades - viewed as a river or rivers - is one we can look to. The longer the Rodman Dam is in place, the harder it will be to restore or to mitigate the damage from the loss of the river. If the river is never restored, loss is permanent and will continue to increase. Fishing in a lake created artificially is not a god-given right or essential to our environment.
10/21/2021 11:23	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Maintain the locks & dam. Reinstate the campground at Kenwood Landing. Continue maintenance at all boat launch areas and add improvements . Eventually add more areas to expand camping, hiking, boating, kayaking and nature viewing areas .	Besides Rodman being one of the greatest recreational assets for our great state for residents and non residents alike I believe the greatest asset is the water retained in the reservoir. Future water demands could be devastating without this resource .	Loss of recreational use, income for to many people and businesses to mention here . Valuable water source if needed. But the biggest loss would be losing a unique environment and the thriving wildlife that exists there now.	There will be no compromising on my behalf !!! The reservoir should be kept as is and maintained and further improvements in the future .	It would be a sad day in many lifetimes to see such an ecological paradise destroyed by those who want to restore a river that they and many generations after will never see . I would tell those that would destroy Rodman to spend a day on the lake and it's tributaries look long and hard look at the beauty that has been created from what they believed was an environmental mistake .
10/21/2021 11:23	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawha River needs to be restored to its natural flow	Ecological/environmental research and concerns	Further degredation of Florida's waterways and the ensuing threats to life and eco systems.	...like what?	
10/21/2021 11:23	St Johns		No	No					I want to see free flowing clear waters to recover that ecosystem.	The reports by conservation groups I trust.	Further manatee and other species losses.	No	
10/21/2021 11:23	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Other: To learn about the devastation it has caused to our Florida springs	Remove the dam and reservoir and restore the natural flow of the springs and the Silver and St. Johns Rivers	Research studies of the damage that has been caused and the significant value to be achieved by restoration, as well as the continual support demonstrated by the voters of Florida for projects that support the restoration and preservation of our state's natural waterways and natural areas.	Continued and irreversible deterioration of the St. Johns River system and the Floridan aquifer, including permanent stoppage of the 20+ springs which are responsible for "flushing" the riverways and upon which the ecosystems of our state depend for survival.	No	We currently have such a scenario (a periodic drawdown of the reservoir) that was intended to allow the springs to perform the natural flushing. This has proved to be ineffective due to many factors, including increased human intrusion into the system, climate change and other factors. It is time for the last remnant of the failed cross-Florida barge canal boondoggle to be removed, and our wonderful and unique Riverways restored.
10/21/2021 11:25	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Remove Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha to its natural state. Additional recreational sites could be developed along the river's edge to increase use of the area and benefit local economies. Reestablishing the wildlife corridor is also important, as our native wildlife has seen much of its habitat destroyed. Additionally, when water levels are at their natural state, many springs come back to life on the river. They help improve water quality in the river, which would also encourage additional fishers and recreational opportunities on the river	The dam itself is not in great shape and repairs to the dam are expensive and ongoing. If it fails, downstream properties/houses/businesses could be flooded. Constant management is required to keep unwanted vegetation at bay in the reservoir, including managing hydrilla. The dam has ruined a large portion of the Ocklawaha River by keeping it flooded, ruining the area for fishers and recreation. Removing the dam would eliminate these issues.	That the dam would fail; properties would be flooded and possible loss of life could occur.	Breaching the dam, but retaining the levy could be a partial solution. That could still allow for some bank fishing from the levy.	On my last visit to the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam, there were no boats visible in the reservoir. Having the huge number of submerged stumps and remnant dead trees still standing in the water makes navigating the reservoir challenging. Restoring it to its natural state would improve the visual appeal, and revive interest in the Ocklawaha River itself, which could be of economic benefit to those living on the river and to local businesses.
10/21/2021 11:25	Duval		No	No					To feed St Johns river, and its tributaries, take down the dam. St Johns River needs more water to flush out pollution. Also area springs will be replenished.	Scientific studies and what the river WAS before the dam.	Death of the St Johns River	Partial removal of the dam	Please think of the world we are leaving our children and grandchildren
10/21/2021 11:26	Outside of state / other	Pittsboro, NC	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	We will miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide unimbibed passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 11:27	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times		I would like to see the dams breached to restore historic flow and wildlife movement.		Continued degradation of fish Florida natural world.	No	

10/21/2021 11:27	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	Tear the damned dam down, restore the springs and the river.	It is absolutely heartbreaking to see the springs struggling to restore flow during the drawdowns. They need a chance to recover!	Another decade of muck, monoculture fishing, and continued degradation of the environment	Remove half of the dam and let nature sort it out?	
10/21/2021 11:28	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No	
10/21/2021 11:29	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/21/2021 11:30	Sumter		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	remove the Kirkpatrick dam	restoring the natural flow of water, as well as uncovering numerous submerged springs	Government and its entities continuing to ignore the will of the people they serve	no	
10/21/2021 11:31	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove the dam and allow the natural flow of water to restore the health of NE Fl waterways	The dam has disrupted the natural water flow and negatively impacted the water quality and lands in NE Fl	Natural Springs which have suffered immensely will continue to deteriorate	I do not believe there is a compromise solution. The dam should be removed	
10/21/2021 11:31	Suwannee		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: Drive over it to get somewhere else.	I would like to see the dam removed to let the Ocklawaha flow freely again. Then change the name from the Kirkpatrick Dam to the Whitey Markle Breach.	Studies by the Florida Springs Institute on Silver Springs and the aquifer that feeds it.	Continued use of tax money to maintain an outmoded and unnecessary impoundment that has contributed to environmental degradation just to please a small special interest group.	Open the dam's gates.	
10/21/2021 11:33	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/21/2021 11:34	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	I would like to see the rivers opened up.	More habitat for manatees.	Declining wildlife habitats.		
10/21/2021 11:35	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Hiking on the adjacent trail.	It should be removed.	Freeing the springs.	Habitat destruction.	No.	
10/21/2021 12:06	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking					
10/21/2021 12:06	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam	The environmental advantages to the Sjllwar and the Ocklawaha.	Continued environmental damage	A full permanent drawdown would be an improvement over the status quo.	
10/21/2021 12:07	Alachua		No	No					They should be removed so the Ocklawaha River can be restored to its natural state.	Returning the rivers, springs, and ecosystems to their natural state	Loss of an opportunity to make things right plus waste of taxpayers' money to repair aging dam	No. The dam should never have been built to begin with.	
10/21/2021 12:08	Leon		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking, cycling and camping.	The Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. Thee dam is harmful to the economy, water quality, and wildlife throughout the region. The dam should not have been built in the first place, and should have been removed in 1971 when the construction of the Florida Barge Canal was halted.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers and 50 springs would be restored along with 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor for people and wildlife.	State and federal funds are currently available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. We should not miss this opportunity to restore the Ocklawaha.	No. The dam should not have been built to begin with but since it was, it should have been removed 1n 1971, 50 years ago, when the Cross Florida Barge Canal was scrapped. The time to remove it is now.	Do it now before there is further damage to Florida's springs, water quality and general ecosystem.
10/21/2021 12:10	Marion		No	No						DEMOLISH THEM ASAP WE NEED THE FLOWING WATER	Florida would have massive die offs of natural species and we will RUN OUT OF WATER	NONE	SJRWMD has NEVER done anything to save our water. They are pawns for NESTLE. I do not trust them to save our waterways. In my opinion, they are beholden to Nestle and NOT the Florida residents.
10/21/2021 12:15	Hillsborough		No	No					I believe the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached to enable the free flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The ability to help restore the native ecosystem while also avoiding the taxpayer expense of maintaining reservoir and dam.	The continued negative impact on the native ecosystem and the taxpayers	I am open to any suggestions that eliminare the maintenance expenses and restore the water flow.	
10/21/2021 12:16	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Doing this will enhance our quality of life, quality of water, protect our wildlife. The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam degrades Florida inherent beauty which is a increasing drag on our tourism economy	There are many positive benefits. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 50 best springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to improve our situation. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Half measures will not work.	Aside from protecting Manatees and other wildlife, This restoration will improve water quality and flow. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. I was not able to go to the beach this summer because of red tide. This effects local tourism and the very important contribution it makes to our local economy in a negative way. Every effort we make to improve the environment and protect wildlife pays us back directly by improving ecotourism. It's the smart thing to do and it's the right thing to do.
10/21/2021 11:50	Duval		No	No					As I have heard described, the plan to breach the dam (rather then a costly repair), restore the natural waterway, enhance/protect not only that area but the St.John's and Silver Springs, while providing for the recreation aspect as well. Respect and enhance Nature.	I have heard about Rodman Dam issues for most of my life. Problems in structure and nature only get worse. Protect Nature…for everyone.	Further damage to that area, Silver Springs and St.Johns impact. We have ongoing issues with the St.Johns and decades ago worked to improve the river and clean up the filth and dangerous flow of damaging waster into the river. Here we are again.	Any way to return natural flow of waters and protect the environment is progress and some protection.	Humans are great at polluting and exploiting nature… for profit or short term views of long term damage. Nature does best if allowed to be, flow, thrive as created. We all need to be better Stewards of these gifts.
10/21/2021 11:52	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Please take it down completely. It serves no purpose and damages the eco system.	The reservoir covers many springs and blocks the flow of clean water, manatees and other fish.	The Damn repairs will cost millions and the dam might fail anyway	No,	I am a bass fisherman. Bass pros who do not support this are misinformed. The bass will still be there and be healthier too.
10/21/2021 11:55	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam and restore thenatural flow of the Oklawaha River.	Latest reports on the toxic algae blooms in upstream portion of the river, and the general decline of water grasses and habitat for important flora and fauna in the river's ecological community indicate a dire need for a source of freshwater to offset the irresponsible management of the river by communities up and down the river.	The St. Johns River will continue to degrade faster.	No.	Breaching this dam and restoring the main tributary (Ocklawaha River) to the St. Johns River should have happened years ago. In addition, restrictions on fertilizers (agricultural and residential) should be increased and the horrendous practice of allowing municipal sludge to be dumped in the river should be stopped. Sadly, Florida (including this agency) has never met an environmental regulation or problem that it was more than happy to ignore/
10/21/2021 11:56	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other: Video/Photography	Restoration	The original river level-sustained wildlife tens of thousands of years before it was dammed.	The levee and its lock are getting older and will soon require extensive repairs.	If the river were to overflow because of a shift in storm water it could breech the dam.	For more than 50 years the dam was never utilized for its intended purpose. If the project was completed it would be a very different situation.
10/21/2021 11:56	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Other	Two wrongs don't make a right, leave it as is. However, would like see the sale of our water discontinued with closeing the well across the st. from Silver Springs.	Water conditions of Silver Springs head waters.	For those individuals who are responsible for our future water needs to be held ACCOUNTABLE when making bad decisions.	Drop the issue of draining Rodman altogether. I'm tired of these individuls who will not let the subject alone. If draining Rodman would help the environment I would be all for it however, it will not help.	LEAVE RODMAN ALONE.
10/21/2021 11:58	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other	I worked at the power plant and saw the river transformed into a sump, it was painful	Look at what the Oklawaha was. It will never be the same but it can be much better than a stagnant pool.	Eutrophication.	No	Every time man tries to improve on nature it fails. Learning to live with nature instead of changing nature for convenience is hard.
10/21/2021 11:58	Citrus		No	No									
10/21/2021 11:59	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 12:00	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I have been to the lock but haven't got into the reservoir	Restore water flow to the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs. This will mitigate salt water incursion in the lower St. Johns and restore storm and flood buffering capacity to the water shed.	The reality of being able to avoid $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	If that happens, then water quality continued to decline further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. BAD, BAD, AND WORSE.	No, this had got to be done now. Climate change and other hazards will otherwise continue degradation of our most important environmental asset - the St. Johns River.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. (characters: 517) This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 517)
10/21/2021 12:00	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Let the Rivers run free. Restore the natural habitat for wildlife.	If not breached and remove the Dam will need very costly repairs to protect downstream communities.	The cost of repairing the damn or the damage it will cause if it fails.	No.	It has been fifty years, it never has served the function for which it was built. Get rid of the damn.
10/21/2021 12:02	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: don't "use" the Reservoir/Dam ; would like to boat up the river once restored	Please take it down asap so all the benefits of nature can take over and be restored to its original beauty	All of the many benefits that the Free the Ocklawaha organizations has researched and presented form a powerful advocacy for its restoration.	That we blow it again!!! Once when the ill-fated lock and dam were first created back in the 1960s leading to the environmental disaster that we now have; and then we didn't take the opportunity to fix the it and reverse the financial boondoggle that has been going on for over 50+ years. The economic reasons are significant, especially to taxpayers like myself.	No, I don't think so. It seems simple to me: take away the short section of the dam and let the river seek its natural level. You can't be 1/2 pregnant!	I'm not going to repeat all the reasons that the Free the Ocklawaha group has presented--I just believe they are all true. This should be an excellent trip for kayaks and small boat to make long journeys once the river flows freely again.
10/21/2021 12:04	Orange		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing	I would like to see moving forward, that rodman reservoir and the dam be utilized to help the manatee situation and find some common ground. In doing that I feel like there has to be a way to give the manatees access to the ocklawaha River as well as rodman reservoir through some sort of engineering peace of work.	The most important part of what I would like to see is the coexistence of the anglers as well as the manatees I know many anglers that are in full support of working to keep the manatees alive.	My biggest concern is that the St John's River water Management will decide what's best for the angler as well as the manatee. With that being said I feel like that there will be some political pressure placed on the St Johns River water management. What I would like to see is one of Florida's number one angling spots, kept and improved for both the angler as well as the manatee.	Of course I'm the type of person that can fully support compromise. My compromise would be something that would help the manatees and help the anglers. I would definitely support something to help the manatees and provide a safe haven for them.	I know that we're focused only on the rodman reservoir, but there are other places that are in need of Manatee research. These places could become a safe haven for the Florida manatee. Most people have never seen manatees in lake Apopka. The lake Apopka springs have many benefits for the Florida manatees. The lake is less used the lake is vast with many different microhabitats that could support the manatee. I am one of the very few people that have seen the manatee at the lake Apopka springs. It's just my thought.
10/21/2021 12:05	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breaching the dam.	Breaching would restore the Ocklawaha River and natural habitats for manatees. It would save the costs of repairing the dams.	Continued stress on manatee population which requires access to the springs beyond the dam.	No.	Ocklawaha River needs to be restored in order to improve manatee access and recreational activity on and around the river and the springs.
10/21/2021 12:05	Duval		No	No					Fund and proceed with planning for dam removal.	Understanding the impact of wetlands on downstream water quality.	Water quality will continue to degrade in the lower St. Johns River at a faster pace causing irreversible damage.	Longer-term, planned removal of the man-made impoundment.	It's time to return the St. Johns Basin upstream of the dam to its natural state.
10/21/2021 12:06	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking					
10/21/2021 12:06	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam	The environmental advantages to the Sjllwar and the Ocklawaha.	Continued environmental damage	A full permanent drawdown would be an improvement over the status quo.	
10/21/2021 12:07	Alachua		No	No					They should be removed so the Ocklawaha River can be restored to its natural state.	Returning the rivers, springs, and ecosystems to their natural state	Loss of an opportunity to make things right plus waste of taxpayers' money to repair aging dam	No. The dam should never have been built to begin with.	
10/21/2021 12:08	Leon		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking, cycling and camping.	The Ocklawaha River restored to its natural state by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. Thee dam is harmful to the economy, water quality, and wildlife throughout the region. The dam should not have been built in the first place, and should have been removed in 1971 when the construction of the Florida Barge Canal was halted.	The Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers and 50 springs would be restored along with 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor for people and wildlife.	State and federal funds are currently available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. We should not miss this opportunity to restore the Ocklawaha.	No. The dam should not have been built to begin with but since it was, it should have been removed 1n 1971, 50 years ago, when the Cross Florida Barge Canal was scrapped. The time to remove it is now.	Do it now before there is further damage to Florida's springs, water quality and general ecosystem.
10/21/2021 12:10	Marion		No	No						DEMOLISH THEM ASAP WE NEED THE FLOWING WATER	Florida would have massive die offs of natural species and we will RUN OUT OF WATER	NONE	SJRWMD has NEVER done anything to save our water. They are pawns for NESTLE. I do not trust them to save our waterways. In my opinion, they are beholden to Nestle and NOT the Florida residents.
10/21/2021 12:15	Hillsborough		No	No					I believe the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached to enable the free flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The ability to help restore the native ecosystem while also avoiding the taxpayer expense of maintaining reservoir and dam.	The continued negative impact on the native ecosystem and the taxpayers	I am open to any suggestions that eliminare the maintenance expenses and restore the water flow.	
10/21/2021 12:16	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Doing this will enhance our quality of life, quality of water, protect our wildlife. The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam degrades Florida inherent beauty which is a increasing drag on our tourism economy	There are many positive benefits. Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 50 best springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to improve our situation. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Half measures will not work.	Aside from protecting Manatees and other wildlife, This restoration will improve water quality and flow. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. I was not able to go to the beach this summer because of red tide. This effects local tourism and the very important contribution it makes to our local economy in a negative way. Every effort we make to improve the environment and protect wildlife pays us back directly by improving ecotourism. It's the smart thing to do and it's the right thing to do.
10/21/2021 12:17	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: Cleanup	I would like to see the dam breached and bring back ecosystem for surrounding areas.	The dam was never used for its intended purpose. Moreover, it changed the whole ecosystem of the wetlands and surrounding rivers and streams. Why not learn from the past and move forward to bring back a better future of Ocklawaha river.	We could be the one who never learn from the past and ignoring to preserve our precious Florida ecology.		
10/21/2021 12:18	Duval		No	No					Dismantled and natural ecosystem restored which would help get rid of the algae bloom by restoring natural grasses	The Army Corp of Engineers identified the Ocklawaha as one of the most effective mitigation projects to offset the impacts of dredging	Pollution and toxic algae bloom	No. We demand action.	
10/21/2021 12:20	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River flow to the St. Johns River. The time is LONG overdue for the state of Florida to address the stresses to the St. Johns River caused by rapid population growth and the Kirkpatrick Dam.	As a native Floridian and a resident of the state for all but three of my 81 years, I am convinced that it is time to put this relic of the Florida Cross Barge Canal fiasco to rest. Numerous studies support both the pro's and con's of this issue. I have lived during the time that the Ocklawaha was running free, the construction of the Barge Canal and long family ownership of property on the St. Johns River. My long life, observations and common sense lead me to the conclusion that it's time to come down on the "pro" side of the studies and to call for the removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam. We have studied this thing to death.	As a state, we will have missed the opportunity to contribute to the much needed improvement of the St. Johns River and the river basin. Population losses continue to stress the river (excess water consumption, runoff of pollution and other issues addressed in many studies) and we must continue to address the problem. Putnam County's support is critical to this effort for improving the St. Johns River basin.	I do not see how the underlying issue lends itself to a partial solution. If so, the problem would have been solved long ago.	
10/21/2021 12:21	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and restore the free flow of the Oklawaha river	The science behind it and the fact that the Army Corps of Engineers is recommending	Continued degradation n of the St Johns River	NO	It is time to take action, too long has this gone on. There is no reason to keep the dam in place as it was a part of the ill fated Cross Florida Canal.
10/21/2021 12:23	Duval		No	No					Get rid of the dam	Army Core says it would off set effects of dredging	More damage to the st johns	No	
10/21/2021 12:25	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Removed for free flow	Studies showing the negative impact to the St. John's and silver springs	The health of the St. John's and silver springs continuing to fail		
10/21/2021 12:26	Collier		No	No					Restoration of the ocklawaha river	The reservoir causes an incline in bird species	Bird species would decline	The reservoir is removed.	
10/21/2021 12:26	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed	I want to see this river restored to its original condition	The health of this ecosystem	Dam removal in its entirety. No other option	Thank you for considering my opinion.
10/21/2021 12:29	Duval		No	No					TAKE IT DOWN	We need this water to flow freely! Water is our most precious resource and we seem to keep cutting it off and giving it away. our springs are drying up.	See above.	No, for 50 years we have been trying to get this done. Who is the power behind keeping the damn dam?	Surely, this is not all about bass fishing!
10/21/2021 12:33	Seminole		No	No					Whatever is best for our environment, especially the manatees	Without our environment's health, we can't be healthy	Species will die off and irreversible damage to our land		

10/21/2021 12:34	Duval		No	No				Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 30 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/21/2021 12:36	Citrus		No	Yes	2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: Picnic going	Breach the dam to restore natural water flow.	The dam inhibits natural water flow impacting multiple rivers, springs, and forested wetlands. And the useful lifespan of the dam has expired. There is no need to spend taxpayer money to maintain a structure that negatively impacts the environment.	Manatees and other species would not be able to access rivers inhibiting access to food sources and breeding areas. Also, cost to taxpayers to maintain the dam may be excessive.	I cannot think of a compromise position I could support.	
10/21/2021 12:39	Duval		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam.	The dam is not needed and the return of the fresh water from the river to the St. Johns is a very positive natural move.	What could possibly be a reason for not achieving the outcome?	No	
10/21/2021 12:39	Manatee		No	No				I would like to see the Rodman reservoir Kirkpatrick dam BREACHED, thereby restoring the Ocklawaha river.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 12:40	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove	Dead manatee d	More algae	No	
10/21/2021 12:41	Outside of state / other	Virginia	No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see portions of the dam that have outlived their useful life dismantled and removed, so that critical access for migratory fish, manatees, and other creatures in the three impacted rivers can be restored. The freshwater impact on the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers are particularly important for manatees who need more spaces where they can thrive, especially in cold months.	The dam is more than 50 years old and was built with an expected useful life of 50 years. It has never been used for any of its intended purposes, and various Democratic and Republican administrations have noted – and, indeed, taken action based on -- its negative environmental impacts. The current dam is useless, is not properly permitted, and impedes the sustainability of critical Florida ecosystems.			
10/21/2021 12:42	Citrus		No	Yes	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Open the waters back up. This isn't natural or good for my home state of Florida	Being born here and seeing the destruction to our land and wildlife.	More devastation to the environment and wildlife that in turn, destroys everything including people.	No	
10/21/2021 12:43	Brevard		No	Yes	More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing Other	I would like to see the dam removed.	To restore the Ocklawaha to its natural flow and to increase the native biodiversity including the reintroduction of Manatees to the system. The dam is a holdover from a project that has been permanently tabled and is currently harming the environment. Potentially the concrete could be used in artificial reef building	That the natural flow would not be restored and the biodiversity would be harmed/ongoing maintenance costs of the dam.	No	
10/21/2021 12:44	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing	Removed		More environmental damage and more taxpayer $ to maintain	No	
10/21/2021 12:46	Duval		No	No				From all I have read from both sides of the issue, I firmly believe that the Kirkpatrick Dam should be removed for Environmental reasons.	Facts stated by the St Johns Riverkeeper and other environmental groups.	That the area would continue to decline.	Do not really know of any alternative suggestions that would be appropriate.	
10/21/2021 12:46	Marion		No	Yes	1 time		Wildlife viewing	Removed	River flow	Same or worse problems every year	No	Please remove the dam and bring back the River we know
10/21/2021 12:48	Duval		No	No				Breach the dam to free the Ocklawaha river	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Yes miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wai	
10/21/2021 12:49	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times		Other: Hiking	Tear down the dam and restore the river	Natural water flow that has a domino affect on fish, springs water for the state	Fish, insects, animals and people will all be affected in the future	No	The aquifer needs the Ocklawaha River to be restored.
10/21/2021 12:52	Martin		No	Yes	1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached and the rivers united	Breaching the dam would open wildlife, improve fisheries, help imperiled manatees, boost recreation and tourism and have a beneficial economic impact.	Lost opportunity to do the right thing that benefits the local community and our state.	Breaching the dam is really the right thing to do.	
10/21/2021 12:52	Clay		No	No				Remove the dam and restore the river.	have lived in Florida since 1954. I miss "Old Florida". We should restore as much of it as we can!	Further damage to the Florida environment.	No	
10/21/2021 12:53	Duval		No	Yes			Other: sightseeing (not in the last five years)	The dam should be removed for the health of the St. Johns river	The continued algae bloom and salinity of the river. This would restore a healthy habitat for the fish and wildlife.	The further devastation of the beautiful St. Johns river.	no	none
10/21/2021 12:54	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing	We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. To protect the manatees, other wildlife and the environment	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer. The Ocklawaha River is considered endangered and is important to our ecosystem	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. As someone who cares deeply about the environment we need to protect the environment and it's inhabitants; we've kicked th can down the road for far too long and need to fix things and this is the first great step to achieve that
10/21/2021 12:54	Pinellas		No	No				removal of all the dam and its works	it will open new areas of grass for manatees and free the springs water flows	that the dam is being protected by entrenched fishing parties	not really	I wish you the best of fortune with this campaign
10/21/2021 12:55	Alachua		No	No				The dam be removed	The economic and environmental opportunities it will bring	Conservation	No	
10/21/2021 12:57	Marion		No	No	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: As a bridge over the river	I would like to see it removed.	It was planned as a part of the cross Florida barge canal project that was fortunately ended. As a result of the project ending, reasonable efforts should be made to return the river to the state it was in prior to the project.	That state and federal funds would continue to be used to support and maintain Rodman dam and it would continue to be an unnecessary impediment to the free flow of the Ocklawaha river.	Replace the Rodman dam with a vehicle bridge, boat ramps and water craft launch and fishing pier.	I believe the Rodman Reservoir only serves a small percentile of the public as the tree stumps and other underwater obstacles prevent the vast majority of the boating public from enjoying this body of water. Only those with expert knowledge can safely use this lake.
10/21/2021 12:57	Duval		No	No				I'd like to see the dam taken down and the Ocklawaha River restored.	Research from the Army Corp. of Engineers.	A missed opportunity to improve the health of the St. Johns River.	No	
10/21/2021 13:00	Duval		No	No				Removing cause of harm to water and wildlife.	The restoration of 3 rivers.	Further declining of water quality	No	Reasons for breaching are compelling.
10/21/2021 13:01	Brevard		No	No				Removal to free the st johns river	The dam blocks the natural flow of water through the st johns	Continued miss-management of Florida's most valuable commodity (water)	Upwind needs to make plans to restore all natural flows of fresh water. They continue to go directly against the will of the public much like other florida water management districts. Times are changing this will no longe be allowed	
10/21/2021 13:01	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Other: Boat trip upriver	I don't know. Remove it.	Bass fishing has fallen off.	Fishing industry would suffer.	no	
10/21/2021 13:02	Duval		No	No				Take down the dam	We are killing one of the greatest resources - the St. John River all in the name of progress.	Death to not only aquatic grasses but the animals who depend on them. Continued salt water intrusion and tide levels.	Take down the dam. Fishermen have many other Florida lakes to fish in. Get citizens to be more cognizant of the damage we are doing daily. I taught school for 40 years and children seem to understand the dilemma more than deep pocketed citizens and companies.	This damage did not happen in a day and cannot be fixed in a day. Put moratoriums on construction, septic take and wastewater dumping. Use code enforcement to punish the guilty. Don't let deep pockets ruin this beautiful place we call home - Florida.
10/21/2021 13:02	St Johns		No	No				Dam to be removed.	Listening to NPR and reading Jax Times/Union.	The effect the dam has on St John's River and childhood tourist spot, Silver Springs.	No.	
10/21/2021 13:04	Duval		No	No				Remove the dam, drain the reservoir, return the St. John's to an unpolluted free flowing river	50 years ago my parents took a farewell boat ride down the Oklawaha River. Their photos are stunning and sad. That this great beauty was destroyed for nothing is devastating. We must bring the river back to its natural state, even if it takes generations.	That the St. John's becomes a failed river impacting the quality of life for people and wildlife who live this river.	Any effort to open or remove the dam should be supported. Small steps are better than no steps.	I would lobe to one day take a photo journey down the river as my parents did before the dam.
10/21/2021 13:05	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow	The continued use of the St. Johns by Georgia Pacific and others as a sewer drain for their waste products	That the river will become so polluted all we can do is look at it and not go in	No, just do it.	
10/21/2021 13:11	St Johns		No	No				The right thing for the environment				
10/21/2021 13:13	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	It should have been removed many many years ago. I am 75 and my husband is 86 and we are both natives of central Florida, so we have long been aware of the damage it has done. We are heart-broken about having lost 1000 manatees this year and we want the river to become healthy once again. Thank you.	The loss of a thousand manatees!	Damage to our natural springs.	We don't know of any good reason to leave things as they are.	We hope you will get many many more responses from Floridians who want to improve our environment.
10/21/2021 13:14	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing	I would like to see the damn removed.	The estuary is in dire need for the original fresh water flow to be restored	The fishery will be depleted	No	
10/21/2021 13:15	Duval		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 13:17	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Fishing is great	No fish habitat left	Maybe	
10/21/2021 13:18	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached to allow for the outlying ecosystems and springs to return to their native and normal forms.	Since the dam was built, the surrounding ecosystems have seen a dramatic decrease their natural rejuvenation process. Species who relied upon these native systems have stopped spawning and it has caused significant disruption to our springs.	Permanent loss of environment and natural habitat that make Florida what it's meant to be.	No	
10/21/2021 13:18	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use	I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	FL Department of Environmental Protection 1997 Environmental Resource Permit	Failure to achieve the extensive environmental benefits that restoration will bring.		
10/21/2021 13:20	Seminole		No	No				Breach the dam, open the water flow	It's helps the manatees and springs	Further depletion of natural springs water flow and harm to manatee habitats	No	There is no purpose for this dam (the canal from a LONG time ago never went though) it doesn't need to be here anymore. Please protect Florida's natural environment. The natural areas are shrinking each day, we need to restore the waterflow and keep Florida beautiful.
10/21/2021 13:20	Orange		No	No				Breach the dam to allow the Ocklawaha river to be restored.	Save millions of dollars in dam repair and maintenance costs. Restore 20 lost springs. Allow manatees to gain access to warm spring water. Restore thousands of acres of the wildlife corridor.	Loss of opportunity for improved water quality and loss of opportunity for removal of a large barrier to the wildlife corridor from Ocala to Osceola National Forests.	No. Breaching the dam is way overdue. Dam safety, water quality and wildlife protection needs to be addressed.	
10/21/2021 13:25	Lake		No	No				would like it removed / breached.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	no	
10/21/2021 13:25	Orange		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 13:25	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating	I would like for the dam to be completely removed and the reservoir drained.	Knowing the benefits of a free flowing Ocklawaha River, including provoding expanded recreational and tourism opportunities, restoring springs helpful to manatees, and improving the water quality of the Oklawaha and adjoining rivers such as the St. Johns.	Wasting money on maintaining a dam that is destructive and that should have been at least breached decades ago. Also, leaving the dam intact would cause even more damage to the Oklawaha, Silver Springs and the St. Johns River.	Yes - breaching the dam instead of completely removing it.	
10/21/2021 13:27	Lake		No	No				Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	no	
10/21/2021 13:28	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Protect our natural water way an yet have recreational	The water management in Florida is critical to Florida's survival of natural beauty	We loose wetlands and estuary	Conservationist of Florida natural beauty	
10/21/2021 13:29	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Anything government touches is screwed			
10/21/2021 13:31	Clay		No	No				Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs. More information to consider: Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish migration patterns and essential manatee habitat are reestablished 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of forested floodplain wetlands within the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat. More information to consider: We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs, and invasive fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	I have personally watched at least 12 trees in my neighborhood die from saltwater intrusion. This is a threat as Florida faces concerns from climate change. Recent hurricanes have been a warning to us. Show courage and restore the habitat.
10/21/2021 13:32	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	remove the Dam, allow the water to flow its natural original way.	History.....the Dam has been allowed to stay for the use of local fishermen, supported by various crooniies,politicans.	1- excessive and increasing costs to keep & maintain the Dam. 2- damage, pollution to the river,other areas upstream.	no, remove the Dam.	The Dam has been allowed to remain for many years due to the support or selfish individuals and politicans who do not care about the issue the Dam causes.
10/21/2021 13:33	Hamilton		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Dam removal	Free flowing natural river system	Wasted tax dollars	No	
10/21/2021 13:35	Levy		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Remove it and restore the Ocklawaha as far as possible.	Experiencing first-hand the Oklawaha prior to the dam (as I did) would best answer this question. That is not possible today, however there is much evidence and specific data on the beneficial effects of restoring the Oklawaha flow. I believe doing so will be a significant step in healing some of the damage done, particularly post-WWII until present, in the terribly short-sighted haste to completely repurpose Florida's land and water.	The lost opportunity to significantly slow the continuing impairment and destruction of Florida's own ecosystem, it's negative effect on healthy human life. Healthy sea life, including bird and animal migration that reach far beyond the State's physical boundaries will continue to erode. The disastrous effects of more coastal salt-water intrusion into the underground fresh water reservoir on which millions of Floridians daily depend are but a few problems that would not be at least partially mitigated to a meaningful extent.	I am not certain what that could be and though every action may have unintended consequences I believe those consequences will be minimized by restoring as far as possible the historic Oklawaha flow from beginning to end.	It's not a secret that many Florida residents are polarized on this subject (as well as so many other critical topics). I and other Floridians believe restoring the historic flow of the Oklawaha however is tangible and will be of enormous benefit as long as air, water, land, and life exist on this wonderful peninsula that we know as Florida.
10/21/2021 13:37	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam & restore the natural rivers & springs to their natural states for the benefit of wildlife and enjoyment by the public			NO	
10/21/2021 13:37	St Johns		No	No				open it up. we have property on the river. the algae problem is getting worse. the dredging will have an impact long term	the algae problem we see every year	continued degradation of the health of Our river, one of this state's biggest natural assets	not familiar with any	please take seriously for our children
10/21/2021 13:38	Marion		No	No				Demolish it. Both were made for a canal that was never built and it is KILLING OUR WATER FLOW	dead manatees, invasive species, lower water tables	DROUGHT AND MAYHEM	NONE	SIRWID in my opinion only listens to NESTLE and is not at all engaged in protecting our water. FLORIDIANS need water champions to save us.

10/21/2021 13:39	Broward		No	No					Thousands of acres of natural plants could be restored, contributing to eco diversity, biodiversity, and helping to arrest climate change. Biodiversity and restoration of natural habitats are critical to arrest and reverse climate damage.	rapid collapse of more species of plants and animals continues a downward cycle of devastating economic effects.	No. This dam has got to go.		
10/21/2021 13:41	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see them open them up and tear the dam down.	We saw so much algae on the river at our property. It makes us afraid to fish, swim or boat on the river. It is also very unsightly.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 yrs overdue.	Please save the river for our children and grandchildren! Thank you.	
10/21/2021 13:50	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed completely	Fish, eels and manatees will be able to migrate.	The continuing spraying of vegetation with poison	No	Release the Ocklawaha and let it flow so the fish, eels, and manatees can get to the springs. Get the river back to the normal level so all the springs are again visible. Stop spraying the vegetation with poison, the manatees eat those plants.
10/21/2021 13:50	Outside of state / other	Oregon	No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Remove the dam!	The estuary needs more clean water flowing in	Fish kills	No	
10/21/2021 13:51	Outside of state / other	California	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use The Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 13:52	Duval		No	No					REMOVE THE RESERVOIR AND DAM	TO RESTORE TO FORREST AND WETLANDS AND 20 SPRINGS	THE ENVIROMENT WILL SUFFER GREATLY	NO THE DAM SHOULD BE REMOVED. EVERTHING RESTORED AS IT WAS!!	I WAS AROUND TWENTY YEARS OLD WHEN THIS OCCURRED , AND IT UPSET ME THEN , BECAUSE IT HAS EFFECTED THE ENVIROMENT ,TO COVER SPRINGS AND FORREST AND WETLANDS IS SO SAD. THE WHOLE DEAL WITH FLORIDA BARGE CANAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED AND NEVER STARTED!!!
10/21/2021 13:53	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration		Ecological death		
10/21/2021 13:54	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	maintain the dam and lock as is	Florida Lakewatch Rodman Monitoring Data; Springshed Nutrient Loading, Transport and Transformations	Rodman is essential to the health of the St. John's River. Removal would increase degradation of water quality & negative impacts on aquatic life & wildlife	no	
10/21/2021 14:00	Gadsden		No	No					Restoration of what it was prior to the 60's. We paddle a lot in the panhandle and west Florida and on one trip, I met a fisherman from Alabama who was camping and fishing in Florida. The place we met had been dammed and he said he visited it annually. Assuming that he would be against removing dams, I prefaced my remarks that he wouldn't agree with me, but I understood that parts of the Oklawaha was once a nice paddle. He quickly responded that he grew up before the Ocklawaha was dammed and he still remembers those days as a kid, on that river. But, he said, he wouldn't be returning -- "they ruined that", he said. He just wanted to remember it as it was. Then, he said, "You would have loved that river, too." I'd love it if that old man would be able to visit his home place to find it closer to what it was when he was young. I'm much older than he is, but I'd like to live to see how beautiful it could be again. We paddle all over the US & Canada, even at our age, and I would love to paddle the Oklawaha as it once was.	At one time dams were considered important to the economic vitalization of areas which had no electricity and very little economic opportunities for the young. We were not as expansive in our use of our natural resources then, nor did we have that much knowledge about the impacts of these dams. on natural systems. A dam which was created as part of a maritime transportation route was probably premature. Maintenance and bringing the aging dam may not be economically feasible. Removal of the dam would provide a new potential for a new type of economy based on sustainability and which would provide not just jobs, but healthy lifestyles for families. I would vote with our discretionary dollars -- I'd love to paddle down the Oklawaha -- the whole stretch of it. It would be a lovely place to meet up with our children and grandchildren for our periodic family get togethers.	We would miss an opportunity to restore as many natural systems for cleaning our waters and air in Florida. Our growth is growing faster than our capacity to restore natural systems to help sustain the life of every Florida resident.	Every issue with strong opposing opinions should be negotiable.	We have paddled a short section of the Ocklawaha with Paddle Florida. If the dam is not there, it could become one of the premier and annual paddles which this organization sponsors, attracting paddlers , almost half from out of state or the country. I'd be the first to sign up for that long paddle, if that happens. Hopefully, I won't have to wait till I'm 100, but more that I would be able to do it before I turn 90.
10/21/2021 14:00	Pinellas		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 14:01	Putnam		No	Yes					We would like to see the continued operations supporting the Buckman Lock, Kirkpatrick Dam, Rodman Lake and all of the recreational areas surrounding it. This area is a thriving wildlife habitat, with world-class fishing that helps support a largely rural economy.	This area is one of Putnam County's top tourism assets drawing thousands of visitors each year. This asset delivers much needed profitable tourism dollars for our county. Much of the success of soliciting large-scale nationally televised tournaments is due to the presence of Rodman. Rodman Lake is featured annually as one of the top ten bass fisheries in the State and in the top 100 in the United States.	loss of critical income to an already fiscally constrained County.	We are unaware of any compromise that could help both sides achieve their desired outcomes. We respectively ask That the fate of Rodman Reservoir be guided by facts and reason, not overwhelming campaigns of misinformation.	
10/21/2021 14:03	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Remove the dam	Water Quality	Na	Na	None
10/21/2021 14:08	St Johns		No	Yes				Wildlife viewing	Breach the Dam	The fact that it's causing problems with wildlife	Destruction of our natural habitats		
10/21/2021 14:08	Marion		No	No					I would like to see it removed completely in order to restore the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers to their natural and historic flow.	For two main items that concern me. Firstly I've sadly watched the decline of Silver Springs water quality over the past 30 years as the algae overtakes the beautiful green eel grass. In addition to providing more natural flows that should help flush nitrogen, breaching the dam will allow more algae eaters to access the springs. My second item is more critical and may have a more immediate impact. Manatees are starving in coastal waters and this would open much more habitat to support them.	The continued decline of two beautiful rivers and unnecessary manatee deaths. I am also deeply concerned about taxpayer funds continuing to be wasted on a dam that harms water quality and that has a very short remaining life as the reservoir silts up.	No, removal of the dam is the only good long term solution.	I believe managing a resource for just one group of users (bass fisherman) is short sighted and does not make economic sense and is ignoring the decline in fishing popularity. By removing the dam, many additional springs will be available for recreation and the river will be available for historic tours as well.
10/21/2021 14:09	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Deconstructed	Flooding of other natural waterways.	Loosing more Manatees	Not that has a beneficial resolve.	
10/21/2021 14:12	Broward		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing					
10/21/2021 14:12	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached, asap.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam will reunite and save the Ocklawaha River, the St. Johns River, and Silver Springs, creating a huge positive economic and environmental impact for Northeast Florida.	These rivers and their ecosystems will continue to be damaged and deteriorate and an opportunity for thriving eco-tourism will be squandered.	Respectfully, no, because this dam does not compromise in the damage it has caused and continues to cause.	
10/21/2021 14:14	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Springs and 3 rivers restored, manatees gain more habitat. No sense in paying more for a dam that's outdated!	We miss the best opportunity to do this...funds are available, environmental needs are critical, and the dam is not safe.	No. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait!	Help save Silver Springs!
10/21/2021 14:15	Duval		No	No					Get rid of dam.		The continued deterioration of the St. John's River		
10/21/2021 14:16	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it opened up and allow the natural habitat to be restored	In other locations in this nation, when dams are removed , the result is a healthier ecosystem for all communities that are linked to the adjacent water resources.	we are facing ecological strains on water resources and natural habitat; releasing this river would help restore the important connecting water resources and habitat	haven't heard of any	
10/21/2021 14:17	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam. Let the river system renew itself.	Time to reunite the St. Johns and Ocklawaha River Systems. We are facing grave climate change in the years to come. We must protect our surface and ground water. The Silver River and Springs are also part of this eco-system along with the flora and fauna.	We need free flowing rivers, not places to breed mosquitos.	No	
10/21/2021 14:17	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Preservation	Nature			
10/21/2021 14:17	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	The removal of Dam and restore the natural flow.	Years of following reports by various groups. ie.St.Johns River Keeper,I,FREE the Okalawaha. And the Carr family that continues to be active. Karen Chadwick as well.	Complete failure of the structure, Causing uncontrolled flooding.		
10/21/2021 14:18	Marion		No	No					Tear it down allowing the river to restore it's natural course	The invasive species of fish That are being allowed to multiply.	Irreversible degradation to Florida's aquifer and the loss of native species	anything less would not be acceptable.	
10/21/2021 14:21	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha by breaching the dam.	4 springs and 50 springs would be restored.	The opportunity is here for us now and restoration is long overdue.The time is now.	No, improved water quality and environment for wildlife is essential and our duty to provide, along with safety measures for the public.	
10/21/2021 14:23	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Clean up the damage that has occurred	Water quality and natural habitat that's been destroyed			
10/21/2021 14:24	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the river	All the additional fresh water that would flow into the St Johns	The habitats that would remain submerged	no	
10/21/2021 14:25	Putnam		No	No					Come down	Return the Ocklawha to its original form.	Health of the river deteriorating	Not really	
10/21/2021 14:26	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating	Remove the damn	Infor-mation from free the oklawaha	The migration of fish species will continue to suffer	No	
10/21/2021 14:31	Miami-Dade		No	No					Have it removed	Restoring the natural habitat	mankind's destructive ways	Open to suggestions	
10/21/2021 14:34	St Johns		No	No					To preserve the ecological purity of our waterways. I encourage preservation of the dam.	The St. Johns Riverkeeper is a valued advocate for what I believe represents our common interests.	A public treasure would be threatened.	Not with the same cost/benefit.	
10/21/2021 14:41	Marion		No	No						Restoring			
10/21/2021 14:43	Brevard		No	No					If you breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam it will restore the Ocklawaha River	The Rodman/Kirkpatrick impacts three rivers, 50 springs and more than 15,000acres of wetlands. The natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits many manatee from obtaining refuge and forage in cold weather. Breaching the dam would allow fresh water to flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which is essential habitat for manatees and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not breach the dam we will miss an opportunity to provide essential warm water and plant life for manatees especially at a time they are dying at very high rate due to habitat loss in other places. Even though manatees use the Silver and Ocklawaha Rivers, they must must pass through a manually operated lock that is dangerous and operates intermittently. Breaching the dam is necessary to provide uninhabited passage especially during cold weather when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees.		
10/21/2021 14:53	Orange		No	No					I would like it to be fixed thank you	I am an undergraduate student and I have heard from other peoples experiences that this is a need	My biggest concern is our health and safety	I could support what the majority of the people are supporting	
10/21/2021 14:55	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 14:56	Palm Beach		No	No					breach the dam in order to provide the environmental benefits to the Silver and St. Johns Rivers, as well as historic Silver Springs and their riverine ecosystems		continued degradation of the northeast Florida environment	the breach has been needed for decades, so it needs to be done asap	Ylou have the opportunity to right a past environmental wrong - just as we are now trying to right the wrong of Everglades destruction. Florida's environment is important for health and the economy; our natural environmental heritage is precious and needs to be preserved and remediated
10/21/2021 15:00	Broward		No	No									
10/21/2021 15:00	Lake		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore	The Manatee deaths	Wildlife lost more destruction to habitat		
10/21/2021 15:05	Pinellas		No	No					Remove the dam	This will increase the health of our water	Bad water quality will continue for future generations and a massive waste of money on repairs	No, it's long overdue	Save our water
10/21/2021 15:05	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored. It was reportedly the most beautiful river in Florida prior to the dam.	I would help the manatees travel to springs during the colder weather, using natural migration patterns that were disrupted by the dam.	If it time to act to protect manatees. In addition, breaching the dam would remove the need to repair the dam, which is expensive.	No. The environment requires this action.	My Crystal River's Kings Bay shows, the improvement of the environment has a positive impact on business and tourism. I believe breaching the dam is the right thing to do, but it will also help the local economy...
10/21/2021 15:06	Marion		No	No					Remove it	Removed and the natural ecosystem restored to allow natural movement of water and wildlife with the opportunity for ecotourism.	Reuniting the three rivers and freeing 20+ natural springs will provide cleaner water at the natural temperature. This will bring back wildlife and restore some of FL's natural beauty.	Wildlife will continue to suffer and will be at risk, along with private property and human life, due to an aging dam.	No, the dam needs to go.
10/21/2021 15:07	Miami-Dade		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Remove it	That the dam is affecting the estuary health	The health of the estuary could decline	Removing the dam and helping the estuary.	
10/21/2021 15:07	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I visit the area many times during the drawdown.	I would like to see the river return to its original course.	The suffering of waterfow. The reduction of manatees and fish migration paths because of the damage. Starvation of manatees due to loss of sea grasses because of the plants clogging the waterways and being sprayed with herbicides.	Springs and water quality will be diminished more than it already is. Herbicide spraying will be increased. My tax dollars are destroying nature.	No. The Rodman Dam serves a small sports fishing population. This isn't why the damage was built. It hurts our ecology. Taking down the dam is way overdue.	We're living in a time of climate change. Our water resources are vital to our quality of life, humans, animals and plants. It is a known fact that when people can use the waterways for their livelihoods and recreation, they work harder to protect them. We can restore this river system now and begin to see a healthy ecology immediately.
10/21/2021 15:14	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Removal to free the river	Public opinion	Water quality	No	
10/21/2021 15:15	Lee		No	No									
10/21/2021 15:16	Leon		No	No					Gradual removal - section at a time until fully removed.	This dam is responsible for flooding better than 9,000 acres of National Forest. It is the direct cause of the smothering of 20 natural springs and blocking migrating manatees, striped bass and other marine life.	A continued loss of habitat and natural resources.	Partial removal of the dam to allow the river to heal.	Hey-hey, ho-ho, this damn dam, has got to go! Hey-hey, ho-ho, this damn dam, has got to go!
10/21/2021 15:16	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore free flowing water and preserve the wetlands	St. John's river keepers	That we'd lose a vital estuarial artery and it's natural flow which includes the preservation of the ecology and its wildlife.	No	
10/21/2021 15:17	Pinellas		No	Yes				Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Demolish the Rodman Kirkpatrick dam in order to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The 100 mile stretch of the Ocklawaha from St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier, restoring needed water quality for humans and wildlife.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. We've been talking about removing the dam since I've been in high school, and now I'm 60. It's time, now that it's ending it's safe lifespan and before anymore taxpayer money is spent and the Ocklawaha's waterway can benefit all Floridians, humans and wildlife together.	Really, it's time before we spend any more taxpayer money just so a small segment of sport fishermen can fish, but the dam will end up unsafe and compromised by its failing structure and the increased threat of toxic algae will end fishing anyway.
10/21/2021 15:18	Duval		No	No						The dam should be removed and the River restored.	The river will continue to degrade causing loss of habitat for fish and wildlife.	No	
10/21/2021 15:19	Lee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating	I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please do what is best for wildlife and the environment. They do not have a voice. Be theirs.
10/21/2021 15:21	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam, close locks and restore natural river flow. Maintain the area as part of the Cross Florida Greenway. Provide improvements for better recreational access to the restored river and the springs that are submerged under the reservoir.	Research studies have shown that the dam and locks disrupts movement of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. In particular, migratory fish are not able to reach the upper portions of the river and manatees cannot easily reach winter refuges in Silver Springs and other springs. Black bears and other land-based animals are blocked from north-south movement along the Ocala-to-Osceola corridor. In addition, use of the Rodman Reservoir has been declining over the past 10 years, and it is no longer a productive fishery. Also, maintenance of the dam is a waste of millions of dollars of taxpayer money.	Continuation of the status quo will simply lead to continued degradation of habitat and decline of important wildlife populations. The local economy will also continue to suffer from lack of investment and visitor spending.	No. Breaching of the Rodman dam would be necessary to achieve river restoration. However, to minimize restoration costs, there is no need to remove the dam completely to restore natural river flows, and no need for reforestation of the river floodplain as this will happen naturally.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha river will attract additional visitor spending and provide an economic stimulus to Putnam and Marion Counties, an economically distressed region of the state.
10/21/2021 15:22	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to its natural path.	The Rodman Dam has stopped the natural flow of water in the Ocklawaha River and diminished the watershed thereby.	The restoration is something that has been sought for years. Fish and wildlife have diminished and the waterway is unnatural as it stands now.	I realize that the Rodman Dam is now enjoyed by some for fishing and other activities. These activities can be enjoyed in a naturally flowing Ocklawaha River. The river will provide recreational opportunities for all.	
10/21/2021 15:24	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing		Removed	Removal of the dam would allow the flow of natural springs that were covered by the reservoir and allow for one of Florida's most wild rivers to run free again.	Invasive aquatic plant removal would have to continue on the reservoir costing money and at great expense to the environment.	
10/21/2021 15:30	Orange		No	No					To reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Jones Rivers	Articles about the benefits of the project and data and information from the 1000 Friends of Florida	The water quality continues to diminish and the negative impacts on fish and other wildlife.	Would have to know what they options would be and impacts.	
10/21/2021 15:34	St Johns		Yes	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Open the waterway please!	We need to reunite the rivers and make Florida river's cleaner for people, pets and sea life.	Sea life and lives are at risk	Fundraising	Educate in public schools
10/21/2021 15:34	Nassau		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	reuniting rivers	benefits the fish	Springs should be submerged	energetic walkers	thank you for your attention
10/21/2021 15:34	Duval		No	No					connect the rivers; breach the dam	St. Johns Riverkeepers	further degradation of Florida rivers	no	
10/21/2021 15:35	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Just wanted to see it----	Restore the river!!!	Numerous reviews of the value of restoring free flow of the river	Continued water quality issues in Silver River and St. Johns Rivers	Not really---	
10/21/2021 15:38	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Educate the children in public schools. Have them help to fundraise!
10/21/2021 15:41	Outside of state / other	usa	No	No									
10/21/2021 15:42	Brevard		No	No					Restore the river by removing the Rodman Dam- open it. Let the waters flow.	Problems with algae blooms, dying sea grass fish kills and manatees dying will be improved with increased water flow.	loss of wildlife, including fish as a food source	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/21/2021 15:43	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Other	Free flow of water	Manatees can not travel to the many springs and eat the invasive water plants	Sediment built up would need dredging		
10/21/2021 15:44	Nassau		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 15:46	Duval		No	No					I strongly support removal of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam to restore the free flow of the Ocklawaha River. The restoration of wetlands, springs & habitat destroyed by the dam would be a big win for Florida's embattled natural environment.	A) I understand it, the aging dam, if retained, would require millions in repairs. Set against those costs is the restoration of Ocklawaha, the Silver & the St. Johns Rivers and 50 springs - at a time when Florida's rivers, underground aquifer, and creatures like the endangered manatee would all benefit greatly from the dam's absence. This seems a no-brainer to me.	The St. Johns River estuary, already under pressure from development and the increased saltwater intrusion from Port-related dredging, would further deteriorate, while taxpayer funds would be wasted on a dam whose public benefit is negligible. No flood control, no power, why do we need it?	No. It seems to me eliminating the dam is decades overdue. At this point, retaining it is more unsafe than breaching it; and we need the improved water quality and wildlife habitat right now. The Ocklawaha River is the very heart of the Great Florida Riverway. Elimination of the Rodman dam will reunite this 217-mile stretch of Florida rivers with benefits to communities and ecosystems all along that route. At a time when Florida homeowners are anxious about rising sea levels and out of control algae blooms, this restoration of river flow will support coastal resiliency while also enhancing water quality and flow and improving wildlife habitat. Please support the breaching of the Rodman dam & restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	I'm a homeowner and and taxpayer who cares about environment and wildlife and I am not alone. Even in today's insanely divisive political atmosphere, one subject I find my friends of all political leanings agree on is their love for Florida's rich natural world. Florida's natural beauty is at the heart of its attraction not only for those of us who live here but also the millions of tourists who form a central core of the state's economy. This is a rare and timely opportunity to do something right with economic & environmental benefits to the surrounding areas.
10/21/2021 15:46	Osceola		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored; 15,000+ acres of restored Florida Wildlife Corridor enhances Florida wildlife and natural recreation areas for everyone.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.

10/21/2021 15:48	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Remove it.	Restoring water quality to the Saint Johns river	I don't have any. It's a failed project that need to be fixed	No.	
10/21/2021 15:48	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Allowing the river to flow freely by removing or breaching the dam.	Restoration to more natural state and flow of three river systems : Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns	The continued degradation of the Silver River and ecosystem.	No	
10/21/2021 15:51	Hillsborough		No	No					Please open the dams	I want everything to go back to how Nature intended	All the harm that is being done to the fish animals plants and humans	No	
10/21/2021 15:53	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Tear it down and restore the flow of the Ocklawaha River and let the submerged Springs be seen again! Let the natural fish habitat be restored so that the Silver River can return to its historic route and the natural wildlife cycles in and out of the water can resume.	I have lived in the area on and off for decades. There is no reason to believe that the local fishing-based tourism industry will be impacted and if anything the environment for fish will be improved thus creating more local job opportunities not less, including in the Kayaking business.	The Florida river system will continue to choke and die. More and more springs access will be lost as they also stagnate and die. Any hope of natural traditional fish mating and seasonal migration route restoration will be permanently lost.	No.	Look, we've let this artificial abomination stand for far too long as it is. It has been long since past time to tear down the dam and let the natural flow be restored and let the floodplain return to nature. No good thing has ever come from these ditch engineering projects from the 20th Century! Even now Florida is working to tear down all of the redirected drainage from the south into the Everglades to restore the natural flow and that is exactly what should be done for the Ocklawaha.
10/21/2021 15:53	Marion		No	Yes				Other: Fished on it one time back in the 80's	Restore the Ocklawaha, get rid of the dam	Clearing up Silver Srings & Silver River so the fish can come back, especially the algae eaters.	Silver Springs will be a dying spring & the river too.	No	I remember the river back before the dam was built. The Springs had such clear water and lots of fish. I was shocked when I went back in the late 70s & 80's & saw what had happened. I realize there may be some other factors that made the water awful but I believe the restoration will greatly improve the Springs.
10/21/2021 15:54	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	restore the river as it originally was	Interruption of wildlife migration upriver	Loss of wildlife.	No	
10/21/2021 15:54	Hillsborough		No	No					Clear water	Aquaforinoz@friends	Pollution and wildlife decay	Open the dam and let water run naturally	Save our springs
10/21/2021 15:55	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: River watching especially at Eureka.	I want to ride a small pontoon boat from the Silver or Ocklawaha River to St John's River. Ocklawaha Lake above Hog Valley and it's endless piles of deadwood aren't pretty or natural. . I want to see the Kirkpatrick Dam opened up and eliminated so that the reservoir may become the natural lands and springs it was before.	The most important information that supports my desire is the Natural flow that will once again allow the fish and game habitats, as well as, the Beauty will be restored.	My biggest concern is the continuation of a big watery mess of a lake as well as the gradual deterioration of an already faltering dam or worse yet the expense of a new dam. The across Florida Canal hasn't happened, not likely to. That idea has been ditched. Sorry. No pun intended.	Not that I have heard told or thought of yet.	Come out and drive that dirt road from Hog Valley, by the deadwood piles and the messy lake to the dam. You'll see what I'm saying. Thank you.
10/21/2021 15:56	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Other: see how dam is effecting free flowing water	remove dam put back to natural from eliminate government mistake	i have seen what it loos like back stream	it will always be there		put back to natural there are plenty of places to fish in FL
10/21/2021 15:58	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	The dam needs to be removed to allow the free flow of the river	Manatees are kept from navigating to the spring.	Degration of manatees and fish continue to be blocked as well as the cost required to keep the dam operational	No	
10/21/2021 15:59	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Remove the dam and restore the natural flow of the river.	The dam is falling apart and there is no funds or reason to put millions into it.	The dam may accidentally break and damage life and property down stream.	No	
10/21/2021 16:04	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like the Rodman Reservoir and the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha river restored to its natural flow.	The positive results of drawdown. Restoration of the natural springs along the Ocklawaha will improve Manatee habitat.	I live across from the mouth of the Ocklawaha River. If the dam fails, my residence will be flooded and destroyed.	Yes, the dam's original purpose, the cross Florida canal, was never realized. Wildlife habitat, Fishing, and flood control will improve with the dam's removal.	Opening of the waters from the St. Johns to Silver Springs will enhance tourism.
10/21/2021 16:04	Wakulla		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Damn removal and restoration of the Ocklawaha	The pope environmental condition at the Rodman Reservoir and its lack of utility to the river system	Continued degradation of the reservoir and river	No	
10/21/2021 16:05	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam, restore the natural flow	Dam is a disaster waiting to happen. Being a native Floridian I've seen many significant rainfalls even without a hurricane that could easily top the dam	Flooding danger. Continuing degradation to our environment	No	Tax revenues are tight, why continue to spend our $'s on a fools errand that began half a century ago. Nixon got it right by mixing the canal, let's follow through and begin to heal our errors from the bad decisions of the past
10/21/2021 16:05	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Free the Ocklawaha River to its natural state	We need to restore the wetlands to its natural state. The damn has so many different negative impact on the St. Johns River also.	We need to restore the wetlands to its natural state. The damn has so many different negative impact on the St. Johns River also.	No	
10/21/2021 16:05	Alachua						1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. Restore free flow open the river and adjacent land to healthy wild state.	Dam is not serving any valid purpose. Cost of repair is high and unnecessary. Restoring flow to both rivers will improve environment for both animal and humab	Dam failure could do serious dammage.	Not really. The dam is pointless and poses a threat to downstream environment	Springs and rivers are essential to healthy environment and provide substantial tourist revenue.
10/21/2021 16:08	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 16:09	Alachua		No	No						Removed	Returning the waterways to natural state		
10/21/2021 16:09	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 16:10	Duval		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam destroyed.	The time has come to finally free the Ocklawaha River and reconnect the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers. Breaching this dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, reconnect three river ecosystems, historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers from the Ocklawaha to the Atlantic. From the St. John's Riverkeeper - Benefits to the St. Johns River from the restoration of the Ocklawaha include: RESTORATION OF CRITICAL FRESHWATER FORESTED WETLANDS 8,000 acres of forested wetlands are currently stressed in the lower Ocklawaha River due to restricted flow. 7,500 acres of forested wetlands are currently submerged in the Rodman Pool. WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS Restoration of over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands will greatly enhance bio-filtration and improve the ecological function of the St. Johns River Ecosystem. DILUTION OF INCREASED SALINITY Restoring the natural flow of more than 300 million gallons of freshwater flow per day from the Ocklawaha River to the St. Johns River will offset a portion of the increased tidal force from the dredging that will push the saltwater wedge further upstream. HABITAT RESTORATION FOR FISHERIES AND ENDANGERED SPECIES Restoration would restore natural migration patterns by allowing eel and migratory fish, like shad, striped bass, channel catfish and mullet, to access the upper parts of the river and Silver Springs. Wildlife, such as black bears and the endangered manatee, would benefit by restoring land and water connectivity and providing additional habitat. EXPANSION OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES In addition, the Ocklawaha River Restoration will benefit Silver Springs which is currently impaired from nutrient pollution and a severe reduction in flow.			
10/21/2021 16:14	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Completely removed and drawn down	water quality in the river, habitat quality in the floodplain, restoration of freshwater springs, economic opportunity for residents of the area, recreational opportunity for all	continued denigration of ecosystem health and stagnation of local economies	Probably but it's hard to imagine partial removal of the dam and incompletе or temporary drawdown that could result in the restoration of floodplain forests	
10/21/2021 16:16	Orange		No	No					I would like it to be removed.	The opportunity to restore this riverway for wildlife	The obstacles that it will reopresent for migrating marine life	No	
10/21/2021 16:24	Marion		No	No					DEMOLISH THEM SET THE WATER FREE	Manatees and other natives species, animal and plant are dying because of lousy water flow that the obsolete unused dams prevent.	DROUGHT AND DESTRUCTION OF OUR LOVELY RIVERS	none	Time for the iglwmd people to work for the PEOPLE not nestle and save our waterways, in my opinion.
10/21/2021 16:25	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Whatever is ecologically friendly				
10/21/2021 16:31	Collier		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam, why after 60 years can't someone say the original decision was flawed?	The lost of natural habitat, increased chemical runoff pollution which leads to severe red-tide pressures now is the time to end it	We lose the Everglades	Only the gov't would shoot for less than optimum. Proof that this is a complete political budget expense to keep your brother in law employed and a truck. Let the River decide	
10/21/2021 16:37	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by BREACHING the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam!	The Rodman Dam impacts 3 natural rivers, more than 50 springs, and over 15,000 acres of forest wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of our State's native fish & PROHIBITS HUNDREDS OF MANATEES FROM OBTAINING REFUGE & FORAGE IN COLD WINTER MONTHS. The latter is a critical point, as we have had the worst year so far in manatee deaths in years, and they should be placed back on the federally endangered list. BREACHING the dam will restore freshwater flow, uncover "drowned springs" in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential manatee habitat, & provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife corridor for birds, bears, panthers, and other native wildlife. Restoration will provide 150+ million gallons of natural freshwater flow daily to the Lower Ocklawaha & St Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving downstream water quality. The dam is over 50 years old, has surpassed its life expectancy without EVER being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, estimated 4 to 14 million dollars in dam repairs will be saved from taxpayer's pockets! As a native Floridian, restoration of these 3 rivers and breach of the un-natural dam would create recreation, jobs, and economic wins for the surrounding communities.	If this action is not taken, Florida will miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water & forage habitat for our manatees, WHO ARE DYING AN AN ALARMING RATE. breaching the dam will allow manatees to pass safely for the first time in over 50 years, and native fish species will thrive as well with free passage.	NO THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION! Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Improved safety, water quality and native wildlife cannot wait.	As a native Floridian who cherishes our wild rivers and native species, I urge you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a brighter future for our state's people and wildlife. Most critically, it may be the manatee's only hope if their numbers are to recover to a level to continue the species.
10/21/2021 16:38	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam removed sufficiently to restore the Ocklawaha River to a free flowing river.	Manatees have been killed by presence of the dam and its locks, and are prevented from using habitat up river that used to be an important resource for their survival. Restoring the free flowing river would greatly benefit manatees.	Not restoring the river would be bad for manatees and other wildlife, would continue to damage the St. Johns River, and would be a waste of tax payers dollars.	No.	Please restore the Ocklawaha River. It is time!
10/21/2021 16:42	Marion		No	No					return to natural state. It serves no purpose for most people.	I used to be able to boat down the ocklawaha river. Fish and catch bass and not have to worry about getting through all of the downed trees.	The water flow from the area springs will continue to deteriorate, and the ocklawaha river will fall to very low levels of water possible to the point where it won't be navigable by any water vessel.	No, because mother nature is so complex that we don't know all of the consequences of doing anything short of converting it back to its natural state.	
10/21/2021 16:45	Pinellas		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The wildlife left intact	The spring and wildlife	That the spring is available to us and the wildlife is left intact		
10/21/2021 16:46	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored and 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 16:48	Orange		No	No					I would like to see funds allocated to the permanent opening of the dam.	The overwhelming data from countless studies have shown daming rivers in the state of Florida has egregious environmental consequences.	The continued accumulation of pollution and dwindling of water level for Ocklawaha.	Reallocating funding for the dams repairs to a redirection into the river's original path.	
10/21/2021 16:52	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River restored by breaching the dam in order t bring back a free flowing river.	The 100-mile St Johns Estuary from Welaha to Palatka is healthier and better for residents and wildlife.	Continued use of tax payers money spent to repair and maintain a dam that is deteriorating and does not provide	No. The existing dam is going to fail sooner than later. We should take the opportunity to use available State and Federal funding to breach the dam.	
10/21/2021 16:52	Alachua		No	No					I would like to breach the Rodman Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River as it was.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No, this is long overdue at this point! Restore the river.	It is our responsibility to make these changes for our environment and all our future generations of Floridians. This is urgent and needs to happen. There are so many other important things we need to spend our tax dollars on!
10/21/2021 16:55	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam to restore the flow of the Ocklawaha River.	Articles by the St. Johns Riverkeeper and Quinten White, executive director of Jacksonville University's Marine Science Research Institute. They describe the destruction of forested floodplains and submersion of 20 natural springs. The dam itself is aging and may be subject to failure, threatening nearby properties. Among other benefits, restoring the Ocklawaha will provide more fresh water flowing to the St. Johns River, helping to reduce pollution and salinity.	Continued deterioration of the health of our rivers and wetlands, springs and wildlife.	No. Fully restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	
10/21/2021 16:58	Pinellas		No	No					restoration of flow of Ocklawaha River through removal of the Kirkpatrick Damn	I cannot think of the most important. my research was done through the organization River be Dammed , which explained he history of the situation and the current environmental impacts. Also The Florida Springs Council supports the removal of the damn and restoring the flow of the Ocklawaha River.	not sure	not sure	
10/21/2021 16:58	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing					
10/21/2021 17:00	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Other	Rinash the dam to restore more water to flow into the St hohns	More fresh water is needed to combat salt water intrusion due to dredging of the St Johns in Jax	Missing an opportunity to restore the Ockawaha to its natural state	No	
10/21/2021 17:04	Indian River		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Drain the reservoir and restore the river.	Impact on water quality and wildlife	More of the same	no	
10/21/2021 17:05	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking in the Ocala National Forest and areas adjacent to the Dam/lake.	Restoration of the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River by taking down the Rodman Dam and connecting the Silver and St Johns Rivers, and Silver Springs.	Federal and state studies have shown significant environmental and economic benefits to taking down the Rodman Dam and allowing the natural flow of the river. These include reducing the increasing salinity in the St Johns River (SJR) , which is killing the grasses on which manatees as well as fish depend, by increasing the flow of fresh water to the SJR. A greater diversity of fish and wildlife, and access to the forested floodplain will bring new visitors and uses to this area benefitting local business. This would also be significantly less expensive than the costly repairs needed on the Rodman Dam and the draw down of the lake every few years.	Continuing degradation of the area around the Rodman Dam and of the St Johns River; poorer water quality, fewer fish and other aquatic creatures, and an ever growing cost to maintain the Dam. Federal and state dollars are available now and there is significant public support right now to make this happen, the opportunity should not be squandered.	No. The growing salinity of the SJR is of increasing concern as is the safety of the Rodman Dam. There is no halfway solution to breaching the dam and restoring the river and more than 50 springs.	Thank you for this opportunity. I am a hiker and birder and spend a lot of time outside in nature - one very good reason to live in Florida! But we must work hard to preserve what we have. Breaching the Rodman Dam and restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River will accomplish many things of utmost importance to the local environment; a significantly greater flow of fresh water, over 150 million gallons per day, into the SJR from the tributaries and springs; improved environment for grasses to grow in the river to support manatees, a marine mammal special to Florida, as well as a greater diversity of fish, and which will improve the entire river ecosystem. 2021 is already proving a deadly year for manatees; we need to do everything we can to reverse this trend. It will also add 15,000 acres of forested wetlands to be explored by hikers and birders for which there is a ready market. Thank you for asking for my opinion through this survey and I look forward to learning of a positive result in your decision-making.
10/21/2021 17:05	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Please leave it alone	The eco system is thriving and should not be mecsed with.	Killing of all of the plants and animals	No	
10/21/2021 17:06	Duval		No	No					Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam and restoring the Ocklawaha are 50+ years overdue. Dam safety issues and improved water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities can't be ignored or delayed any longer.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 17:07	Jackson		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Get rid of the dam and save the springs	Research			
10/21/2021 17:08	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Visual inspection to develope perspective on the State's water management function.	Remove the dam and return the river to its original state. The dam was built to support the Cross Florida Barge Canal project which was terminated nearly 50 years ago.	State of Silver River/Springs and St. Johns river.	What will residents in northeast Florida do to access clean water and water based recreation.	Not certain, open to discussion on that.	I have witnessed the near complete destruction of the state's waters in my life. It is a sad legacy to pass to future generation. There was a time when our waters were clear and abundant, as were fish and other wildlife. We are better than that and have the means to restore these systems. There is nothing in the state constitution that guarantees that Florida must be cheap and mediocre.
10/21/2021 17:09	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Thank you for your considerations. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/21/2021 17:10	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Tear the dam down. It's a vestige of a long-ended canal project that never should have been constructed. Restoration of the Ocklawaha will improve the ecosystem -- a river that could easily generate ecotourism given its old grandeur.	For all the talk of bass fishing, fish size has been in decline for decades. The river is fed by lakes further south and the lack of flow in and out of the watershed causes nutrient buildup.	Continued decline of the ecosystem health.	Not being a resident, I'll support any final decision, but as a native Floridian and lover of North Central Florida's natural resources I would love to see a solution that aids in the restoration of the river's original flow and a return to a more managed habitat. The dam should never have been built, and it doesn't generate much of an "economy." Fort White and neighboring communities have been in decline for years.	
10/21/2021 17:10	Hillsborough		No	No					I would like to NOT see the Rodman Reservoir. Please take down the dam	Manatee habitat and dam maintenance costs. When the state can increase one while lowering the other, it seems like an easy choice.	That we will continue to spend money that could be put to far better use for any number of generative and/or sustainable infrastructure projects to simply maintain a lovely fishing spot	I don't see a way to balance the environmental and economic impacts of the 2 opposing sides. But if you found a way to cut the ridiculous maintenance costs and still keep the some form of reservoir (and continue to address the fertilization run off issue) while allowing for better manatee access and improve upstream migration, I would be all for it.	
10/21/2021 17:11	Marion		No	Yes				Other: Fished on it one time back in the 80's	Restore the Ocklawaha, get rid of the dam	Clearing up Silver Srings & Silver River so the fish can come back, especially the algae eaters.	Silver Springs will be a dying spring & the river too.	No	I remember the river back before the dam was built. The Springs had such clear water and lots of fish. I was shocked when I went back in the late 70s & 80's & saw what had happened. I realize there may be some other factors that made the water awful but I believe the restoration will greatly improve the Springs.
10/21/2021 17:13	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Other: hiking shoreline	Dam removed and river returned to pre-dam condition	our aquafer is declining rapidly, the fishing is no longer locally profitable, passive recreation is the best use	Loss of an extremely beautiful and fragile piece of the puzzle of our Florida Corridor	no	Follow science.
10/21/2021 17:15	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed.	The removal of the dam should improve the health of the St. John's River by allowing the springs to flow again. It would help with the salinity issue in the river.	The river will continue to struggle.	No	
10/21/2021 17:16	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore free flow to the river.	loss of access to various fish species through the reservoir and habitat destruction caused by polluted water	Continued habitat destruction and the impact on marine and other wildlife		
10/21/2021 17:17	Gadsden		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I support breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River and Springs with eventual removal of the Dam.	At a stroke, taxpayers could be relieved of the burden of financing the upkeep of a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem and is past its life expectancy while also restoring 20 springs currently drowned by the Rodman Reservoir.	The dam is currently unsafe and we should take advantage of available funding immediately that won't be accessible if we wait.	If the level of the Rodman Reservoir could be reduced to the point that the drowned springs are restored and that other ecological issues are addressed- manatees provided access to warm water winter habitat, historic routes for migratory fish restored, algal bloom events reduced.	Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.

10/21/2021 17:18	Monroe		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the proposed breach to become reality so the St John's River can be restored.	I think you should ask yourself the same question. This state has been used. I think that's a fair term. The Springs, The St John's River, Central and NE FL have been developed to no end. In school, we read a book it showed black and white photos of the Everglades in the late 1800s before the Army Corp of Engineers destroyed it. It showed massive live oaks and beautiful Orchids, huge Cypress trees and then modern day pictures as the infrastructure was built to modern day. When looking at this picture I immediately thought of Central Florida and my mind was baffled when I realized what I was actually looking at. I've traveled this entire state and most of the Country. The Springs in Florida have always been and will always be my favorite place. There is an undeniable magic to the color of the water, the big beautiful trees and amazing wildlife. Sadly most people only know of Disney or Miami. When you bring up the Springs only a select few know and have been and can truly appreciate how special they are. My journey started as a young boy reading about the Springs in NatGeo. No one in my family gave a damn and therefore I didn't make it to the Springs until the day I got my driver's license in Lantana FL. I went took the exam, passed and 4 hours later I was sitting on the Sante Fe River looking down the Devils Eye. It forever altered my course in life. I am a Master Naturalist and trained in Washington DC at the Audobon Naturalist Society and vested a lot of my time working with the Potomoac Watershed. The area near Anacostia is immensely beautiful but is so pollsted that swemming is prohibited. I wondered how could our Nation's capital with a big beautiful river be so polluted that you can't swim or eat fish from it. Shouldn't that be the one place that we set the best example? The streams that run through Rock Creek are all designated red. Some of the brightest minds in the world all conclude its not fixable. There is too much concrete and traffic and so much erosion the streams simply have no way of being restored. It's called the whooshing effect. It's what happens when water runs off a road and into a river or stream. always thought back to the book I read with the pictures of the Everglades and my sanction the beautiful springs in Florida. We have taken advantage of the situation, plain and simple. If not for the water, what do we have? If you don't make the difference why will the next guy? Don't let this become the Anacostia.	My biggest concern is we keep passing the buck and it's blatant greed. We only have one life to live so make a difference. Be the person who starts giving a damn. No pun intended. If we have the opportunity to restore things to how they were before and it does so many things for the right reasons. How dare we not. Shall we wait for our kids to do it? What kind of example are we setting? When they have to do and every one of us is dead and gone will that money we made be worth anything? The only outcome is the right outcome. Breach the Dam. Do it because it's the right thing to do and we have done the wrong things for far too long.	None, this is a bullshit question. It's like serving oysters with no hot sauce. Let the river run wild and take pride in our back yard because no one else will.	When you were a kid what made you happy? I can't believe it took something so old as dam a river and swimming. When you come to South Florida and ride the Turnpike and see nothing but development and man-made canals does it inspire joy or happiness? It's been destroyed. You know it, I know it and so does anyone else that takes a moment to think about it. We could have done better, we should have done better and we did jack-shit. There is still hope for North FL. It's an opportunity to do the right thing so your backyard doesn't look like a Miami suburb. I for one always thought Florida would have been far more beautiful if everything wasn't built in a straight line. Imagine a Florida with windy roads and beautiful views nice clean water that supports our wildlife and I don't know people that are happy? Not working 80 hours a week to feed your family and a landscape that looks like a clown ass raped it. Do yourself a favor, fly over the Bahamas and look down. You'll see what it once looked like. All of these developers create jobs, JOBS JOBS. What good does that do an eco-system that is quite literally destroyed. It's undeniable. I take a ride over to Ft. Pierce and look at the Indian River Lagoon. I am 37 years old. As a kid and teenager I could swim with a Snorkel in the lagoon. Good luck with that today. This is what makes me so angry. It used to be us hearing these stories from generations. This is in my lifetime. I can tell you square in the face it's changed and changed significantly. Maybe there is no hope, I have yet to make that call but unfortunately I lean towards it. Just let the whole damn thing go. It's going anyway. Maybe that should be your approach. Continue the self-indulgence and build more shit. Who cares. I CARE.
10/21/2021 17:18	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	remove the dam, bring back boat rides from Palatka to Silver Springs	St Johns riverkeeper info	20 springs would still be hidden	must get rid of dam	
10/21/2021 17:19	Outside of state / other	Maine	No	No									
10/21/2021 17:23	Marion		No	No					Complete deconstruction	Environmental conservation and economic growth factor.	Destruction of Florida's ecosystems and species endangerment	Creating a bypass water way around the dam	
10/21/2021 17:24	Pinellas		No	No					I would like to see the Dam removed.	In Florida our environment is our economy. Our Florida Springs need our protection. At one point we didn't think we could damage the waters around and through Florida. Our water system was too vast. Now we know differently. Now we know how precious our water and our water systems are in Florida.	Ecosystem from the St. Johns River to Silver Springs and beyond have been disrupted. Boats cannot navigate the river systems due to the dams. This will continue further disrupting eco businesses and fishing.	To me no there is not.	
10/21/2021 17:26	Alachua		No	No					Changes to make the river free-flowing allowing for more natural flow downstream including the restoration of hidden springs.	The river is healthier with more wildlife, including game fish, without the dam.	The river's health will decline and the safety of the dam and downstream are at risk	I don't see a midpoint between keeping and removing the dam.	With the removal of the dam, the area needs to supported with grown infrastructure and eco-tourism funds that will increase support of local businesses.
10/21/2021 17:28	Duval		No	No					I'd like to see the waters reconnected the way God intended.	The fish need to swim freely and naturally through the system.	The waters are just going to become more yucky.	No	
10/21/2021 17:30	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		The dam to has to come down to save the very fragile and important part of the florida waterway.	The current state of the river and the acceleration of the demise of water quality, vegetation and animals is a direct result of the existence of the dam.	The death of a huge ecosystem for the sake of a fishing lake . And I do fish!	I doubt it.	
10/21/2021 17:31	Miami-Dade		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Paddleboarding	Restoration of the natural habitats	The current configuration has harmed wildlife for 50+ years. It must be reversed.	Continued destruction of natural wildlife (land and water) habitats.	My desired outcome doesn't take much to enact, thus nothing less is acceptable.	The ecology of the area has been devastated directly from man-made constructs and environmental reconfiguration. The surrounding area should become a state park and protected.
10/21/2021 17:42	Marion		No	No					Get rid of the dam! Restore the Ocklawaha.	Manatees need access to habitats now more than ever. Silver Springs and many other springs would benefit from getting rid of the dam.	The dam is old and in disrepair. It will give way and it was created for a project that never existed!		
10/21/2021 17:43	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	We would like to see it removed.	Wildlife preservation	Loss of habitat.	No.	
10/21/2021 17:45	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the waters returned into a free flowing river instead of a stagnant reservoir.	The cost of maintaining the dam and reservoir are unnecessary expenses to our state budget.	The environment needs to be returned to its original state, so the water can go downstream unimpeded and manatees can swim upstream again.	Rodman dam and reservoir are blemishes on nature that need to be removed.	I am 65 years old, and a second-generation Florida native. There are many fishing and boating opportunities in the state. Returning the Oklawaha River area to less intensive use is what I wish to leave for my children and grandchildren.
10/21/2021 17:45	Collier		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Please remove the Rodman Reservoir...it has been planned for years and is much needed to correct past damage to our beautiful rivers.	My family canoes the Silver River and the Ocklawaha River ....we travel from southern Florida to canoe these rivers because of the remaining wilderness and the beauty . Removing the dam will restore the flow and beauty of these rivers.	It will be a failure to not correct our past errors. The Ocklawaha River has been impacted by engineering, primarily for the ill-fated Cross Florida Barge Canal .....an ill conceived project. The Rodman Dam is a remanent of that project. The dam stops the Ocklawaha journey and creates a large backwater.	No.	
10/21/2021 17:46	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the Oklawauha river back to it's original state.	It would bring fish back to the Harris chain of lakes that no longer are in your chain. I believe it would improve the eco system on the Harris chain of lakes	Further erosion of the Harris chain of lakes.	The least that should be done is breaching the dam.	This dam was built for a 50 year life span, we have reached its life span. Eliminate the dam.
10/21/2021 17:46	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Open it	What is best for the wild life		Not sure	
10/21/2021 17:51	Gilchrist		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other	Remove the Kirkpatrick Dam	This would allow fish and manatee passage, restore the flow from the springs. Restore the natural environment.	Loss of beneficial habitat at a time when the state has seen record number of manatee deaths due to human destruction of their environment.	NO. This dam should never have been placed.	Please consider this at a time when funds are available to complete this work. Any cost impacts are offset by the environmental benefits and reduction of long term maintainance costs.
10/21/2021 17:57	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	save it for our future	love to go there ,fishing ,wildlife habitat	happy	no	
10/21/2021 17:59	Gilchrist		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Other: Performed spring discharge measurements and WQ monitoring services for the SJRWMD (as their contractor).	Complete dam removal and restoration of the Ocklawaha River channel and bottomland forests.	I had the unique opportunity to both observe and measure several of the now-submerged springs during both full pool and drawdown conditions, and the difference was dramatic. Discharge from them was severely repressed when the reservoir is full, and we were then able to see these springs 'jump to life' during drawdown, although even then still under the influence of extant reservoir level. These springs must be restored to what they were before reservoir creation. I also observed how the reservoir levels create the conditions that cause floating water vegetation to block the river upstream, making it impossible to navigate.	The Rodman will continue to senesce into the mud and sediment filled stump-farm slop hole that it has already become. As a taxpayer, I consider it absolute insanity to use any public funds to repair/maintain the dam, gates and locks when such funds could be used for removal and restoration.	NO!	I have also worked extensively (for the SJRWMD) on the Silver Springs Group and River and I look forward to that day when the Silver Springs/River ecosystems will have it's connection to the St. Johns River re-opened and restored, and the fish and manatee populations that will be positively affected by that.
10/21/2021 17:59	Martin		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	Keep it as is!	Rodman is an awesome water body that persists with minimal overhead. It's a tremendous fishery, rookery and is home to all sorts of wildlife. It also is a major source of positive economic impact to the surrounding communities.	The citizens of Florida would loose a beautiful asset. Additionally, the total short and long term restoration cost would be tremendous.	No	
10/21/2021 18:00	Hillsborough		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Ocklawaha River reunited with the St. Johns and Silver Rivers.	This would greatly benefit fish, manatee and other wildlife, and restore historic Silver Springs.	The riverine ecosystem continuing to be compromised, poor water quality, declining fish populations, and the manatees cannot get to warmer water.	No. This should be an unobstructed waterway.	We should be doing everything possible to prevent the dying off of the manatee.
10/21/2021 18:01	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Back to nature	The dam was built for the obsolete barge canal, not for other usages	Loss of natural Florida	No	This dam would never have been built but for the totally out moded idea of water transportation.. this is not Panama or Suez
10/21/2021 18:02	Brevard		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Remove it	Restore thalt nids natural flow of water	Loss of habig	No	
10/21/2021 18:03	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Restore all to their original state	WATER QUALITY! Loss of natural habitat, both on land in fresh and brackish water. Silver Springs native fish count is 1/2 of what it used to be. Invasive weeds throughout Ocklawaha river.	Continued destruction of natural habitats	Possibly	
10/21/2021 18:08	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and allow the reservoir to drain and restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	The deterioration of the dam itself could/will cause even more harm if/when it fails.	The state will be spending more resources trying to save a lost cause, further destroying more natural features--just making a bad situation worse for years to come.	Not really, it seems to be a binary situation--reservoir or naturally, freely flowing river.	Dams are generally built to store water (usually for consumption and/or agg use), generate power, control and protect downstream flood plains, etc.--all noble causes. This one was built for a totally different and long debunked purpose. Unlike the other great cross-land waterways (e.g., the Panama and Suez) this canal sliced through whole environmentally sensitive areas of a tropical land. This last vestige of that mistake defies logic--trading disruption of many natural features for a good fishing hole.
10/21/2021 18:11	St Johns		No	No					Do everything necessary to remove the Kirkpatrick Dam in an environmentally appropriate manner. This is long overdue and it's time to begin recovering from the years of environmental and ecological damage this dam has caused.	The Kirkpatrick Dam has disrupted the natural flow of one of Florida's most valuable natural resources - water - and with that, the natural ecosystem of three of Florida's most important tributaries of the St. Johns River. Flora and fauna have been negatively impacted for the past 50 years.	Failure to eliminate the Kirkpatrick Dam at this time could cause permanent and irreparable harm to the flora and fauna within and around the watershed for the Silver, Ocklawaha and St. John's Rivers.	No. The Kirkpatrick dam should have been eliminated years ago when it was determined the cross-Florida River Barge project was halted.	The state of Florida's needs to have the Kirkpatrick Dam removed. I realize this is a courageous decision our leaders are faced with at this time, but I feel strongly that the decision itself is an easy one to make. Eliminate the Kirkpatrick Dam.
10/21/2021 18:12	Alachua		No	No					The Kirkpatrick Dam removed along with the Rodman Reservoir	Press the St. John, the Oklawaha, and numerous springs	the degradation of the rivers and springs	no	
10/21/2021 18:13	Broward		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	leave it exactly how it is	the wildlife habitat is incredible . the fishing is next to none . It supports not only a very diverse wildlife but it also provides for tourism and supports many family businesses . to drain this lake would be a tragedy and a colossal mistake . I can not believe someone would even entertain such a foolish thing . my time spent there was one I will never forget and I have sense told many people about my adventure . There is an old saying , if it ain't broke , don't fix it . please leave this lake alone . Thank you	That you would have destroyed a beautiful thing and it will be gone forever . this would be a shameful and sinful thing .	NO	
10/21/2021 18:14	Outside of state / other	nt currently stationed in New Orlean	No	Yes				Fishing Other: Fished Rodman as a kid	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I have traveled the globe during my nearly 29 years on active duty, and the beauty of the Ocklawaha River is hard to beat. It is time to restore the Ocklawaha that was needlessly disrupted for the folly that was the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Restore her to her natural state!
10/21/2021 18:16	Seminole		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing	Maintained as is	Ecosystem	Overdevelopment	No	
10/21/2021 18:16	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam. Every day that the dam is in place harm to the economy, water quality and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000 acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced for wildlife.	Thousands of acres of forest are not restored that could greatly improve wildlife habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue and the wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River to ensure a bright future for this state's people and wildlife. Restoration will restore the many springs that have stopped flowing. Restoring the springs is the only way to improve the water flow that is essential to wetland habitat for birds and other aquatic creatures, clean spring tp'per at use water for manatees and forests for other wildlife like the Florida Panther who's success depend on the Florida Wildlife Corridor. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 18:19	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Dam breached to restore the Oklawaha river. The dam only harms the economy, water quality, and wildlife in the area.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored. As someone who regularly sees the vast amounts of income gained by springs in Gilchrist County this is a no brainer on many levels from economic to ecologic. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy. Again. Stupid use of taxpayer dollars. Get rid of a dam that is no longer useful. 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat, and all the other animals and plants that need that water way.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. The dam had a potential purpose at one time, a bad one, but a potential one. That time has passed and the dam should be removed.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 18:21	Broward		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha to its natural flow.	Flooding & pollution issues downstream.	Alluvial Ecocide	More frequent releases of water	
10/21/2021 18:22	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it the way it is.	If Rodman was taken down then most of the wildlife that call it home will have to relocate because there waters will be less than a third of what they have now ! Then they would have to rely on the already vegetation stricken St John's river thanks to the FWC and their spray communist that have all but destroyed that river as far south and north as it runs . You would never have a free flowing river when the headwaters is a man made dam that is controlled by Marion county . if we encounter another drought Marion county will shut the gates and starve the ocklawaha from the water it would need to sustain the manatees and other wildlife that need Rodman at full pool . You would have to destroy a whole chain of lakes to make the ocklawaha a true free flowing river .	The manatees and wildlife that call Rodman home will have to rely on a dead river to feed themselves	Nothing but leaving it as is	
10/21/2021 18:27	Pasco		No	No									
10/21/2021 18:29	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman and Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching would benefit all the drowned springs and the wildlife that depend on them and the access the dam prevents	It's a missed opportunity, spending money on repairing my would be wasteful as breaching is much more beneficial and cost effective.	No, breaching the dam is essential and long overdue.	
10/21/2021 18:31	Marion		No	No			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: landscape photography	Breach the dam. Allow the overcrowded manatees of the St. John's population room to survive. Bring economic development to Marion and Putnam County.	The Four Alternatives Study by the SJRWMD. Economic impact from fishing is low and fishing will be better without the dam.	Lack of warm water refugia for overcrowded manatee population. Willfully ignoring Economic development opportunities.	no.	Please go back to the studies that have been done instead of allowing them to be hidden for political reasons. Factor in the current ongoing and future costs of the dam in the decision making process. There is an opportunity to do what is right and a strong leader will be recognized for leading.
10/21/2021 18:31	Gilchrist		No	No					Breach and restore the river	God designed the water flow and the springs need to return to natural flow	Survival of manatees	Nope	N/A
10/21/2021 18:31	Alachua		No	No					Have the dam removed/dismantled do the Oklawaha River can follow is natural course.	Water stagnation and manatee deaths.	Another ruined FL waterway.	Enough breaching of the dam to allow sufficient water flow to restore the health of the river.	
10/21/2021 18:31	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam!	Our springs are dying for lack of natural water flow	Springs will degrade further and further	Not really.	
10/21/2021 18:37	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/21/2021 18:37	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam which will restore the Ocklawaha River to its natural flow to the St. Johns River and increase the natural functions of the Ocklawaha and surrounding ecosystems.	Studies conclude that breaching the dam will add significant value to functions of the Ocklawaha and surrounding ecosystems.	That opportunities to improve the ecosystems, create more recreational options, and increase economic activity will be lost.	NONE! How can you shortly achieve desired outcomes?	When natural conditions are interrupted significantly you get an Indian River Lagoon. Is that what we want for the Ocklawaha and its feeders such as the Silver River?
10/21/2021 18:38	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	restore the Ocklawaha River so that it freely flows	hundreds of water reports	bad water, too much money spent on ineffective waterworks repairs	no. restore the river, take out the dams and broken erworkswat	thank you
10/21/2021 18:40	Citrus		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep the dam, I moved to Florida here recently. I was beyond excited to visit this place. I absolutely love the lake. It would hurt the region drastically in the economic standpoint from bass tournaments if the lake was destroyed.				
10/21/2021 18:40	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam negatively impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. If the Dam is not breached the 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow that is necessary to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat and reduce saltwater intrusion. Declining water quality is fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic loss.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide critical warm water discharges for manatees and to allow free passage of aquatic wildlife allowing for native fish and manatee populations to rebound as well as improving water quality for all life. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. The Dam requires millions in taxpayers' money to repair and does not and will not provide flood protection, power, water supply or any other broad public benefit. Conversely, removal of the dam means that the economies of Putnam County and Silver Springs have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitations, and recreational opportunities.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait!	I am extremely concerned with Florida's water quality, environment and the destruction of wildlife habitat. We cannot allow an opportunity to restore our rivers and springs and natural habitats pass us by. Please restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway. Action must be taken for the benefit of manatees of all wildlife ,for ourselves, our communities, our economies and our ecosystems that we are all connected too. Thank You!
10/21/2021 18:40	Nassau		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	See the damn removed and let the water flow back to its natural state.	Many years ago we made a lot of poor decisions with water flow in Florida. Restoration back to the original flow will provide healthier environments.	The rivers become more unhealthy a fail to support wildlife.	No.	
10/21/2021 18:45	Duval		No	No					Take them down.	Articles in the newspaper	Continued pollution of the St Johns	Maybe partial drawdowns	
10/21/2021 18:56	Outside of state / other	VA	No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam and reservoir preserved AS IT IS with legislative protections in place to prevent any future environmental threats to the wildlife.	The environmental studies compiled by Dr. Canfield and nutrient tracking by Lake Watch confirmed that the reservoir is a healthy ecosystem supporting a large variety of wildlife and providing an essential fresh water source for the state of Florida. I have yet to see any similar studies done in as much detail or covering as much time that show restoration of the original river would provide a greater benefit to wildlife.	The size and diversity of the reservoir zones enables it to support many types of large aquatic animals and waterfowl. (A system that can support LARGE animals is a healthy system.) The Ocala National Forest provides a unique boundary which makes Rodman a safer haven for migratory birds than other Florida lakes which are becoming increasingly urban. I would be greatly concerned to see these habitats lost. Even after many years of recovery, a "restored" river would not be able to support aquatic wildlife in the same quantity and diversity.	Nothing that would lower the water level or diminish the size of the reservoir.	I was born in Florida in the 1960's. I've seen large portions of the state go from orchards and crops to completely developed urban areas. Whenever I come back to Rodman area, it is a relief to see that the forest and reservoir are still largely untouched. Maybe Florida just has so much water that it takes it for granted, but those of us from out-of-state can see clearly that Rodman is a unique and healthy resource. This year we experienced the "east coast bird die-off" in Virginia; one of many examples of how wildlife is becoming increasingly vulnerable. We should be doing everything we can to preserve healthy, stable eco-systems, and the research shows that Rodman Reservoir IS one of those systems. In an era of data-driven decision making, it makes no sense to destroy the reservoir. What WOULD make sense would be to protect it as rigorously as the Ocala National Forest and preserve it for the wildlife and our future generations.
10/21/2021 18:59	Martin		No	No					Leave it alone!	Not sure,i fish on bows of Kissimmee all the time and have seen what interference does			
10/21/2021 19:00	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam be removed to allow the Ocklawaha River to once again freely flow into the St Johns River.	Scientific reporting supports removal of the Kirkpatrick Dam for many reasons;; the dam is aging and will soon require significant repair (the move would be cost effective); 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystems will be restored; 15,000 acres of forested wetlands will be restored for the benefit of wildlife and potentially cleaner water overall. Most importantly to me at this time, is that this will restore essential manatee habitat at a time when they face an existential threat due to pollution and resulting loss of habitat.	The increased threat to manatees and water filtration, flood protection and wildlife habitats would be further threatened in our state, which right now, is facing incredible challenges now and for our children and grandchildren.	No, the dam is no longer safe and should be removed in a well-planned manner. This is a historic time when funding from Federal and State sources is available to improve our water quality and wildlife habitats.	Please act on this for our children and grandchildren. We seem to be losing ground for the manatees and for our own health and welfare.
10/21/2021 19:01	Collier		No	Yes		1 time			I would like to see the dam removed and the area restored	The dam serves no purpose and obstructs the natural flow of the the rivers in the area. The dam needs to be either replaced or removed, the money should be spent on removal and restoration to the surrounding habitat.	We made another stupid mistake	No	Please remove the dam, there has been so much destruction over the years to our beautiful land and waterways. This is an excellent opportunity to correct a past mistake
10/21/2021 19:02	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Access to Putnam Regional Medical Center, physicians and shopping.	Leave it alone.	Although it may have been a mistake in the beginning, the entire area has transformed itself into an exceptional ecological breeding area.	Destruction of the established environment and wildlife.	No	You don't make a problem where there is no problem. How many reservoirs in Florida do we have? Do we really want to destroy a patient source of water? Putnam County is one of the poorest counties in Florida and on any given day minorities make up the largest percentage of fisherman. They fish for sustenance as much as pleasure.
10/21/2021 19:04	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam.	Restoring the river will give more habitat for manatees, which died at a very high rate this year.	Millions of dollars will have to be spent to repair the dam, but by letting the dam be breached there will be multiple benefits, like reducing salt water intrusion, the return of manatees and native fish, and job opportunities that will develop from these returns.	No.	Please consider this to save money and save the manatees. This will give them more warm water habitat locations not dependent on power plants. Thank you.
10/21/2021 19:04	Duval		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep it the same				

10/21/2021 19:09	Outside of state / other	Pennsylvania	No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	NOTHING!	Manatees/fish/birds/turtles have a sanctuary in that place. Im from PA, and I've watched the rural areas get depleted and the effect on wildlife is not able to be achieved again in our generation. Once you interfere with it, it will be negatively affected and you'll never get it back.	You are taking for granted the self sustainable nature of the place, and when you mess with it, it will be gone forever, taken in small pieces till its so far depleted that it will be too late to regenerate itself. Just the free water purifying effects should be reason alone	No, any interference will damage the ecosystem beyond anything humans will be able to repair	Please don't take the beautiful sanctuary for granted!
10/21/2021 19:10	Franklin		No	No					Use it for humans and animals and nature!	I believe in climate change. I believe in protecting nature! 🐢	Lost opportunity!	I am Reebie!	Get information from experts and locals.
10/21/2021 19:10	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Negative impacts to water quality.	No.	
10/21/2021 19:11	Outside of state / other	Arkansas	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. Its a beautiful reservoir and should be left as is. I love all of the wildlife, especially the manatee!	Leave a thriving ecosystem alone!	Affecting wildlife	No	
10/21/2021 19:12	Lake		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave Rodman as is. It's one of the best places in Florida to fish.	Leave it for fishermen to enjoy.	It would just turn into the Ocklawaha River again which is not near of a draw for the state as Rodman is.	No. Leave Rodman as is.	Our business relies on fisheries and eliminating good fisheries is not good as most of Florida is nothing near as good as it used to be with the exception of Rodman.
10/21/2021 19:13	Levy		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Would like to see the river return to be wild.	If coming north from Moss Bluff can not complete the river paddle without portaging	Will have to do as always have done: leave the river and drive to next entrance.		
10/21/2021 19:13	Citrus		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't because it's hurting our environment	To breach it and let the river resume its natural flow.	The health of our ecosystems.	That Florida turned its back on the welfare of its citizens.	No	
10/21/2021 19:14	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Remove the damn	It restores what it should be	The ecosystem gets worse	No	
10/21/2021 19:15	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The dam should be breached & let nature take over. It is obvious during the drawdown that it won't take long. More eco tourism dollars will be made for everyone.	Look to other river restorations for the benefits. The St John's river will benefit form returning the natural flow.	The Ocklawaha & all the beautiful springs are dying already. Increased spraying of poison to control the weeds, which grow because there isn't enough FLOW, is killing everything.	Probably not. Restore the river	
10/21/2021 19:15	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave as is	Support of wildlife	Loss of habitat and food supply for wildlife	No	
10/21/2021 19:18	Lake		No	No					Breach	Silver Springs	the demise of Silver Springs	no	
10/21/2021 19:19	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Remove and restore the natural flow. Remove any canals etc that were part of the Cross Florida Barge Canal.	Restoring habitat of natural Florida- of all kinds- birds, fish , vegetation, trees. My one fear is that the areas along the restored river would be open to development!	Continued degradation of our water resources and general environment! Question-would the Moss Bluff dam also be removed as part of the restoration and how would the Lakes below be affected-LakeHarris, Lake Griffin, LakeApopka?- is our current water table sufficient now and coupled with the uncontrolled development going to maintain those lake levels?? I have many questions??	Somehow prevent development from draining Florida's aquifer-perhaps requiring developers to include desalination facilities and impact fees to any new residents to our state. Our Florida is being destroyed!	Please continue to listen to us concerned and native Floridians who remember the way it was and want to hold on to some of it! Seventh Generation Floridian
10/21/2021 19:25	Suwannee		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep it as is.	It has been an important revenue generator for surrounding hotels, stores.	More economic issues for the area, along with environmental issues.	Nope	Why would anyone not want to keep this valuable fishery?
10/21/2021 19:25	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 30 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	We must think of Florida's wildlife, especially manatees. Our fragile natural resources attract many people to our state, so we must do the right thing and protect them.
10/21/2021 19:26	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	The dam should be removed to enable the Oklawaha and St. Johns to reunite.	The major support for keeping the reservoir is for fishing, but fishing would be just a robust and wildlife and protection of the springs would be better without it	That the reservoir would become another develop site and further denigrate the environmental conditions. I	I am not sure there is way to undo the blockage for migrating fish and other environmental improvements without doing a complete removal	
10/21/2021 19:27	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Take it down	springs are restored. manatees have a place to live. millions of gallons a day are restored to the rivers.	water quality declines. lost of springs. St. Johns River deprived of natural water flow	50 years overdue.	
10/21/2021 19:29	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Remove the dam, restore the natural flow	Dam is a disaster waiting to happen. Being a native Floridian I've seen many significant rainfalls even without a hurricane that could easily top the dam	Flooding danger. Continuing degradation to our environment	No	I'ae revenues are tight, why continue to spend our $'s on a fools errand that began half a century ago. Nixon got it right by mixing the canal, let's follow through and begin to heal our errors from the bad decisions of the past
10/21/2021 19:30	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. For an estimated cost of $26 million, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat and 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River.
10/21/2021 19:34	Outside of state / other	Tennessee	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Leave it alone!!	Thriving ecosystem that provides habitats for many ani Animals	Depletion of ecosystems	As long as area is protected	
10/21/2021 19:34	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 19:36	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it alone, big beautiful bass live in rodman	No reason to be in marion County	Property just off the lake r purchase just for fishing rodman would be useless art of no value to me	No	
10/21/2021 19:37	Orange		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 19:38	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the damn and let the water flow	Lars Anderson	Same o same o		
10/21/2021 19:38	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it just the way it is now.	Rodman Dam supports lots of wild animals , manatees and lots of bald eagles... Where would all the wildlife go if the dam is removed?	Pollution and over developing	No not really. Removing the dam would destroy the animals habitat.....and destroy one of the best fisheries in the United States.. Just leave it just the way it is.	
10/21/2021 19:38	St Johns		No	No					Get rid of the dam	It's blocking migration for manatee. And the manatee are dying off	The loss of the Amazon manatee	Partially removing the dam	
10/21/2021 19:39	Outside of state / other	Ohio	No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Please save these gentle giants who can't fight for themselves! As humans, we need to do whatever we can to give them access to the food they need!
10/21/2021 19:40	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Take out the dam and restore the river to its natural state	How the dam was proposed and established to cater to hunting and fishing interests - not those who wished to preserve nature as it has existed of thousands of years	limited access to Ocklawaha River in it's natural state	Yes. Any improvement would be we	
10/21/2021 19:41	Outside of state / other	Los Angeles County, CA	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefiting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As someone who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("S2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/21/2021 19:42	Outside of state / other	Kentucky Resident	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Sentimentally my family has a history of memories in the outdoors on that Reservoir from fishing, boating and watching the wonders of Florida nature. Realistically it's a safe haven for countless species of wildlife. They depend on that reservoir for safety, food and water. LEAVE RODMAN RESERVOIR AND KIRKPATRICK DAM ALONE!	Loss of wildlife and the habitat the reservoir and dam support. It changes the economics of that area, it changes a rich history...and we would lose it all.	NO! LEAVE IT ALONE	
10/21/2021 19:42	Duval		No	No					Breached	Natural flow of water to support wildlife			
10/21/2021 19:42	Outside of state / other	Minnesota	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	The Rodman needs to be preserved it's an amazing fishery and manatee sanctuary and disruptions to the reservoir will impact wildlife and the people who enjoy it.		The loss of habitat and wildlife conservation	No it needs to be protected	
10/21/2021 19:42	Wakulla		No	No					The dam should be dismantled and the reservoir forever drained.	Twenty drowned springs and the lost ecology and habitats.	Continuing ecological losses and water degradation.	None come to mind	You already know all of the cogent reasons the dam needs to be breached. Please make it so.
10/21/2021 19:42	Volusia		No	No					1. Restore springs 2. Save money 3. Restore overall balance of nature, water quality, forests.	The large number of credible, thoughtful, citizen and science-infused oganizations that have studied this.	Waste of money- why invest millions of taxpayer dollars in repairing and continuing to operate a dam with no purpose- AND: Continued environmental degradation.	No.	I retired to Ft. 18 years ago and have come to love the springs, the rivers, the "old" forests—for many reasons. Marjorie Kinnon Rawlings book about her canoe trip inspired me.
10/21/2021 19:43	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Remove the dam that the river and springs can be restored.	Seeing the benefit of other dams being removed and how the ecosystems are restored to their prior functioning.	Long term effects on wildlife, water quality and the aquifer as well as water supplies downstream - water will be a long term issue in the future.	I haven't really heard of any but I'm open to suggestions. If it's just a bandaid, then no I'm not interested in that.	I feel that time's running out
10/21/2021 19:44	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoying natural Florida.	Remove it	Unnatural water flow	The usual manipulation of nature to satisfy financial goals.	Undecided.	
10/21/2021 19:46	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking & Cycling	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/21/2021 19:46	Outside of state / other	Maryland	No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	Removed	The amount of springs that are affected by the dam	The health of the rivets will continue or worsen	No	
10/21/2021 19:47	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking & Cycling	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/21/2021 19:48	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Pave the road to the kenwood boat ramp and leave the dam in place	The whole eco system that is already in place	Economic downfall	No	Why would anyone want to change an eco system that has been in place for as long as it has
10/21/2021 19:50	Outside of state / other	Ionia, Michigan	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing					
10/21/2021 19:52	Alachua		No	No					Dams are not natural, except those made by beavers and nature. Daming rivers is an intervention that has unseen consequences that can harm ecosystems and wildlife. It is time to remove man-made barriers and to try to restore Florida habitat and waters.	According to Emma Marris, author of the book Wild Souls (Bloomsbury Publishing): "We need to do a better job sharing with non-human animals." (1) We cannot continue to squeeze animal and nature into tiny spaces. They have the right to freedom of movement. They deserve to flourish without our constraints and of their own free will. "Autonomy is part of their flourishing." (2) People worldwide love nature and want nature to live and survive. Humans are causing creatures and life to vanish. Let us do in Florida what we can to restore this beautiful environment. 1. Marris, Emma. Wild Souls (p. 247). Bloomsbury Publishing. Kindle Edition. 2. Marris, Emma. Wild Souls (p. 250). Bloomsbury Publishing. Kindle Edition.	Continued devastation of our environment, slowly, creeping, and all suffering at the hands of greed, a true mental disease of men.	We don't need it. Once it is gone we as a community will find other ways to compensate. Like going on a diet and exercise regimen, but thinking about TV and cake. Let's get off the damn dam, and challenge ourselves with being a bit uncomfortable.	
10/21/2021 19:56	Lee		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas.	NO !!!	Florida is the most unique of all states. Every effort needs to be taken to protect the environment and it's species from destruction due to careless management of the ecosystem.
10/21/2021 19:57	Lake		No	No					Removoil of the Dam's. Restore the Ocklawaha to it's natural flow.	Publications from American Rivers.	The death of the River System!	NO!	Once we lose the opportunity to connect the River to it's natural flow, it will be gone!

10/21/2021 19:57	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Showing my kids what it's like to still have a waterway that has a full ecosystem	Leave it as it is. Such a great reservoir to do so many different outdoor events with family and friends	Personal experience. My son has caught 3 of his 5 largest bass at Rodman.	What purpose does it have to eliminate such a prime resource. So many of our lakes are drying up or polluted and you have this natural body of water that is managed by a dam that keeps water levels accurate	NO	
10/21/2021 19:58	Citrus		No	No					Keep	Keep it, it is the new ecosystem.	Nutrient load in st johns		
10/21/2021 19:59	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time			Other	Open the Ocklawaha	That the lost Ocklawaha is there to be opened up and brought back to life.	The St. John's River is dying. The water that evaporated off the post daily would be strong healing for the river.	No	Please do what is best for the river. Don't believe the small group in support of saving the "reservoir".
10/21/2021 20:01	Marion		Yes	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing	Leave it alone	Undamming it would cause another shift for wildlife there is no danger to it now so why change anything? Getting rid of the dam can only cause problems. They are trying to fix something not broken which only brings the possibility of it breaking	Wildlife, how people make money , mass destruction of lake and properties	Absolutely not, not even close	I'm sure this is all about money or politics but leave it the fuck alone
10/21/2021 20:01	Outside of state / other	Michigan	No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is. Gets me to travel from out of state to come fish.	I'd expect the local area appreciates the tourism. It already exists. Can't see benefit in changing it now.	What would happen to the wildlife that now call it home? I will not visit the local area.	Don't understand what middle ground is possible	
10/21/2021 20:02	Duval		No	No					No dam. Get rid of it and let the River flow like it is supposed to!!! Quit messing up our resources!!! Let our flora and fauna grow and leave it alone so the animals can live!!!!!!!	Look at what's happened since the dam was added!! Duh!!!!	As usual. Raping the land.	None	
10/21/2021 20:04	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Leave it the way it is!!!!!. Destruction of land,wildlife habitats, fishing,etc.,is not desirable!!!	Years of observation!!	You can't return the River,to it's original condition, by destroying Rodman!!	NO	This argument, and lack of concern for fishing, boating,and wildlife, has been going on for too many years!!! Needs to be stopped!!!!
10/21/2021 20:06	Levy		No	No					It should be breached to restore Silver Springs	20 missing springs!	Once more Florida would lose part of our beautiful ecosystem, this time forever.	No	Having lived "down south" many years in Lee County and within smell shot of the red tide, I know that we need to act promptly on all issues that impact our wilderness, wildlife, and the quality of life that have always made Florida one of the world's most unique places.
10/21/2021 20:12	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/21/2021 20:13	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	Eliminate the dam	Let Mother Nature do it's thing. Without man dictating it's natural beauty	The natural flow of its rivers	No	Mankind has put its stamp long enough on Rodman's dam. It's time to fix and eliminate the dam
10/21/2021 20:13	Volusia		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Don't spend more money on it take out the damn it will improve water quality overall.		Lots of wildlife habitat decrease in Manatee numbers poor water quality	No	
10/21/2021 20:13	Seminole		No	No					I believe the partial opening of the dam would best serve the people of Florida.	Several pieces of information inform my position including: 1. 7,500 acres of the lower Ocklawaha's historic forested floodplain, 20 freshwater springs, and many miles of natural river channel that were drowned as a result of dam construction would be restored. 2. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be able to regenerate in the restored river channel, and in the re-emerged spring-run streams that drained into the Ocklawaha historically. 3. 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain wetland located downstream of the dam would be enhanced. Imperiled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, could expand their range into the restored spring systems. 4. Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single-greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the S. Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally-listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. 6. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from the restoration.	An opportunity to enhance Florida's environment and the possible break of the dam. Also, the waste of money to restore the dam.	I'm not sure, I would have to see what would be proposed.	
10/21/2021 20:14	Polk		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Boating	Keep the dam	Personal loss of a great fishing location	Loss of fisheries	No	
10/21/2021 20:16	Lake		No	No					Let the river to back to it's natural form.	Would be better for the manatees and other wildlife, including fishing. More springs will be available to enjoy.	The cost of repairs to the dam.	No	
10/21/2021 20:16	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like for it to be kept intact to support the wildlife that depends on the dam and lake	The vast influx of manatees into the lake to feed	The destruction of habitat	None	
10/21/2021 20:16	Hernando		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Hunting Wildlife viewing	leave our lake alone and leave Rodman Dam just as it is!	worried about displacing all that wild life	wild life and fishing will be destroyed	no compromise	
10/21/2021 20:18	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River returned to its original state, as it was before the attempt at the Cross Florida Barge Canal.	More jobs, tourism (eg. Silver Springs), and especially more diverse recreation opportunities are created by restoration.	I would be greatly concerned by the further decline in the water quality, with the attendant invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss, things that I already read about in the newspaper. Let's end the damage asap.	No. The problem of the water quality, the loss of springs, and the harm to our wildlife (manatees!!) needs to be addressed now.	
10/21/2021 20:18	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removed	Health of the Silver and Okalawaha Rivers and waste of tax money to maintain a senseless dam	Wasting taxpayer money to maintain a useless dam. Allowing the river to return to it's natural flow allows fish to travel and spawn as they once did on the Oklawaha. The natural environment and wildlife corridor would be improved and the Silver and Ocklawaha would be healthier.	The dam is serving no useful purpose, but is inhibiting the river to flow naturally. I want it returned to the way it was before the dam.	Please do away with the dam.
10/21/2021 20:21	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing	Removed	Clearing the water up throughout the St. John's	Continued ruined water quality	No	
10/21/2021 20:22	Alachua		Yes	Yes	1 time	1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat - with the food shortage this is CRITICAL	increased population loss of the manatee, which was so much work has gone into to get from endangered to threatened The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 521)
10/21/2021 20:23	Outside of state / other	New Jersey	No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Leave it alone	It is a lush ecosystem that supports the best fishing in the country and many manatees	That the ecosystem would be destroyed	No	Please leave this place alone.... I have fished all over the country and there is no other place like this on earth!
10/21/2021 20:24	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration
10/21/2021 20:25	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		I would like to see the dam removed and the flooded forest be re-established naturally.	The dam has had devastating ecological effects. It's way past time to set it right.	Continuing the path of ecological deterioration.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait	
10/21/2021 20:25	Nassau		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	That it remain a viable fishing location for everyone to enjoy.	My own experience.	That we will lose one of the top fisheries in North Florida.	No	
10/21/2021 20:26	Clay		No	No					I would like to see it partially or fully removed	Removing the dam would restore the riverway for people and animals and improve downstream water quality	Poor downstream water quality	Partial removal of the dam	
10/21/2021 20:29	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like the dam dismantled and the river restored to its original course! George Kirkpatrick was a friend, but maybe we can remember his service to Florida in another way.	Just take a look at the toll this I'll fated waterway has taken on the natural habitat.	Rodman will become a big retention pond catching pollution instead of renewing itself in normal cycles.	Maybe 10 years ago I held out hope for Rodman. But each year that goes by diminishes any likelihood of a good outcome.	We need to bite the bullet and do the right thing. Restore the river.
10/21/2021 20:31	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam, allow the river to flow.	Past precedent.	The river can't revive.	No	
10/21/2021 20:33	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	It is old and has gone beyond its life expectancy without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	I feel this is a pivotal time for Florida. essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/21/2021 20:34	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers and numerous springs are dependent on this water flow, including the Silver River and Silver Springs.	We miss the opportunity to use federal and state funding to make this happen.	No. The dam needs to come down now. Saving our wildlife cannot wait	Save our native Florida before it is too late.
10/21/2021 20:36	Putnam		No	No					Breach it	Environmental damage	Environmental damage	No	
10/21/2021 20:36	Duval		No	No					Remove the dams and return the river to its former state.	The need to preserve natural areas in Florida as development continues.	The loss of natural habitat.	It's pretty much all or nothing. There's a dam and a reservoir or there's a flowing river.	
10/21/2021 20:36	Outside of state / other	Texas	No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	I would like to see the dam remain in place and the lake preserved.	The lake provides an important ecosystem to fish, wildlife, birds, and manatees while providing a well-known destination to recreation it's and anglers.	If the dam is removed a historic angling resource will be lost. The central Florida hydrological resources are already impacted by manmade infrastructure and policies. Restoring this one portion of river is going to do little to impact the environment on a regional scale.	Flow agreements, river habitat improvement projects, invasive species management, and other conservation efforts can mitigate the problems that the dam and improve the ecosystem above and below the dam.	I fished this reservoir and river below many years ago and have treasured memories of the area. I know the local anglers and residents want to keep the system the same. I would like to return someday. If the reservoir is destroyed that won't happen. Please consider the economic and historical importance of this beautiful resource.
10/21/2021 20:38	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	The reservoir is a great fishing destination leave it as is	why change ?	Fish kill	possibly	
10/21/2021 20:40	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times		The dam needs to be released	Ecological evidence.	This dam never should have been constructed.	No.	Please rectify the ecological error that has taken place and restore the river to its natural state.
10/21/2021 20:41	Seminole		No	No					I would like to se it destroyed and the Ocklawaha river returned to its natural state.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	The 20 springs will be gone forever	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 20:41	Marion		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	As was done with the other parts of the Cross Florida Barge Canal, I believe the dam should be dismantled to permit improved wildlife management, eco-tourism, better and more natural water flow and eliminate the risk that the aging and structurally suspect dam would bring about if (more likely when) it fails.	The dam has been in place for more than 50 years. No structure can be expected to last forever without periodic maintenance which tends to get more expensive with older facilities. Additionally, in Ocala, Marion County, the use of the former Cross Florida Barge Canal property has produced, in my opinion, a natural cycling facility that attracts enthusiasts from many parts of the U.S. Also, around the country, more dams are failing or requiring significant sums of money to keep them safe. As a taxpayer, I don't want my tax dollars being used for this purpose when the alternative (restoring a free flowing river) would allow new and different types of jobs for this area, not just limited to a smaller area confined to one type and location for fishing. Finally, in the current climate, Florida could likely get substantial federal economic assistance to restore the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River.	Although I am concerned about the detrimental effect on fish, manatees and other water wildlife if the dam continues to exist, as well as the loss of new jobs in areas up and down the Ocklawaha, St. John's and other waterways in the area that would surely arise if the river is restored, my biggest concern is the stain on Governor DeSantis's public standing if (or when) the dam either requires a substantial cash infusion to fix it or, worse yet, if a sudden and catastrophic breach of the dam causes significant loss of life, property or economic loss to those affected by such a predictable occurrence.	No - especially when Florida has such a golden opportunity to create new jobs, restore the natural flow of waters that God created for this state before most current residents and their ancestors set foot on this state, assist the quality of water in the northern part of the state, and help aid the fish, manatees and other wildlife that would benefit from a continuous free flow of waterways from Central Florida to the Jacksonville area in the Northeast part of the state.	By supporting continued money to be spent on an older and in need of repairing dam, the State would essentially be supporting government support of one group of citizens over the rest of the populace, a step that Gov. DeSantis (and other governors like Gov. Bush) have repeatedly said is NOT the proper function of government. Thank you for considering these views of a taxpaying citizen.
10/21/2021 20:41	St Johns		No	No					Remove the dam to allow a natural flow. The current fluddied area that would drain should be protected conservation land.		Healthy natural ecosystem.	An boat launch fee that actually pays for the removal of the clogging vegetation.	
10/21/2021 20:44	Lake		No	No					Breach the Rodman Reservoir/Kirkpatrick Dam	20 drowned springs would re restored by this single project making this the most cost-effective and beneficial Florida spring protection project.	Declining water quality, fueling further invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue and will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha "drowned springs". 2021 was the deadliest year on record for manatees. It's unsustainable for 60% of them that rely on power plant outfall to keep warm.	Breaching the dam is so cost-effective and beneficial for Florida's springs, which should be treasured and cared for as they provide innumerable benefits for the ecosystem - it would be something to be proud of and keep Florida's natural wildlife thriving. A beautiful project with beautiful outcomes for Florida
10/21/2021 20:45	Seminole		No	No					Let nature be free. Free the river.	Because a free river= is healthier for the environment	We keep making the Same mistake.	Compromise is essential to democracy so of course	None
10/21/2021 20:46	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore it back to what is naturally was.	St. John's river water quality- I lived in Jacksonville beach for almost 4 years. A lot of the water in the area more towards the city I was too scared to keep fish from because of water quality issues.	Detrimental impact to the natural flow of water sustaining the marsh's.		
10/21/2021 20:47	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/21/2021 20:48	St Johns		No	No					Removed to restore water flow to St. John's river	The balance of life the way the good lord intended	Those after me will see a St. John's river that will be worse than what it is now. And the healing property of the great outdoors and recreation will be reduced, causing detrimental effects emotionally, personally etc	We need to do what's right. And that's to restore it how the good lord designed it.	
10/21/2021 20:50	Marion		No	Yes				Other	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam. Every day tgat the damage is in place, harm to the economy, water quality and wildlife is inflicted throughout the great Florida riverway.	The 20 hidden springs and Silver springs need that water for the ecosystem and wildlife restoration.	That the lower St John's, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Floridas largest artesian springs, Silver Springs are not restored.	No, breaching the dam is 50 yrs overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka. Is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will nourish these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/21/2021 20:50	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Get rid of the dam.	Reservoir also puts immense pressure on the aquifer below it,	The buildup of massive amounts of invasive plants, which require repeated applications of massive amounts of herbicides to make the water accessible to boats.	no	
10/21/2021 20:53	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Past time to remove the last vestige of the Cross FL Barge Canal by breaching the Rodman dam, draining the reservoir & restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River and it's 20 "lost springs." Return the Ocklawaha River to its natural flow.	The future of the Ocklawaha River		No	
10/21/2021 20:53	Pinellas		No	No					I would like the dam to be removed so that spirints can be supported.	The restoration of drowned springs will help to restore fish populations and manatees.	The dam and reservoir are unnecessary, and restoring them would cost millions of dollars. Removing the dam and reservoir would have measurable ecological and economic benefits (from ecotourism).	No.	Florida's springs are part of its aquifer shedsood. They are a tourism draw for the state, but also necessary for fish and other marine life. We need the springs to be restored.
10/21/2021 20:54	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River.	I rely on a large body of scientific information, and the best science indicates that the dam and reservoir have substantial negative ecological impacts. These include acting as a barrier to migratory species and those that utilize free-flowing riverine habitats during parts of their life cycle, including many fishes, manatees, etc. The dam is unique in the country in that it was constructed for the ill-fated Cross-Florida Barge Canal, but that project was deauthorized by the U.S. Congress. There is no reason for the dam to remain in place since the basis for its original intent will never be realized. Many agencies and organizations in the United States recognize the folly of many dam constructions and the country is now in an era of dam removals for those that fail to serve important functions for which they were originally perceived to have, and such dam removals are now restoring important ecosystems. The Kirkpatrick Dam/Rodman Reservoir fails in this category, and a free-flowing Ocklawaha River will not only restore ecological communities, but it will also benefit the citizens of Florida and visitors with immeasurable recreation and ecotourism opportunities, and associated economic benefits.	A failure of government to listen to the concerns of its citizens and voting constituents who overwhelmingly favor restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Moreover, the financial burden of continued maintenance and repairs to the dam are borne largely by Florida taxpayers, which is inequitable. Furthermore, there are additional costs and ecological consequences associated with maintaining the dam and reservoir, such as mitigating for invasive plant management. Both water quality and water availability are serious issues facing Floridians, and restoration of the system will help to alleviate these problems by protecting our aquifer, natural resources, and, ultimately, human health.	Not likely. I am not aware of any discussions about fish or manatee passage structures that might allow movement of species into critical upriver habitats, but this is something that should be considered should the eventual outcome fail to remove the dam and restore the free-flowing river.	My bottom line is that the dam, now more than 50 years past its construction and intended use, fails to provide any benefit other than, primarily, fishing for anglers with fancy boats—it does not provide flood control, hydroelectric, water supply (although interests elsewhere in Florida would like to tap into this), and other functions for which many dams in the U.S. were constructed. There is simply, in my opinion, no justifiable reason to continue to maintain the dam and reservoir, and Florida could provide an exemplary role by removing this structure and showing leadership in environmental protection and restoration.
10/21/2021 20:55	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the free flow of the ocklawaha river run freely to the st johns river - remove the dam	the dam/reservior was for the barge canal which was never completed. No barge canal, no need to keep the river blocked.	the river will never be allowed to regain it's original natural splendor, resulting in a huge loss of tourism / economic opportunities.	I don't know all of the options. Seems like Dam or no dam is the real question. No Dam is the correct answer.	Look to the future - the expense of keeping the dam greatly outweighs the positive environmental and societal impacts of restoring the river to a state closer to it's original flow. Your grandkids will thank you for setting the river free and allowing the vast floodplain to reforest. Wildlife will return and the banks of this storied river will once again be a thing of beauty to behold.
10/21/2021 20:57	Alachua		No	No					Breach	Manatees need to gain access to this habitat to bounce back from the deadliest year on record! e	More and more manatees dying, an increase in toxic algae/decrease in water quality, and a ton of wasted money to keep up the dam.	Nope. Breach it or bust.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. We also need to do a much better job at protecting our springs in general, and breaching the dam will help that!
10/21/2021 20:57	Alachua		No	No		1 time	Other: Do not use...never have and never will... it makes me way too sad and mad that it's even there		DOWN DOWN DOWN with the dam!!!!! RESTORE the NATURAL water systems of three IMPORTANT rivers. IMMEDIATELY!!! POST HASTE!!!!!	Clean water is the most essential and important part of our being/existence on this earth. totally vital to the whole natural world, especially in Florida.	Dramatic continued degradation of the quality of life in Florida.... for both humans and wildlife... all due to THOUGHTLESS and SELFISH HUMAN ACTIONS , political and otherwise...	NO! we're way beyond that possibility now	I truly believe that restoring the Ocklawaha is essential to the long-term viability of the state of Florida, and that removing that blasted dam mess would revitalize exponentially the area with increased recreational opportunities along with revitalizing our wildlife habitats PLUS CLEANER WATER FOR EVERYONE and EVERYTHING!!!!!!!!
10/21/2021 20:59	Marion		No	No					Dam should be breeched		Lost of a beautiful natural waterway system.		
10/21/2021 21:00	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restore the river to its natural state	improve the health of the St John's River.	Spoiling a good fishing spot.	Not really.	I have lived in Florida most of my life and never dreamed that we would have clean water problems. Thank God for the River Keeper, Sierra Club and other environmental groups!
10/21/2021 21:00	Leon		No	Yes					Remove the dam, drain the reservoir, let the Ocklawaha River reclaim its natural floodplain, and let the floodplain forest re-establish itself.	50 years of effort on the part of numerous enalligent people that collectively have demonstrated the folly of this ill-conceived project and the continued damage to the Ocklawaha River system.	Continued loss of riverine and floodplain forest habitat.	no	
10/21/2021 21:01	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Hunting	I would like to see the Dam breached so we can restore water flow	The fact that our river is suffering throughout	Habitat snd natural fishery destruction	A constant breach in the structure	
10/21/2021 21:02	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is. It is an amazing wildlife refuge for manatees. The amazing vegetation has been sustaining hundreds of manatees.	There have been nearly 1,000 manatee deaths this year. The Rodman Reservoir does not have any algae blooms. The is a critical ecosystem for these endagered species.	The manatee population would suffer greatly and a beautiful and amazing fishery would be lost forever.	No	

10/21/2021 21:03	Lake		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam. It has far out lived the reason and use it was originated for.	Ecological and environmental studies over now decades indicate restoring the Oklawaha wood support return and balance of multiple fish and plant species and is critical in spring the imperilled Manatee population.	This is the NOW opportunity. How long are we going to ignore environmental science? Nixon put the final stop to the cross barge canal in the early 70s. Why are we here FIFTY YEARS later? How can bureaucracy have impeded the return of the natural state of this river for 5 decades?	No. We've already waited far too long for this to be rectified.	Please do not capitulate to the political pressures of hunters/fishers etc with an agenda. The only agenda that should be attended to is the health if the river and all of the life it supports.
10/21/2021 21:08	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Other: DO NOT USE---NEVER HAVE AND NEVER WILL!! IT'S AN ABOMINATION!!!! DUE TO HUMAN SELFISHNESS	DOWN !!!!! DOWN!!!! DOWN!!!	CLEAN ABUNDANT WATER ESSENTIAL TO OUR EXISTENCE!!! TOTALLY VITAL TO THE NATURAL WORLD	DRAMATIC AND CONTINUED DEGRADATION OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN FLORIDA, FOR BOTH HUMANS AND WILDLIFE...ALL DUE TO SELFISH AND THOUGHTLESS HUMAN ACTIONS, POLITICAL AND OTHERWISE	NO!!!!!!!!!!! WE'RE WAY BEYOND THAT POSSIBILITY NOW..........	I TRULY BELIEVE THAT RESTORING THE OCKLAWAHA IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THAT REMOVING THAT HORRENDOUS DAM MESS WOULD REVITALIZE EXPONENTIALLY THE AREA WITH CLEANER MORE ABUNDANT WATER, PLUS INCREASED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND RESTORATION OF IMPORTANT WILDLIFE HABITATS.
10/21/2021 21:09	De Soto		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see it Dammed	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat	Absolutely not. This is well overdue!	SAVE THE MANATEES!
10/21/2021 21:10	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Stay the same	Im a fisherman and photographer. I spend at lot of time there and at orange lake in that area.			
10/21/2021 21:10	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam to restore the Oklawaha	The St Johns, Oklawaha and Silver rivers are brought back to an ecological healthy state and 50 springs are restored.	We miss a timely opportunity to get rid of a boondoggle, quit wasting money and improve these rivers.	No. Stop wasting time money and environmental health. Get rid of the dam now!	Stop pandering to a selfish few and do the greater good for the natural resources of this state. Breach the dam now!
10/21/2021 21:12	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Other: Showing people what a disaster it is. Usually 1st timers in the Ocala National Forest.	Restore the Ocklawaha River by removing the Rodman Dam. The dam harms water quality and wildlife. The local economy would be much better with the activities of a free flowing river.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Continued expenditures of $4 Million to $14 Million to keep the dam.	Drawdown of the reservoir to protect those downstream from imminent dam failure.	I protested against this dam as a child. I, and my parents were correct then and I'm correct now. Remove the Dam!
10/21/2021 21:13	Marion		No	No				Fishing	Breach it	improve fish and wildlife, water quality, and springs, and increase recreation opportunities	Further destruction of fish and wildlife and poor water quality		
10/21/2021 21:14	Suwannee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam this year!	Stop wasting money	Money is wasted	No!	Wildlife and ecosystems are degrading as you continue wasting time and money. Breach this dam.
10/21/2021 21:14	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain and improve fisher.	I am an avid fisherman and sportsman. My wife and family members enjoy the impoundment also.	Loss of a tremendous fisher.	No, not really. I would have to make due with the outcome.	
10/21/2021 21:15	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the ocklawaha river by breaching the rh dam.	Restoration of rivers and springs in FL	Opportunities for state and federal funds to meet environmental issues.	Not really. It needs to be done now.	So important for the environment and wildlife and Florida
10/21/2021 21:15	Nassau		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is, a wonderful place for fish and wildlife.	The abundance of record fish is unique.	One of the most amazing fisheries and manatee refuges could be destroyed if drained.	No	Do not drain Rodman.
10/21/2021 21:16	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam removed and the river returned to natural flow.	The current water quality is poor, and the area does not offer the wildlife habitat a restored river would.	The water quality will continue to diminish and the opportunity to restore the river will be lost.	No, the dam must be removed and the river restored.	
10/21/2021 21:17	Marion		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Fishing	Keep doing what you been doing	it's great for fishing. it's good for the environment. Destroying it is just stupid	There is nothing to be gained by destroying it	No	Leave it alone . Stop listening to the environmental wack jobs
10/21/2021 21:18	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	Save the manatees and preserve their environment!
10/21/2021 21:18	Flagler		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Preservation of ecosystem and natural amenity	Damaged ecosystem and dwindling resources.	No	Thank you
10/21/2021 21:18	Alachua		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Keep it as it is today's.	The fish and wildlife habitat the reservoir creates.	Loss of fish and wildlife habitat.	No - keep Rodman Reservoir as it is!!	Keep Rodman as it is today!
10/21/2021 21:21	Leon		No	No					1.What would you like to see happen with the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam moving forward? Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Breach the dam. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Dear Patricia, We need you to take action in the next 24 hours. One question I am often asked is, "What's the single most important project we can do today for Florida's springs?" To me the answer is simple: Breach the Rodman Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. And until 5pm Friday, you have the opportunity to tell the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Governor, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to finally breach the dam. We need your voice to make it clear that Floridians support a free-flowing Ocklawaha. Please take a few moments to submit comments on the St Johns River Water Management District's comment form, and let's make it clear that Floridians want a free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Submit your comments now Hurry, this comment form closes at 5pm Friday! If you need a little help answering the questions, here are the questions you will see on the form, and suggestions on how you might answer them 1.What would you like to see happen with the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam moving forward? Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the	Dear Patricia, We need you to take action in the next 24 hours. One question I am often asked is, "What's the single most important project we can do today for Florida's springs?" To me the answer is simple: Breach the Rodman Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. And until 5pm Friday, you have the opportunity to tell the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Governor, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to finally breach the dam. We need your voice to make it clear that Floridians support a free-flowing Ocklawaha. Please take a few moments to submit comments on the St Johns River Water Management District's comment form, and let's make it clear that Floridians want a free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Submit your comments now Hurry, this comment form closes at 5pm Friday! If you need a little help answering the questions, here are the questions you will see on the form, and suggestions on how you might answer them. 1.What would you like to see happen with the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam moving forward? Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. 2. What is the most important piece of information that supports your position? Possible answers could include: There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	None that would work. Please don't waste this opportunity, our fragile resources, and our money.	Thank you for carefully considering our answers. We are stewards of this creation, please do all that you can to make this change. Please breach this dam.
10/21/2021 21:23	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Open it up	Help wildlife and manatee	Dead water dead fish dead manatee	I don't know	
10/21/2021 21:25	Brevard		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	remove the dam and restore the original river flow	the animal diversity is negatively impacted by the dam and reservoir	the continued loss of the natural habitat	breach the dam or route the river around the dam	
10/21/2021 21:26	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Continue to keep it up to standards.	Community standards	Rodman is a very nice location and great for viewing and fishing. It would be awful.		
10/21/2021 21:31	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No, breach the dam	This is so important!
10/21/2021 21:34	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Take it down	The devastating effects on the springs	The springs will continue to deteriorate, and the cleansing flow will remain diminished resulting in increasing pollution.	No	
10/21/2021 21:35	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Fishing Wildlife viewing Other	I'd like the dam removed or opened. The water cabbage and sprayring is never ending. Trees are falling/fallen over due to soil being washed away. I don't have money for an airboat and I can't use my jon boat because the plants are so thick at my ramp. The only time my family can enjoy the river rightfully is during a drawdown. I enjoy taking the grandkids to the springs along the river, but they already don't even remember them from the last draw down. The dam is a waste of tax payer money and its hurting my river. The fish are not the same I grew up with.	Science and first hand knowledge living on the greenway . I've read a lot of the studies that make it crystal clear that the dam has been a disaster. It's also not safe anymore. I have friends upstream who's homes I'm worried about. If this dam breaks, we are in a mess of trouble.	I am most concerned about the future of Florid a. The spraying that's done to kill the invasive plants is going into my well. The money you're "maintaining" the dam with is clearly not enough. In business, there needs to be. Check and balance, and if this dam is not rendered defeated after all the evidence has been read, then I feel truly sad for my homeland. It's just not Christian.	The dam has to go. Take down the gates.its a waste of reasources.	
10/21/2021 21:35	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Other: See the damage to the River myself	Please remove the Dam and restore the flow of the Ok river	Cost: We are wasting huge sums of money on a dam built for a failed concept.	It damages the community's livelihood, cost a ton of money and effects our state's water quality for the benefit of very few.	If the current users want to keep the lake, they should pay the full maintenance cost plus an additional tax to be refunded to local county for the economic effect,	Please tear down this dam.
10/21/2021 21:36	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing Other: camping	Removed and the river restored to free flowing.	The improvement to the health of the St Johns River system and ecosystem, including the springs.	Continued decline in health of the St Johns River system and ecosystem.	No.	Yes, there will be tradeoffs (loss of the reservoir for fishing), but the benefits (both environmental and economic) of dam removal far outweigh the benefits of keeping the dam.
10/21/2021 21:43	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time		Other	Stop messing with mother nature.				
10/21/2021 21:43	Gilchrist		No	No					For it to be released	Environment	Environment	No	
10/21/2021 21:43	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain it to keep it as a premier fishing destination and wildlife viewing area. Facilities and navigation markers to be improved. Expanded lock hours to increase usage.	It is a key economic draw for Putnam county. Anyone who wants it destroyed has never been there. It should have never been built, but it can never be restored. Two wrongs don't make a right. Those who want the river still have the areas above and below, but those areas are hardly used compared to Rodman. It also serves to filter the water coming from the Harris chain before it reaches the St. John's. Anyone who things the St John's has algae now, just remove that filter.	If the Dam is removed the St John's water quality will rapidly decline with an increased nutrient load.	Clean up he nutrient load from the Harris Chain first before any other actions could be considered.	What real benefits come from removing it other than making a few crazy environmentalist happy.
10/21/2021 21:56	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 21:58	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam.	It should be returned to its natural state.	Continuing the discussion of what to do with the dam.	No.	
10/21/2021 22:01	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Oklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoring the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers will also restore 50 springs and dramatically improve the Silver Springs ecosystem, allowing fish and manatees to return.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I have kayaked the Ocklawaha as far as the Rodman Reservoir and seen what it could be if the river was returned to its natural course. There are simply too many benefits that can't be denied. Not only would this be an environmental win, it would be a huge economic win for the region.
10/21/2021 22:02	Outside of state / other	Tennessee	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I believe that for the safety of the manatee population and several reasons the dam must be maintained	The dam system helps contain blooming algae and other runoff from entering the main river system	Cost to the taxpayers to clean up the site, detrimental effects on wildlife. Especially manatee w	No	
10/21/2021 22:03	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed and the flow of the oklawaha returned.	The health and well being of the river ecosystems depend on this restored flow. Fresh water reserves for Floridians	The continued degradation of the connecting rivers without the flow that is required for the health of the system.	No	
10/21/2021 22:04	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an undisturbed blueway.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration
10/21/2021 22:06	Outside of state / other	Moultrie, Ga	No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored, $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy, wildlife that has been excluded can return home	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Getting rid of this dam is way past due.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 22:06	Miami-Dade		No	No					the dam should be removed to restore the natural florida wetlands. our rivers and springs are suffering and the state of the water and fisheries in florida are declining in OUR lifetime.	the fact that the dam has smothered 20 natural springs that fed into ocala national forest. which has stopped the migration of manatees and other aquatic wildlife.	that florida's water quality will deteriorate to the point that nothing can survive. we will have no more fisheries, no more coral reefs, loose a lot of what makes florida, florida.	no. the city, county, state, country, needs to do something about this. we cannot keep altering natural habitats.	
10/21/2021 22:07	Volusia		No	No					Breaching the dam- its is an unnatural and selfish barrier imposed on wildlife and a blockage to free flowing water.	Over 15,000 acres of the wild life corridor are restored by breaching said dam- positively affecting us and the environment.	Manatees losing access to warm water in winter time. manatees are already losing their habitats, this dam is yet another obstruction to their lives.	Drawing the reservoir down to 11/12 feet for a time- this would avoid dam failure and properly damage whilst allowing for recreational activities, however, wildlife will not benefit.	It is an absolute shame that youth have to speak up due to the irresponsible actions of the few. I would hate to see my area die out as the global environment plummets. I would want to be on the right side of history.
10/21/2021 22:08	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored	Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 22:08	Miami-Dade		No	No					Free the flow!!	Free the flow!!	Free the flow!!	Free the flow!!	FREE THE FLOW
10/21/2021 22:08	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners And wildlife restoration	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overstopping resulting in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow; support coastal resiliency; and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 22:11	Nassau		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing. Leave it alone. Everywhere government or man get involved in "fixing" things chaos follows. This is a beautiful place with lots of wildlife. Leave it alone	Just look at all the places where the government or man gets involved in " clean-up or restoration" it does not work. Leave it alone.	You idiots will try to drain this beautiful haven again in the middle of the night in name of some sort of "just" cause.	No, again leave it alone. Don't drain it.	This reservoir has came about due to the construction of a cross state barge canal that never saw completion. One benefit of this project was Rodman Reservoir which is and has been a beautiful haven for wildlife and fisherman alike . Don't drain it.
10/21/2021 22:11	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Removed or dam breached	Ecology and science based info - spring and river restoration	More of the same - special interests outweighs the Will and voice of the majority of stakeholders	Not really	
10/21/2021 22:14	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it!!!!	Restore natural habitat	Continued degradation of natural habitat	NO	This is critical to Florida's natural habitat!!!
10/21/2021 22:16	Manatee		No	No					?	Manatee welfare and future habitat	?	?	I am soon to retire and am a skilled Veterinarian with 40 years experience with both surgery and internal medicine, emergency care, and recovery of horses, pets, exotic pets, and Zoo animals during my career. I am interested in the plight and future of the Manatees in Florida on the gulf coast and am interested in applying for a position with the Manatee rescue organization upon completing the sale of my two veterinary hospitals and completing my full retirement in Ohio. Please pass this on to whomever may find it valuable and good luck with expanding the local habitat! James Underwood DVM
10/21/2021 22:23	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave it like it is it is a great place to fish	Fishing	It would destroy the habitat for the fish	It would destroy the habitat for the fish	
10/21/2021 22:23	Orange		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times		Remove it to restore natural flow	St John's river and water quality issues	Our states future		
10/21/2021 22:23	Duval		No	No					Get rid of the dam. It makes no sense breaking up 3 rivers and ruining so many springs. This is bad for the environment and our clean water.	Much information supports this. What bothers me most is that our water quality is hurt by this dam and as time goes on, we will be needing more and more water. I don't like the negative effects on the environment including wildlife.	We are ignoring the negative impact on the environment. We continue to trash our environment. This is irresponsible and shortsighted. I want the healthiest environment possible in Florida. No reason for keeping this dam is more important. The money is available from fed and state govt. Get rid of this dam now. My biggest concern is that if we don't do it now, we may never do it.	No. Just plain no. Get rid of the dam now. If it's the right thing to do, which it is, then just do it.	We have 3 rivers split up and 50 springs messed up. Florida can have healthy waterways. Our environment depends on the health of our waterways. Please, please, please get rid of this dam, let our waters flow freely and let our waterways recover.
10/21/2021 22:24	Volusia		No	No									
10/21/2021 22:28	Okaloosa		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave them alone	The ecosystem that has been created is extremely diverse and healthy	The lost of an amazing ecosystem and the destruction of a fabulous fishery.	Any scenario where the dams are undisturbed	
10/21/2021 22:35	Hillsborough		No	No					uncertain	that it does not harm the environment	not sure at this time		
10/21/2021 22:36	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the sam	The springs should be restored The fish will be helped The manatees need access	It's well past time to breach the dam and restore the river to its natural state. Keeping it is expensive and bad for the environment	No	We have lost enough manatees. Breaching the dam makes environmental and focal sense
10/21/2021 22:39	Leon		No	No					Based on what I've seen and heard, I understand the best option is to breach the dam.	Breaching the dam would restore the 20 or so springs that were drowned as a result of building the dam, as well as reopen access to the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs for migratory fish and manatees .	That lots of funding would go into restoring the dam, even though the dam hurts rather than protects the ecosystem.	I cannot think of anything more important, beneficial and timely than breaching the dam.	appreciate this call for feedback.
10/21/2021 22:44	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	At least breach the dam. Removal would be fine also.	To restore the natural flow of three rivers and 20+ springs and ecosystems which would provide increased wildlife and habitats, manatees, native fish and additional recreational activities.	That it would remain as it is...an old, decaying dam which really does not provide any public benefit such as flood control, power, water supply and we are left with algae-covered waters, dead trees etc instead of fixing a wrong by restoring/ reuniting the rivers improving water quality, expanding recreational opportunities such as canoeing and kayaking.	No.	I was born and raised in Ocala, Florida and love and care about Florida's environment and wildlife. Please , please breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River. Restoration will unite three rivers and improve water quality and flow and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. It would provide many recreational opportunities and benefit communities and economies. We love kayaking on the Silver River and would to have the rivers reunited and be able to enjoy the 20 miles of the Great Florida Riverway. It's imperative to restore this beautiful asset of the state of Florida. The dam is just a lingering piece of a mistake made decades ago to cut Florida in half for a barge canal. Restore the rivers to correct the mistake, bring manatees back to the Springs, bring native, migratory fish back, restore the 20+ springs that are currently flooded and let Floridians enjoy this unique ecosystem. Don't waste money repairing the dam. It is now time to take action that will improve Florida's rivers and ecosystems now and for our future generations. Thank you for your consideration.
10/21/2021 22:45	Alachua		No	No					The cross-Florida barge canal for which the dam was built has never existed. The dam and its so-called "reservoir" were kept intact by powerful legislators like Sen. George Kirkpatrick and his buddies, who wanted to go bass-fishing.	From what I hear, there are few bass left in the "reservoir", and what there are, are not worth catching.	The ecosystem of Florida is in poor condition already; getting rid of a man-made lake might help to restore it.	How can there be another solution? We either keep the dam or we don't, there's no in-between.	This fiasco has been going on for more than fifty years. For heaven's sake, get rid of the thing and restore the Ocklawaha to its natural state.
10/21/2021 22:45	Outside of state / other	Meigs, TN	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Keep it the way it is, the experience of this amazing place is just amazing seeing manatee and other things you can't see in my state made it a wonderful experience for myself and my kids.		I wouldn't visit the state of Florida again!		
10/21/2021 22:48	Duval		No	No					Take down the Dam and let the Oklawaha run free	submerged streams, dead trees,	increased algae	no	
10/21/2021 22:59	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking	See the river become a free flowing water body again.	Will provide a greater economic impact to the community (eco-tourism) and will help to restore the river and its surrounds to a more pristine condition.	Believing that the dam provides more positive impact than the negative impact that it currently offers.	I think the dam vs the river without the dam is the question.	Please be open to new ideas and not just the old narrative.

10/21/2021 23:01	Lee		No	No					To restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam and draining the reservoir.	Breaching the dam would be less expensive than removing it. Allowing the river to flow in it's pre-dam area still provides recreation opportunities and vast environment improvements.	The dam repair is very expensive and not necessary any longer.	Not that I can think of.	
10/21/2021 23:04	Volusia		No	No					Not to move forward with the dam: stop wasting taxpayers dollars	More open waters for our manatees to come to in warmer waters during the winter months	Very disappointing that money means more than protecting our eco system 😡😡	No ! Not really!!stop throwing $$ away .we have had hundreds of manatees starve to death due to starvation this past year.	Let's help our eco system: let's protect the fish, & the wildlife: the manatees, blue springs: let the water run more freely!!
10/21/2021 23:09	Marion		No	No					Breach the dam to allow free flow of ocklawaha river	Public safety and increase in water quality, increase in fish and manatees to Putnam and Marion counties and increase in tourism	Homes and businesses destroyed and potential lives lost if the dam fails due to age and lack of restoration	No	
10/21/2021 23:11	Outside of state / other	Massachusetts	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep viable. The manatees are wonderful and otters.	I saw them. Did fishing as well.	Never go back to area.	Need more info.	
10/21/2021 23:14	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed in order for the water to flow more freely as nature intended. I have been on boats from Welaka and traveling on the Ocklawaha. I was astonished by the beauty of the waterway and would have loved being able to go further along the Ocklawaha, rather than having to return to the St. Johns River because of the dam	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored in addition to supporting the three rivers that naturally flow together in a more natural way. I remember going to Silver Springs when I was young and returned from Europe with my children to ride the glass bottomed boat there. I would like my grandchildren to also have that opportunity to visit a healthy Silver Springs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. (characters: 571)
10/21/2021 23:16	Collier		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore habitat for manatees and other wildlife	Declining populations of wildlife	Less biodiversity	At least equal priority for manatees in management decisions.	Please make the protection and restoration of wildlife habitat your main priority!
10/21/2021 23:25	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Trans personal indeginous ritual	Comprehensive ecological planning development with full natural services inventory.... immediate removal followed by implementation of ecological rehabilitation and sustainable management	Long-term historical degradation of water resources and ecological sustainability which threaten traditional land viability and sacred disregard.	Ecological and economic catastrophy to local and bioregional communities	NO...immediate removal and complete system rehabilitation only	I appreciate this opportunity to comment and encourage your favorable response to these proposition for a positive future for florida water protections
10/21/2021 23:32	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/21/2021 23:39	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Environmental Education	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The health of the lower St. Johns River is better served by breaching the dam and reuniting the Ocklawaha, St. Johns and Silver Rivers, which will only strengthen the environmental sustainability and resiliency of the surrounding ecosystems.	Among numerous benefits to local ecosystems, wildlife and tourism, reintroducing approximately 150+ million gallons of natural flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns River would greatly help mitigate some of the more damaging impacts of dredging for JAXPORT, such as increased salinity levels encroaching further up the St. Johns River.	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. We must not miss the best opportunity to do this in a long time -- State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	As a resident living along the lower St. Johns, I have become increasingly concerned about the overall health and sustainability of the river and its surrounding ecosystems. Restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River seems like the simplest, most elegant and most cost effective solution to a myriad of problems affecting the lower St. Johns as it flows thru Jacksonville to the Atlantic Ocean. It appears to be the closest thing to a "win-win" scenario for which one could hope.
10/21/2021 23:39	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time			Other: See the state of things there	Free the Ocklawaha by breaching the dam.	The Rodman Dam prevents the natural, important migration of native fish and has cut off access for manatees. Breaching the dam would restore the freshwater flow and allow for needed habitat.	If this issue is not acted on, Florida misses a great opportunity to provide warm water for manatees when they are dying at an alarming rate because they're losing their habitat. The dam needs to be breached to provide uninhibited manatee and fish passage.	No, dam safety, better water quality and wildlife cannot wait.	Restoration is needed and I hope to see a bright future for the Ocklawaha River restored. Thanks for your time.
10/21/2021 23:53	Miami-Dade		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration.
10/21/2021 23:58	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Hunting Wildlife viewing	Tear it down Open the Oklawaha.	The dam is killing the Oklawaha, the land around it, & the St Johns.	Destruction of the St Johns.	No.	Destroy the dam now!
10/22/2021 0:13	Outside of state / other	CANADA	No	No									
10/22/2021 0:17	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see it maintained. I was amazed at the exceptional fishing, the variety of wildlife including alligator and manatee, as well as a huge array of birds.	My own personal experience and the opinion of those who rely on this for their livelihood. These are people I respect, visitors from all over use the waters which helps support the local economy	The loss of the habitat that has been used by so many species in addition to humans. This ecosystem has been established for many years now	Can not comment as I do not know exactly what those proposals are.	
10/22/2021 0:18	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Other: In Eureka, FL at canoe outpost	I would like to see the restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day it remains in place is not good, especially since the dam is in need of repair and can cost more than $57 million in flood damage.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy and was never used for its intended purpose. Restoring the river will save millions in taxpayer money. Restoring the river boosts the local economy because it also creates more recreational opportunities for outdoor loving people and this pandemic has brought them out of the woodwork. There will be an increase in visits and more jobs will ensue.	Economic benefits to the surrounding local communities, Putnam County and Silver Springs, will be lost because the enhanced recreational opportunities wouldn't happen. It's estimated that $47 million could be realized in the next 10 years following dam removal. Why spend taxpayer money to repair a dam that does not provide a broad public benefit?	No, thanks for asking. The economic benefits of restoration of the river outweigh repairing the dam.	I appreciate your time and consideration. As a stakeholder, not only do I care about the economics of this issue, but also the environmental impacts. Restoration of the river means that natural water flow will lead to improved water quality (big also for our state), restoring native fish and wildlife habitat and a reduction in saltwater intrusion. Thank you.
10/22/2021 0:20	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Removal of the damn, so that the original and natural flow of water can continue.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/22/2021 0:24	Duval		No	No						It's useless and a waste of money	The state just wastes more of our money	None	Do the right thing and help make Florida's future brighter and smarter
10/22/2021 0:24	Orange		No	No					Breach the dam	The dam prevents the springs from flowing naturally and provide habitat for fish, manatee, and other animals	Cost of maintaining a dam that is bad for our environment and animal life	No	Thanks The cost and negative impact to our natural lands is incentive enough to breach the dam and eliminate this headache
10/22/2021 0:28	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Visiting springs	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. The restoration is long overdue. The time is now.	As a Florida native and resident who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. The restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 0:29	Santa Rosa		No	No					I would like to see Kirkpatrick Dam breached so that the Ocklawaha River can once again flow free.	The dam would no longer need to be maintained or repaired at a cost of millions of dollars. It is quite old and never actually served the purpose for which it was built. It will free up the river for manatees and various species of migrating fish. The water supply to the St. Johns River will be increased. Thousands of acres of forested floodplain could be restored, including habitat for several native plant species.	Water quality in the area would continue to decline and residents and businesses downstream of the dam would continue to be threatened by the future of an aging dam.	No. Breaching the dam is the only solution that will yield the desired environmental and financial outcomes.	
10/22/2021 0:48	St Johns		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the natural river.	It would help save manatees.	The ecology of the area needs to be returned to nature.	No.	Please follow the recommendations of the St. Johns River Keeper organization for the betterment of the area.
10/22/2021 0:58	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam	springs restoration	Continued decline & eventual ruination of springs	No	
10/22/2021 1:12	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Remove the dam and return the river to it's natural state.	The fishermen can still fish and it will still be multi-purpose. It was not originally built for recreation only.	We did not do the right thing.	No	
10/22/2021 2:34	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure)	take it down! it is hurting the environment!	there are several springs that have been drowned because of the dam		no	
10/22/2021 3:06	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam!	The dam is past its life expectancy and hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Water quality declines further, possibly beyond hope of repair.	No please breach the dam.	Someone has to do the right thing and show up for Florida wildlife and the future of our water. Manatees are dying. Please do the right thing.
10/22/2021 3:22	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No						seen it	a lot more manatees will die needlessly	i don't know	save the manatees
10/22/2021 4:06	Orange		No	No					Removal of the dam and reservoir.	The reservoir covers several natural springs, the dam has no practical use, the river is not open to recreational travel.	Continued restriction of the natural flow of the river.	No	
10/22/2021 4:50	Orange		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would strongly oppose any changes to the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam. The Reservoir and surrounding habitat is a valuable resource for Central Florida and the rich vegetation and foliage provides a great food source and protection for a vast number of wildlife species (especially the growing number of Manatees that have migrated to the Reservoir as their other food sources and habitat has slowly been destroyed). Changes made to the Reservoir and Dam would more than likely create a situation similar to what's been experienced in the Mosquito Lagoon on the East Coast!	visit the area and witness the vast amount of wildlife supported by the Ecosystem and DNR has documented the increases in Manatee population migrating to the area and there is no shortage of documentation of the quantity of fish population and other wildlife in and around the Reservoir.	Our Community would loose a natural resource that cannot be replaced!	No - the natural environment around Rodman Res. The Dam is PRICELESS and for the sake of the residents of the State of Florida, the area should be left alone.	
10/22/2021 4:51	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove Dam.	Restore the River.	River will suffer.	Chocolate Ice Cream	Why
10/22/2021 5:03	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it stay the way it is.	People have jobs depending on Rodman. Lots of wildlife. Creates a buffer from development.	Loss of jobs. Development overtaking area. Manatees that have taken up home there will starve if Dam is removed. Wildlife using this area will be forced out.	No. Save the dam.	Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
10/22/2021 5:33	Manatee		No	No					What is best to save the Manatees	Manatees	Less manatees	Saving the Manatees	
10/22/2021 5:33	Putnam		Yes	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Keep it just like it is				
10/22/2021 5:16	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Kept the way it is.	Man has created the dam for the purpose of doing exactly what it's doing now. Helping wildlife. And to do away with it so many years later is awful.	The habitat of all animals that rely on specific areas be done away with.	Anything reasonable. This is not it	May the good lord be in control . God Bless America us
10/22/2021 5:39	Lake		No	No					I've never fished Rodman, but know it's a superb bass habitat. It would seem logical that removing/opening the dam would result in a significant loss of habitat & the loss of the filtering capabilities of that reservoir.	I'm not aware of the studies that must have been done to consider this radical change. Where do I access this information?	The overall effect on all water bodies upstream from the dam.	I can't think of anything.	How does this proposal compare with the effects of water control on the Caloosahatchee , Kissimmee & St. Lucie River systems?
10/22/2021 5:41	Clay		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove the dam.		Water quality will not improve but continue to decline.		
10/22/2021 5:47	Outside of state / other	I visit my uncle in Ocala and visit Rod	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Left alone	Wildlife. The ecosystem is tremendous also	Manatee, fish, wildlife in general would suffer.	No	
10/22/2021 5:49	Alachua		No	No					REUNITE OCKLAWAHA AND ST JOHNS RIVERS.	ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDACONTINUE	CONTINUED ENVIRONMENTAL AND WILDLIFE DECLINE	YES	
10/22/2021 5:50	Levy		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Repair it. So it lasts another 100 years	The wildlife and businesses that live because of the dam	Rodman will be gone. Right along with the wildlife	Leave it the way it is	
10/22/2021 5:52	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like it removed	The mulk that builds up in the river.			
10/22/2021 5:53	Lake		No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Stays open	Wildlife	Not sure	No	None
10/22/2021 5:54	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	Have it torn down	The dam is no longer needed and the river should be restored to its natural state	Continue to be outspoken	No short cut, it either stays or goes	
10/22/2021 6:02	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/22/2021 6:06	Orange		No	No					Breach the Rodmon/Kirkpatrick Dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem.	Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/22/2021 6:07	Alachua		No	No					Destroy the dam to free the Ocklawaha River	Three rivers and 50 springs will be restored if the dame comes down	Three manatee deaths and further environmental degradation	No	This will bring tourism dollars to the area. People love springs!
10/22/2021 6:08	Columbia		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Please remove the unnatural dam to restore habitat and flows to a natural system.	Manatee and fish passage and SAV restoration.	Animals and SAV will not thrive.	No	
10/22/2021 6:18	Orange		No	Yes			2-5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: We boat on the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers and would go farther north if there was no dam	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place it costs the state money, there is danger of an accident, water quality continues to decline, and wildlife continues to have more limited natural habitat.	$4-14 Million state money in dam repairs for a dam past its life expectancy could be utilized for more productive water quality and wildlife habitat improvements	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in damages to property owners and millions paid out by the state, money wasted when it could be used productively elsewhere.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue for reasons of dam safety, water quality and wildlife.	The Ocklawaha River is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, to restore the Ocklawaha River and reunite the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida right now. The project is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world providing approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. With the uncovering of 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam, hundreds of manatees would have essential warm water winter habitat. The estimated 150 million gallons a day of natural water flow would help restore the 100-mile lower St. Johns River. This is an important environmental effort that I, as a boater and lover of Florida's wildlife, respectfully request that you budget for and begin implementation in the coming year.
10/22/2021 6:22	Palm Beach		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. 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10/22/2021 6:38	Outside of state / other	Cook County, Illinois	No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 6:40	Leon		No	No					Please remove the dam	I have kayaked this area and I would like to see the natural flow of water	Lack of natural process. To restore natural streams and springs	Not at this time	
10/22/2021 6:42	Seminole		No	Yes					The dam should be removed to restore the natural flow of water.	Man made dams are an environmental nightmare. They hurt local plants and animals, especially aquatics. Dams also create a danger for humans downriver when they fail.	The environment around the dam will continue to deteriorate as will the dam. It is a looming disaster that could easily be averted if we just cared about the environment and humans as much as we care about money.	No.	Water flow is vital to the health of Florida's waterways. When we stop or impede that flow, bad things happen. Our state should be a tourist destination, not just because of the theme parks, but because of the natural beauty and health of our environment.
10/22/2021 6:42	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Keep it as it is now .	The wild life . and money that it brings to Florida.	The enjoyment that Rodman provides for my family .if there is a watershortage in Florida why would we do away with the lake .	What about the wildlife that has adapted to the lake all these years . and the manitee s .	
10/22/2021 6:43	Palm Beach		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing					
10/22/2021 6:44	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it alive	The wildlife habitat and how it supports tge community	Less visitors for the community		
10/22/2021 6:45	Suwannee		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Economic and invironmental impact		Loss of use of the water shed.		
10/22/2021 6:47	Union		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Nothing		Losing a lot of fishery		
10/22/2021 6:58	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam	Captains for clean water	That the resource will not be around for future generations	No	Remove the dam please
10/22/2021 7:00	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see it left alone	If it is removed we would lose rodman reservoir which is one of the best fisheries in the country not just florida.	The wildlife that uses rodman reservoir would be effected.	No just leave it alone	

10/22/2021 7:03	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the dam!	Springs buried, fish populations r. Decline	Degradation of waterways nearby, decline of marine life	No	
10/22/2021 7:05	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	The Dam should be removed or breached and the natural flow of the Ocklawaha and the many springs it is home to should be restored.	I kayak the silver and Ocklawaha Rivers and over the years have seen many changes. I'm involved in several environmental advocate organisations that provide the results of scientific studies. The personal observations of those who have spent years on the rivers contribute to my knowledge and fact-based opinion. The flow of 20 springs, the natural migration of fish and Manatees and the continued erosion of the land and forests in the area are hard sights to miss. The natural balance must be restored. The unintended consequences of the dam must be remediated.	Continued environmental degradation and imbalance. Restoring the balance of the natural world is more essential than ever.	If the dam remains in place, the decline of the environment will continue and intensify. this affects aquatic vegetation, fish, forests, wildlife and water quality in the three rivers involved. The Silver, Ocklawaha and Saint Johns rivers. I don't think that we have a choice. We're probably in the "too little too late" stage as it is.	I love kayaking on the Silver & Ocklawaha rivers; seeing the birds, fish, Manatees and the vegetation and trees. I have noticed that there are fewer and the river water less clear each time . Sad.
10/22/2021 7:05	Martin		No	No					The dam needs to be breached.	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem. There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Please keep our environment natural, as intended when it was created. As the world continues to head toward destruction we will need the resources these clean, fresh water springs provide.
10/22/2021 7:07	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Food source	Maintain the Kirkpatrick Dam and Lake Oklawaha at it's current state.	There are several studies that are available to SJRWMD that you hold. Save Rodman Reservoir organization also references many studies that support the maintaining of the reservoir.	Nutrient loads to the St. Johns river will increase and toxic algae blooms will greatly increase, the reservoir as we know it will be reduced to a ditch that will not be accessible without spending millions on top of millions of dollars to create access, all of the endangered and threatened wildlife will be displaced and the threatened manatees that are living in the reservoir will be threatened once again. The entire ecosystem will be turned upside down again after it has been repaired by nature from the Cross Florida Barge Canal debacle.	Unfortunately no. The dishonesty and underhanded behavior that has been exhibited by the Riverkeeper and the FDEP for years and even asking people to "cheat" on this very survey can not be trusted to come to the table with any viable agreement short of leaving Lake Oklawaha as it is today.	If you have the opportunity, you should visit Jenny Carr's (President of FDEP) Facebook page where she is asking people to use several email addresses to submit responses to this survey, basically calling on everyone to cheat the system. If you cannot find it, reach out and I will send you a screenshot. In my opinion, that is grounds to dismiss this entire process which I am sure will be challenged in court if Lake Oklawaha is threatened in any way. Hopefully it will not come to that as taxpayers do not need the extra expense.
10/22/2021 7:09	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing Other	I would like to see it keep up and operated like it has for years. Not only is this a great recreational area but it has a thriving eco-system.	The wildlife that lives in this area.	The economic impact it will have on the area.	The only scenario I could and would support is for the state to leave it alone and give it back to the army Corp of engineers and let them run it like they did for many years.	
10/22/2021 7:12	Osceola		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Stay	My experience	Ruining of an excellent wildlife, nature and fishing area	No	If you remove the damn, you will ruin what is a beautiful source of nature and wildlife that is accustomed to what it is today.
10/22/2021 7:15	Marion		No	No					Remove/return river to what it was.	Article I read and a video about how the damm destroyed the natural flow of the river.	Wildlife and the amount of tax $$$ needed to maintain the damm		
10/22/2021 7:18	Marion		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed so the river flows freely	Allowing the manatees to travel freely up the river for food and refuge	Extinction of the manatee's		
10/22/2021 7:19	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the dam removed. That is the only way to restore the wetland functions in that area.	Reconnecting the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. John's River would restore springs and wetlands that have been lost from the dam. As we know, springs and wetlands provide opportunities for recreation, wildlife viewing, and the rivers can still provide fishing and sport opportunities.	Our environment and economy are linked and we are at a critical point. My biggest concern is that the dam has contributed and will continue to contribute to environmental and economic decline.	No. Now is the time to remove the dam; it would be much more cost effective to remove it than to repair it.	
10/22/2021 7:20	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman / Kirkpatrick dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in florida not to mention the manatees that would then gain access to much needed habitat during a time where they are rapidly declining. Also breaching the Dam would save millions of dollars on future repairs due to it being past it's life expectancy.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 7:20	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam let nature restore the floodplain	The dam was put there for a barge canal that never was completed. It is blocking access to the beautiful river for both wildlife and humans	Dam failure	No	We live the Florida springs and want them to be accessible again. This dam serves no purpose
10/22/2021 7:20	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Remain as is it's a beautiful lake that provides for all	What it does for habitat	How it would affect so many lives including wild life	No	
10/22/2021 7:20	Marion		No	Yes			1 time		We would like to see the dam breached to allow the River and springs to return.	The advice of experts that have studied the ecological and economic benefits for breaching the dam.	The ecological damage to the river, springs and surrounding areas.	No	Please breach the dam to provide economic opportunities for ecotourism.
10/22/2021 7:21	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would love to be able to keep fishing the reservoir but if they tear down the dam and the state sells the land to developers to build along that stretch of the river what will that accomplish as it is now the reservoir supports a lot of wildlife , leave it bee	I am 55 years old about the same age as the reservoir. My dad took me fishing there I've taken my kids fishing there and grand kids if they remove the dam now it will never return to what it was before the impoundment was built.	The stat would sell the land along the river to developers and will never return to the state it was before It was built	Yes leave it alone it at it current state it supports more wildlife now than it would take another 50 to 100 years to return to the state it was before the reservoir was built	
10/22/2021 7:25	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take the dam down so the river can be free'd up and the springs can be enjoyed other than when the reservoir is drawn down	Paddled and fished the river when the draw down has occured	Nothing would change	No.	It's infrastructure that no longer serves a purpose.
10/22/2021 7:26	Volusia		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/22/2021 7:27	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking	Please leave it o	and many businesses depend on this wildlife ecosystem year round. This provides approximately 60 percent of my businesses.	I'll end up closing my 14 year old Sports and bait store in Salt Springs.	No	Rodman dam and it's ecosystem provides a large array of wildlife habitat. The economic impact to this area will be devastating to tourists, campgrounds, business and will take years for overcome if ever.
10/22/2021 7:30	Marion		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	To be left alone				
10/22/2021 7:31	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		Remove it and restore the natural movement of the water.			no	
10/22/2021 7:32	Pasco		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	* Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs.	* Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 7:32	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 7:37	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Other: viewing but once it is breached I will use it quite a bit	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Right now it harms the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	ENVIRONMENTAL SENSE! The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. **** ECONOMIC SENSE! Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	NO. It is time. It makes environmental and economic sense.	Breaching the dam will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 7:38	Alachua		No	Yes				Other: Haven't been for over 5 years. Went to see it and took a boat out	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam taken down to restore the Ocklawaha River	After the dam is removed, there are 20 springs that will be utilized by visitors, bringing in a large tourist economy. Many more visitors will be able to enjoy wildlife, including manatees, and many more diverse activities will be available to visitors.	That the ecosystem will continue to degrade, the opportunity to restore the river and 20 springs will be lost, and the dam will require many dollars of tax payer money for maintenance	No, Either the dam is removed to restore the Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns, or it is not.	I have not been inspired to go to the reservoir as I find it depressing but I would definitely visit the area once the springs are restored and bring out-of-state visitors there. This dam has been left in place way too long. Remove it.
10/22/2021 7:38	Outside of state / other	Gilroy, California	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Preservation of the Dam and Reservoir, with necessary maintenance; protected status as a Wildlife Refuge	Over the past 53 years, Rodman Reservoir has evolved into 9500 acres of idyllic wildlife habitat. Mother Nature has done her best work here, calling in a reported 115 species of birds, giant large-mouth bass, manatees with calves, and countless other species, and supported them with an abundance of food and space. Rodman offers the breadth and depth and diversity to withstand, better than a narrow river, the rising temperatures, droughts, inland flooding, and hurricanes resulting from climate change. (Florida set a heat record for the first 6 months of 2021.) Florida has lost 20% of its birds in the last 50 years. Rodman supports nearly 3 times the number of bird species as the Oklawaha River. What's more, it is here and now-habitat-established, successful, a known quantity. Draining away the water, it's life source, would add to the catastrophic loss of species, flora and fauna, that is being experienced now worldwide-experienced in Florida. Intentionally subtracting this 9500 acres of extraordinary wildlife habitat, in this time of unparalleled pressure on species from climate change would be incredibly ill advised...unspeakable. From a human perspective-Rodman Reservoir is "the jewel of Putnam County", a claim to fame for this, one of the poorest counties in Florida. It's awe-inspiring fishing, boating, and wildlife experience is a destination for sports fishermen and nature lovers from across the nation and world-bringing millions of dollars into its economy. Generations within families have grown up fishing and boating its waters; there is significance and legacy here; Rodman is beloved...it truly matters. That Jacksonville city officials and businessmen, far removed/detached from Putnam County life should determine the fate of the reservoir, based on their own political and financial desires, and with total disregard for the "pulse" of the Putnam community...it's an abomination...again, unspeakable.	Preservation of the Dam and Reservoir, with necessary maintenance; protected status as a Wildlife Refuge The devastating loss of 9500 acres of habitat, and the death and destruction of animal life that would ensue; the accelerated disappearance of birds and other species from the landscape	No. This is not a time to compromise, given the existential threat, to all species, of global warming. It's a time to preserve existing, proven habitat, to hold onto the bald eagle, the manatee, the large-mouth bass, and all others, in this place they have chosen, and are thriving-in Rodman Reservoir. The Oklawaha River is not a lake.	Rodman Reservoir is an experience, with its large, dramatic expanses of water, it's inhabiting wildlife, the thrill of catching big fish and seeing an eagle...such excitement can inspire young people, and help them understand /know what is worth preserving...so important, as they will be stewards of the environment in years to come. Rodman teaches and inspires.
10/22/2021 7:39	Union		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing	It should be kept as it is.	To remove the dam would destroy animal habitat such as eagle nests and osprey neit.	My concern is that basically an entire way of life would be destroyed for many types of wildlife.	No, leave the dam, there's plenty of water flow. Don't destroy animals homes and their way of feeding themselves. Not to mention how awesome it is to be able to go on the water and see these animals up close, like the eagle. Don't take that away.	
10/22/2021 7:40	Putnam		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam should be removed and the Oklawaha be returned as much as possible to its natural state.	While the Dam created a NEW area for recreation 50 years ago, it ruined other parts of the ecosystem, including springs, and also disadvantaged OTHER areas and locations as opportunities for fishing and recreation, including where we live in South Putnam.	Ecological damage continuing to the rest of the Oklawaha and surrounding springs, and the state continuing to spend money for another 50 years that could be better spent elsewhere to better environmental and economic effect	Not really. I heard recently someone suggesting that a portion of the dam could be retained to create a WhiteWater rafting location, but really I think we should NOT spend money altering our natural ecosystem to be something it is not intended to be.	My family has been in Putnam County since 1939 and enjoyed the natural beauty of Putnam for many years. We were unhappy to see the dam go in, and to see the issue become a political football. For decades, it has seemed to me that SOME portion of what has been used to repair the dam should be used to ASSIST those few business owners or property owners who would be adversely affected by removing the dam, that they've benefited from all these years, to help them transition, " so that so MANY more in our area and beyond, can have the benefit of the natural river. Moneys should be allocation to alleviate economic hardship in a MEANINGFUL manner, not a "lick and a promise." Problem solved.
10/22/2021 7:44	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: my mother-in-law lived 100 yards from Ocklawaha River , we used to visit every week.	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs and restore the biodiversity of the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers. The dam removal is long overdue as the entire project has been deauthorized for decades.	We would continue to maintain a dam that wastes taxpayer dollars all for an impoundment which is seeing fewer and fewer visitors just to have an occasional fishing tournament.	No, the removal of this dam and restoration is the only scenario that I could support.	the Ocklawaha used to be beautiful; it can be again.
10/22/2021 7:45	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is	Manatee population is thriving in these waters.	Manatee will disappear completely.		
10/22/2021 7:47	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Open it up and let it go back to its original purpose.	Healthy eco system/manatee access			
10/22/2021 7:48	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other	Leave it as is!	What happens to the wildlife of it goes away? The fish, manatees, eagles, gators??	What to do with the stinking swamp hole if the water is gone?	No	
10/22/2021 7:49	Alachua		No	No					breach the Rodman Dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this project, making breaching the Rodman Dam the most beneficial and cost effective springs protection in Florida.	we miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental interest is high, environmental needs are critical, dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Dodman dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. the project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/22/2021 7:51	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	To breach the dam and allow the Ocklawaha to flow freely.	To restore the wetlands and flood plains. In addition to keep the salt water from pushing up the St Johns River.	The death of the fragile ecosystem of microorganisms, fish and vegetation.	I am not aware of any other scenario that would help. Unfortunately people will not stop using chemicals that are polluting our waterways.	For this project to be halted should tell us all something. If the sad impact from this dam wasn't noticed the project would have continues.
10/22/2021 7:53	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Springs that were flooded and manatees cannot travel through the dam area.	health of springs and wildlife		
10/22/2021 7:54	Outside of state / other	Greenville, NC	No	Yes					Restore the Oklawa River	silty yank barrel project in the first place and continues to be an environmental disaster.	An unacceptable oughtnaye	No	
10/22/2021 7:54	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of river flow	River restoration could recover a natural Florida River system and eliminate costs for future maintenance of dam	Florida's rivers are threatened by development and increased population. The dam is unnecessary and is preventing river flow and ecosystems from functioning. Maintenance of the dam is a forever budget item.		
10/22/2021 7:56	Osceloa		No	No					Breach the dam to restore the Ocklawaha River.	The fact that the Ocklawaha, St. Johns, and Silver Rivers and many springs will be restored to their free-flowing and natural states, enabling use and improving conditions for fish and wildlife as well as all other users of those rivers.	Continued degradation of Ocklawaha and related water systems.	No, breaching the dam is essential.	Don't waste any more time in reversing the mistake created by this dam. Breaching this dam is long overdue and must be done as soon as possible to begin to restore our natural river systems and all the benefits associated with those systems.
10/22/2021 7:57	Duval		No	No					Restore the water way to the pre dam era, to protect our ST John River and there ecology that will occur		Worried what our wet lands and River health will deteriorate.	No	
10/22/2021 7:58	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed completely, opening up the waterways and restoring the river to what it was before man got involved with a failed never finished project.	The project that brought about the dam was never fulfilled, so it just needs to be gone and allow the river to be natural.	The river, the wildlife, the forest. They all need each other to live. The dam causes problems for all of them.	Removing the dam is the only way to achieve a natural river system again.	
10/22/2021 7:59	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Let's work to restore Florida's waterways. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/22/2021 7:59	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Breach the Dam	Lost springs	Continue the Loss natural fish and springs	No	
10/22/2021 7:59	Putnam		No	No					Full restoration, removal of dam infrastructure	Restore natural flow of river			
10/22/2021 8:01	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Restore to original flow without dam	Quality of water and health of St. John's river	At John's river gets worse	No	
10/22/2021 8:01	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam stay up.				
10/22/2021 8:01	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone.	Rodman will never be the same. Would take 100's of years to take it back to the original state it was.	Leave it alone.	Leave it alone.	

10/22/2021 8:02	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing					
10/22/2021 8:03	Alachua		No	No					Restored as nature intended.	Experience	Continue as is which is not best for the environment.	Not really?	
10/22/2021 8:04	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times		Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	The 300-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality and water flow.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a 550 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha.
10/22/2021 8:06	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other: I don't use the dam. It needs to go away. Silver springs, silver River need to flow	Remove all traces	River and water qualities	That piece of crap dam will continue to choke the natural flow and the government will WASTE money on repairs. It NEEDS to be removed	Any legislator that doesn't support removal should quit and go into septic tank work.	
10/22/2021 8:09	Outside of state / other	Louisville, KY	No	Yes	2-5 times	2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it the same	The reserve is thriving on its own	Lack of access and destruction of fishing habitat		Please don't ruin Rodman. It is a paradise of aquatic life, vibrant and strong.
10/22/2021 8:11	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Please make the decision that demonstrates reverence for life!
10/22/2021 8:11	Outside of state / other		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Leave it alone	Manatee and fishing	Manatee population decline	It's working now	
10/22/2021 8:14	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the dam removed and the natural flow of the Ocklawaha river	Restoring the surrounding springs!	I have seen area lakes, ponds and springs start to dry up, and restoring the river should help this.	No.	I know that people love to fish there, but they can fish on the river too, and tourism in the area should "increase" with a fully restored river.
10/22/2021 8:14	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	leave it as is	beautiful ecosystem clean water supply	the cost to fix something thats NOT broken	can't think of how you could do anything that wouldn't affect the current ecosystem Leave it as it is please	
10/22/2021 8:18	Marion		No	No					Would prefer if it was no longer in use. And allow the Ocklawaha to flow free.	Now to the free the Ocklawaha movement so don't know any hard facts off the top of my head and not going to andend I do			
10/22/2021 8:19	St Johns		No	No					I would like to see Adam breached and the original river restored.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Millions of dollars wasted on dam repairs and maintenance. Missed chance to increase habitat for manatees. Missed opportunity to restore beautiful wild habitat to Florida, making tourism more attractive.	Temporary drawdown of water level to allow natural water flow, restoring lost habitat. For the long term the long only solution is to remove the dam.	Removing the dam will save money on maintenance and restore beauty, making the waterway healthier. It will be a showcase for other states and bring more tourist dollars to the state.
10/22/2021 8:20	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the Dam and let the river take a natural course	20 drowned springs, the fish population in the Silver, manatees habitat, Savings of Millions of tax dollars	Million in taxpayer money spent unnecessarily, Manatees loose access to winter habitat, Water quality further decline	NO, breach the dam	Free the 20 springs, restore the Ocklawaha River
10/22/2021 8:21	Lake		No	Yes			1 time	Other	Remove the Dam	Its man made and florida should be put back to its natural way.	Continued decline for wildlife.	None	
10/22/2021 8:24	Alachua		No	No					Dam should be removed	Natural flow is the healthiest for the region	Waste of $$ to maintain dam and lack of water flow below the dam harms natural systems.	Not sure	
10/22/2021 8:26	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of 100 miles St Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville	Habitat restoration. Springs return. Does not provide flood protection or power water supply. Would provide essential warm water for manatees in winter.	Breaching dam is 50 years too late.	Drawdowns	
10/22/2021 8:27	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other	Maintain the Rodman Dam . Do not remove it. Fully fund its functions as it is	Personal observation of working ecologically balanced natural system, healthy family experiences and provides economic benefits to the region	That by removing dam, the environmental impact would be detrimental for species habitats and destroy a working ecology	No	I question the strategies of those wanting dam removal. Heard they're initiatives are personal, for future profit and are intended for financial gain. I believe that their motives are skewed towards recreational and political purpose. Not as presented. Motivation is financially skewed for personal benefits, ignoring impacts on natural systems working fine.
10/22/2021 8:30	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	id like to see it removed so the river is returned to its natural state.	A degree in natural resource conservation with a focus on wildlife. If a dam ever restricts the migration of fish, most gov agencies require a fish ladder or similar. What about a previously list endangered marine mammal? No such manatee ladders exist.	The invasive species breeding ground this has become, and the money poured into attempting to control that. The wildlife migration hinderance, and the continued degradation of the river and its ecosystems.	I suppose. If you can't/wont remove the dam, just bust it open and leave it. It'll be good enough for the river to return to its natural state, and that's good enough for us wildlife professionals.	
10/22/2021 8:34	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the Ocklawaha river restored to its original state	So many reasons... restoring ~15,000 acres of natural habitats, avoiding cost of repairing the dam, lost springs recovered. This area is relknown for its springs and natural beauty. Lets keep it.	Millions of dollars of tax money used to repair something that does not bring flood protection, power, or serve any real public benefit.... An opportunity lost to help Florida wildlife thrive.	No. This is an overdue project. Safety, Wildlife, and water quality is too important	
10/22/2021 8:34	Leon		No	No					Let the water go into the river!				
10/22/2021 8:34	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	For it to stay as it has been for all the previous year and for you not to destroy what has been built many many years ago!!!!	It will kill everything that has been built my whole life, why go in now like so other things and tear down for " nature lovers " who only visit	We loose our flows going as it is, i'm sorry I have a brain injury so it's not going to come out the way it needs to but I do believe that things need to stay directly like they are.		
10/22/2021 8:34	Alachua		No	No					Take down the dam and restore the natural flow of the river !	Numerous studies have concluded the overall benefits of restoration .	Loss of historic wetlands and wildlife habitats !	I am aware of no good alternative ... to restoration !	
10/22/2021 8:35	Marion		No	No					Complete removal of the dam.	There is no longer a reason for the dam and lake to exist.	Continued environmental damage	No	
10/22/2021 8:35	Leon		No	No					Let the dam be breached so the Ocklawaha River can be restored and help the animals that depend upon it.		Loss of wildlife in the area.	Not sure what the alternatives would be.	
10/22/2021 8:37	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Love to see the dam repaired and left in place.	Great fishing	Loss of the Bass Masters fishing tournaments.	No.	
10/22/2021 8:38	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	remove the dam and release the water to free the river to its original flow pattern.	We natural flow will help with the need for animals to have water all along the river. Damming the river to provide a place for only fishermen and boaters to use is not the right answer for this state.	drought along the remaining areas of the river	I don't believe we should dam rivers to make boating lakes. Florida has numerous natural lakes that boaters can use. Restore the river for the wildlife and all those that the river impacts along its trail.	
10/22/2021 8:39	Seminole		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Stay as it is	Great Bass Fishing			
10/22/2021 8:41	Orange		Yes	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would absolutely love to see the Dam & Reservoir stay as is and remain there forever.	Removing the dam would cause more harm and detrement to the ecosystem than good. The birds would have nearly no food to eat, many fish would die (in the long term,due to forage reduction) and the Reservoir bed would be just a dry waste land with enormous amounts of weed growth!	Seeing many of the birds and fish perish due to the lack of food.	No! The Reservoir and dam need to remain as is, in tact.	The only change I'd like to see are, more frequent drawdowns. Which will help control invasive plant growth and then in turn reduce the amount of herbicide spray throughout the system. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to voice our opinions! Capt. Tony Summers.
10/22/2021 8:46	St Lucie		No	No					I'd like to see it continue to help the manatees.		That we would lose more manatees this year and into the future.		
10/22/2021 8:48	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	move to hydroelectric power. have the best of both worlds. Controlled flow and electric power.	Environmental and economic positives for hydroelectric power	the country has a power shortage and it will only become more critical for every citizen.	the state must move forward in every instance where hydroelectric power can be developed. No doing so is denying every Floridian of a renewable resource for electricity.	
10/22/2021 8:49	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Looking out over Rodman Reservoir is mental health therapy. The beauty is awe-inspiring.	Having the dam/reservoir preserved forever. More amenities added, such as opening the Kenwood Campground. Also need a hydroelectric plant to help with funding for the dam/reservoir. Improve the Hog Valley Boat Ramp.	Research has shown that water flowing through the reservoir is cleaned before flowing into the St. Johns. There are so many studies showing that the reservoir is habitat for endangered, threatened wildlife. The manatees are thriving in our beautiful lake. Rodman is a RESERVOIR holding potable water which countries all over Florida are talking about BUILDING. And here is a beautiful reservoir already in place with the ability to provide water to Marion and Putnam counties.	The St. Johns River would become even more flooded with nutrients that create the deadly algae blooms. Wells and lakes in the area would be damaged. An ugly mud flat would be left. Wildlife would be greatly endangered.	NO NO NO NO It would be a travesty to harm this beautiful, thriving lake that is home to birds, fish, people, etc. No No No No	Unfortunately thousands of people connected to the FOE, Audubon, etc. have NEVER BEEN to our beautiful lake. They are simply copying the information they have been given. THIS LAKE CANNOT BE DRAINED!!! This is also a valuable resource for potable water which Florida desperately needs.
10/22/2021 8:51	St Johns		No	No					A return to nature in its natural state (no dam)	Human hubris that we can bend nature to our will	Continual development in FL		
10/22/2021 8:52	Lee		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. 44's, 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No, breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/22/2021 8:52	Outside of state / other	albany, ny	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to keep Rodman/Kirkpatrick as it currently is. It has created an amazing unique ecosystem that has world class fishing, incredible wildlife and beauty to name just a few . I have traveled from upstate NY to Rodman Reservoir a few times just for that experience and have invited friends from the mid west as well specifically for the fishing . One friend from Minnesota had such an amazing experience he came back again with his wife a few months later	The unique wildlife/ecosystem and world class fishing Rodman Reservoir offers	The immeasurable negative impact draining Rodman would have on wildlife including bald eagles and manatees. Also destroying a world class fishing and wildlife viewing ecosystem,	I think Rodman and Kirkpatrick should be left as is. They have created an amazing and unique ecosystem and countless people enjoy and a flora/fauna have thrived in,	
10/22/2021 8:53	Lee		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the natural river flow	My business ultimately relies on a healthy and thriving Manatee population. I am always looking at new options to expand my business. Possibly to that region.	Lost recreation opportunity and inaccessible habitat for Manatee.	Yes. I always try to keep an open mind and consider all the variables.	
10/22/2021 8:54	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, restore natural flow to river	Wildlife diversity and ecosystem stability	continued degradation of the St Johns drainage ecosystem	No	This has been going on way too long! Remove the dam now.
10/22/2021 8:54	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Stay the way it is. If dams went away, manatees would die	Over 800 manatee have come into Rodman this year looking for food AND found it.	Manatee safety and eco system in place	No	
10/22/2021 8:55	Lee		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 8:55	Suwannee		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Declining fish populations in Silver Springs The dam is past its life expectancy.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Important habitat not restored	No	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 8:56	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Breaching the dam would restore natural springs and help fish populations in the Silver Springs. It would also add habitat for manatees. Over 900 manatees have died this year, and restoring more of their habitat is an important step in their recovery. Rather than spending money on repairing the dam in the future, restoring the natural flow of water would help the ecosystem and wildlife, and thus help protect what really makes Florida a beautiful place.	Manatees and other wildlife may continue to suffer and experience loss of habitat and population decline. Florida would also miss out on opportunities for tourism and hospitality, photography and art, and other areas of growth to support local business. Keeping Florida's natural areas protected and well managed is the best thing we can do for the wildlife and for the residents and future generations of the state.	No, breaching the dam is necessary and vital, and nothing less will do.	Each of the springs I have visited in Florida have been important spots for local business, tourism, and wildlife. Restoring the 20 lost springs in the area would make me want to visit!
10/22/2021 8:56	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Mowing besides upkeep and maintenance		The gate of the wildlife in rodman and the economic toll on the surrounding area		
10/22/2021 8:57	Alachua		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Return the river to it's natural state		Loss of true nature, a massive fish kill resulting in total degredation of the river.	None. The idea was a disaster from the onset.	
10/22/2021 8:58	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached and the reservoir drained per the long-standing 'partial restoration' plan envisioned in the 2001 EIS from the US Forest Service.	The totality of benefits to water, wildlife, and the future recreation-driven economy of communities along the riverways impacted by the damming of the Ocklawaha. The dam and reservoir are unneeded remnants of a project that failed due to its overwhelming environmental impacts. Correcting these problems is long overdue.	The damage from the Cross Florida Barge Canal would be made permanent, and options for restoration and improved recreation would be lost. The reservoir builds up organic materials (creating a legacy of water quality problems) and requires heavy herbicide use. Frequent management is required to ameliorate these conditions that would not be needed in a restored system.	No. The dam must be breached and the reservoir drained in order to restore the many diverse ecological values of the Ocklawaha River and connected ecosystems from Central Florida to the mouth of the St. Johns River.	The State of Florida should consider all systems and communities impacted by the dam as they make their decision. Restoration will benefit many areas upstream and downstream from the dam. Tourism drives Florida's economy, and the current system is losing visitation. You asked if people visit the dam and reservoir, but you should ask how often people visit during drawdowns. There are several data sources you can consult to see many more people use this area during drawdowns compared to the filled reservoir. A restored system with more diverse recreational opportunities will provide important economic revitalization. Also, it is important to remember this issue has had support from both sides of the aisle and all federal and state agencies that have been involved in creating restoration plans over 20 years ago. There are many opportunities for incredible bass fishing in Florida's lakes; restoration would provide many unique environmental and recreational features to the landscape that are much needed. Plus, the project helps move forward all 5 of the key environmental priorities identified by the legislature this year (water resource improvement, flood protection and resiliency, manatee habitat improvement, benefits to the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and Springs restoration).
10/22/2021 9:02	St Johns		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River.	Science. Restoration of a free flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers.	Continued degradation of the St. Johns and other connected rivers.	No. This has been delayed for too long!	Let's get this done...it is time.
10/22/2021 9:02	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I only go kayaking and wildlife viewing during draw downs. I enjoy seeing the springs during the draw downs.	I would like to see the river restored back to its natural beauty. I would like to see the reservoir removed So the river can flow freely. Remove the part of the dam that is blocking the river.	I grew up going to the river. I've seen the changes and I don't like it. I can't use the river in the reservoir because it's always blocked or I hit a stump. My own experience is all the information I need.	The muck is building up and the fish can't spawn in it. They use to much herbicide to keep the ramps and canals open. When they do that there is an awful smell from dying plants. I am also concerned about the safety of that old dams condition.	No! Restore the river and let the people, manatees, and fish use the river like they use to. Thousands of acres for wildlife will come back to.	I know there's a lot more people that go out there during the drawdown enjoying the wildlife, fishing, and going to the springs. I see a lot more bank fishing during the draw downs. During the draw downs tree seedlings come up everywhere then when the water comes up they all die. It's stupid!!!
10/22/2021 9:03	Santa Rosa		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Left alone	My son in laws business	Killing wildlife	No	
10/22/2021 9:08	Hernando		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Continue the draining once every 3 years. Leave the dam in place.	The Rodman reservoir is an important piece of the St. John's river, not just for the fishermen but for the protection and quality of the water in the St. John's. Rodman filters water with all the vegetation that it carries inside of it. Hurricanes and spraying ruined the grass in the river. Rodman is one of the last Major filters the st John's has.	The St. John's river will turn into a mudhole and become an invaluable resource to the community. Thousands of people travel from out of state to come fish the river. It would take away income for the surrounding towns and city's.		
10/22/2021 9:08	Outside of state / other	Louisville,Ky	No	No									As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 9:08	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached to restore the flow to the Oklawaha River and avoid the millions of dollars it would take to repair and refurbish the dam and restore the natural ecosystem	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem.	Continued harming of the ecosystem/water quality issues, increased algae blooms, loss of much-needed protection of manatees.	No. Breaching this useless and outdated dam is the right thing to do. It is the most cost-effective and most environmentally responsible action to take.	Please breach the dam and restore the flow to the Oklawaha River. The natural springs and their ecosystems as well as the Oklawaha/Silver Springs buried under Rodman Reservoir are a vital asset to our state and its environment. The smart economic move is also the correct move for our priceless environmental treasures.
10/22/2021 9:08	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam.	Breaching the dam would restore the three connected rivers; the Ocklawaha, Silver and St Johns and uncover several covered springs.	The water quality in the Ocklawaha and Silver rivers would continue to deteriorate and the lost fish populations will not recover.	No. A drawdown will not restore the fish numbers to what I regularly saw growing up in Ocala and working at Silver Springs in the 1960s. There are hardly any fish in the springs and river now.	
10/22/2021 9:09	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing					
10/22/2021 9:09	Duval		No	No					remove it	more fresh water for the St Johns River	The river will continue to deteriorate.No	No	The reason for the dam is no longer viable.
10/22/2021 9:10	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	This is the most significant opportunity we have had in two decades to convince leaders its time to reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs for fish, manatee, and other wildlife. It creates a huge economic and environmental impact to northeast Florida.				

10/22/2021 9:10	Sumter		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Mankind should be the protectors of our wildlife and the environment necessary to maintain it. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees, unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 9:11	Duval		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	The economic benefits it provides to the neighboring communities.	Future conservation and restoration attempts may also be denied.		
10/22/2021 9:12	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Please open the dam to restore the natural flow of water.	The obvious benefit to wild life. The increased area available for aquafer recharge and the financial benefits are undeniable.	Wasteful spending for repairs and invasive control need to be avoided and if this is not done now florida will lose the opportunity	None I can imagine	Generally speaking, we have learned that our interventions to improve Florida have untoward consequences. Draining the everglades straitening rivers and the like have proved to be major errors. This a chance to put one more "error" right and save money for more important purposes.
10/22/2021 9:12	Lee		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitats.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 9:13	Clay		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman dam removed.	Hopefully, the Oklawaha river would be restored to the way it was.			
10/22/2021 9:16	Orange		No	No					Restored to original status. No dam				
10/22/2021 9:16	Lake		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	Florida is killing all the lakes with overspray of roundup killing fish and manatees leave this pristine one alone	Probably move out of state	No	
10/22/2021 9:19	St Johns		No	No					Removal of the dam and a return to natural flows along the Ocklawaha River	Environmental group newsletters and updates	Continued decline in environmental quality along the river	I am not sure if it is possible to lower the depth of retention in the lake or if studies have been made showing results of this	
10/22/2021 9:20	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Nothing	It's pretty	I wouldn't visit it anymore		
10/22/2021 9:20	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Free the Oklawaha! Have natural flow	Recreational benefit. Create a more natural ecosystem	Continued unnatural shifts to the ecosystem. Loss of recreational opportunity	Keeping the dam fully open	
10/22/2021 9:22	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting					
10/22/2021 9:24	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored and 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 9:24	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	I am concerned about the homes and the water levels	The water level to our home and how it's affects our wells	Every time you drop the water it seems to effect the wells in our area	
10/22/2021 9:24	Pinellas		No	No					Breach it	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	We lose an opportunity to restore our precious rivers and springs	no	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/22/2021 9:25	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Continue to maintain as they are	Manatee refuge	Where would the Manatees and other wildlife go?	No	
10/22/2021 9:25	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Leave it as is.	Beautiful lake which supports hundreds of wildlife species.			
10/22/2021 9:25	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking					
10/22/2021 9:27	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it natural, open to the public, support wildlife conservation.		That we lose more natural habitat and wildlife	No.	Unfortunately money seems to be more important than conservation. I hope this will not be the case with the Rodman.
10/22/2021 9:28	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Stay the same				
10/22/2021 9:30	Pinellas		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the rivers and restore our ecological features and provide new recreation and economic opportunities.	Protecting and improving water quality is a priority for our state and Governor DeSantis. This project will restore three rivers: Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, as well as 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem. There are few restoration projects that can match that in terms of ecological benefits.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose the opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This is a phenomenal opportunity for our state to restore a treasured ecosystem and improve water quality. Restoration will generate an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Please review this restoration as a pragmatic, cost-effective, and mutually beneficial project that Florida can be proud of!
10/22/2021 9:32	Leon		No	Yes				Other: Before retirement, I was a state biologist who dealt with many Rodman Reservoir and Oklawaha River issues over the years.	Breach or remove the dam and let the river restore itself.	Free-flowing rivers should not be dammed or left dammed without a good reason.	Restoration is inevitable at some point because it is the obvious choice. Delay now will just anger people more and more.	No.	This issue has gone on for far too long because of the resistance of a very few, but politically influential, local individuals. It is one of Florida's biggest embarrassments, as well as being ecologically harmful. Now is the time to finally end the indefensible delay.
10/22/2021 9:33	Polk		No	No					I would like to see the dam removed so that the natural flow of the Oklawaha River can be restored.	The Kirpatrick Dam and Rodman Reservoir are choking the natural flow of the Oklawaha river, which is critical to the St. Johns River. This leads to a lack of freshwater feeding into the St. Johns, suffocates a handful of natural springs and restricts the natural movements of dozens of marine species in the area. It was constructed as a part of a failed project decades ago, and it serves no natural purpose. Let the Oklawaha flow naturally again and restore some balance back to the St. Johns river, which is desperately lacking in freshwater flows and already struggling with saltwater intrusion from river mouth dredging.	Continued habitat loss throughout the St. Johns, which will lead to compounding effects that will ultimately damage the economy of the St. Johns and surrounding area.	No, the dam just needs to be removed. It's not natural and it serves no purpose.	
10/22/2021 9:34	Putnam		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other: Getting food for my family	Continue to maintain it as it is today to support the great ecosystem that has been created and continues to filter the water before it flows into the St. John's river	There are many studies out there, however the 2 that I will note is; *The Hendrickson Report (SJ2016-1) *Springshed Nutrient Loading, Transport & Transformations by Mathew Cohen University of Florida school of forest resources & Conservation at HTTPS://www.researchgate.net/publication/255649623_springshed_nutrient_loading_transport_and_transformations	My business will fail to survive, monies that are generated by the thousands of people that travel here from all over the country to visit Lake Oklawaha will be lost when Putnam County already struggles from revenue as it remains one of the poorest counties in the state, manatees will die from starvation as they are currently seeking refuge in Lake Oklawaha due to their food source being decimated in the St. John's river, all of the wildlife that now reside in Lake Oklawaha will be displaced and may not survive that transition, Bald Eagles will be displaced and harmed among other atrocities that would be caused by the destruction of such a great and diverse ecosystem that has been created over the last 50 years.	Unfortunately there is no compromise that I would agree with as the main "leaders" that want to destroy this great ecosystem for their own personal gain St. John's Riverkeeper and Jenny Carr are some of the most dishonest people that I have ever seen. Their lies, cover ups, misleading information, false statements are mind blowing at best and in my opinion borderline illegal.	Please take the time to visit Jenny Carr on Facebook and see for yourself her direction to her followers to cheat on this "survey" that was requested by her and FOSP. It is truly a shame that they cannot even have a legitimate survey completed and immediately asks her followers to use many different email addresses to respond multiple times even though it represents one person.
10/22/2021 9:35	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Correction of water flow	Steady decline in fish and wildlife	Loss of habitat	No	
10/22/2021 9:36	St Johns		No	No					Take down the dam and free the Oklawaha.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers.	Continuation of unnatural reservoir.	No. Breaching the dam is long overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I remember when George Kirkpatrick spent $1 million of taxpayer money for a study which recommended tearing down the Rodman Dam and freeing the Oklawaha River, then did the opposite. Such bull-headed and stubborn wrongness! It's past time to tear down the dam and free the river to its natural state!
10/22/2021 9:36	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	No changes	The amount of diverse wildlife that utilizes the lake. The lake has a healthy ego system while other parts of the St. John's River is suffering	That a world class bass fishery would be destroyed and all the wildlife that depends on the lake will be lost.	No	Do not let this Great Lake be destroyed by someone's political ideology when they choose to ignore the facts of what a great wildlife sanctuary this is. The manatee is thriving here when they are dying in other rivers and lagoons across our great state.
10/22/2021 9:36	Marion		No	No		1 time		Other: No	Breached	Demise of the rivers	Further damage to the waters of the rivers	Do not know of any agenda	
10/22/2021 9:37	Outside of state / other	Boise, Idaho	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Removal	Conservation of rare endemic fish species	None	Removal of the dam to allow for a return to natural flows of the Ocklawaha River	
10/22/2021 9:37	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	I would like to see the dam removed in order to return the reservoir and river to its natural state.	I have lived here my whole life. I have directly seen the effect of the dam restricting the fresh water flow into the St. Johns. With the constant dredging in Mayport, and the reduction in fresh water flow from the Ocklawaha, this allows the salinity to increase further south into the St Johns. This has in turn assisted in killing off all of the eel grass in the river, the fishery has declined tremendously over the years.	My concern is the further degradation of a once incredible fishery and surrounding environment.	No.	Please understand I have personally witnessed the change in this fishery and ecosystem myself over the last 20 years. A gradual decline in this important ecosystem negatively effects the whole state of Florida, economically and environmentally. We need the fresh water flow re introduced to the St Johns in order to combat saltwater intrusion into this fragile ecosystem.
10/22/2021 9:38	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. And hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, the public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.
10/22/2021 9:38	Hillsborough		No	No					I want to see the dam (that is already at risk of failure) breached and natural flow to be restored to the Ocklawaha River. I would also like to see the funds that would have been needed to restore a structure that will never be able to do what it was initially designed to do used to restore the ecosystem that its construction destroyed.	Purely from an economic stand point, breaching the dam and reaping the benefits of the eco-tourism spending that will result makes sense. Add in the restoration of a large area next to a huge state park is priceless. The 20 fresh water springs that have been drowned by the reservoir would be reachable to many more people again. The environmental benefits are so immense I don't even know how to put it into words.	WASTING FUNDS to maintain a system that has huge negative affects on the environment. WASTING a huge environmental to the entire state and local economic benefit to satisfy the needs of the handful of folks that use the reservoir for fishing.	No. Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.	
10/22/2021 9:39	Outside of state / other	Massachusettes	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	I would like the damn to come down and the rivers to be reunited	the damn prevents natural migration patterns- my largest concern is for wildlife and restoring an important indigenous landmark	My concern is for a suffering ecosystem that struggles to thrive in a human- made world	No	
10/22/2021 9:39	Outside of state / other	Wisconsin	No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Left as is.	Our family has been coming here for the past 5 years. It's one of the best bass fishing places in the entire country and not by a little but by a huge margin. Even with in the state it is considered one of the best bass fishing locations. It would be devastating to know our family would have to look for another place to go for our vacation when coming to Florida.	We will no longer visit here when we come to Florida for vacation.	No	
10/22/2021 9:40	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Keep it like it has been for the last twenty years. Wildlife NEEDS this beautiful refuge . Save the manatees.		I would be worried wildlife would diminish.	Yes get with locals environmentis and fishing guides and ask what they see on the daily and most in the middle.	
10/22/2021 9:40	Broward		No	No									
10/22/2021 9:41	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Relaxing on the river!	Gone to allow the natural flow.	I have read information from various conservation groups and at various springs that supports this.	The wildlife and health of our springs.	I am willing to hear options but it seems like there's only one way to fix this.	
10/22/2021 9:41	Levy		No	No					Removed to allow restoration of the Ocklawaha River.	The continuing environmental damage to the Ocklawaha River system.	That the state and federal government will continue to spend funds to maintain a mistake that causes environmental damage.	Not aware of what halfway measures there might be.	There is also the unfortunate damage to Silver Springs which, when I was a child enjoying the glass bottom boats, was full of fish that had gotten there by way of the Ocklawaha. That wonderful Florida experience is denied to my children and grandchildren.
10/22/2021 9:44	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal to restore historic flow of the ocklawaha.	The cost of repair and restoration of the dam would be a greater burden on taxpayers of the state than removal. Additionally, in a year with historic manatee death rates, a free flowing ocklawaha would provide surviving populations with an additional refuge.	Cost of repair of the dam, long term maintenance, all for a dam that does not serve any purpose beyond recreation.	I am not aware of a compromise scenario that would come close to achieving the goals of full removal of the dam and reservoir.	A healthy river system would provide superior recreational fishing compared to a dam reservoir system. Additionally, maintenance costs would be very small compared to having to draw down the reservoir every few years. Removal of the dam would benefit everyone in the watershed and everyone that travels the distance to visit (like myself).
10/22/2021 9:44	St Johns		No	No					removing or breaching the dam and allowing the waters to follow their natural course	deteriorating water quality on the St. Johns River and tributaries	continued degradation of water quality	breaching the dam instead of removing it entirely.	
10/22/2021 9:45	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Other	I would like to see it gone and bring more fresh water into the St. John River.	The lack of grass and algae blooms in Dis. Lake		I would have to see alternate plans.	
10/22/2021 9:46	Orange		No	No					I would like to see the river wholly or partially returned to the state is was before the dam. Environmentally it would be better for people and the water ecosystem for this restoration to move forward. We have done enough damage the water ecosystems in the state. We will pay a price if we do not start corrected.	The history of the dam project.	More damage to our water resources. We are in trouble when it comes to effectively managing this resource.	NO	
10/22/2021 9:47	Outside of state / other	Indiana	No	No									
10/22/2021 9:47	Lake		No	No					I would like to see the Dam breached.	Restoration of our springs. Repopulation of our fish in the Silver Springs area. Also, to stop unnecessary spending on damn repairs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is overdue. It is what's best for our environment and our taxpayers.	
10/22/2021 9:48	Alachua		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Drinking water	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!	Why destroy a thriving ecosystem to line the pockets of crooked politicians with money?	Lack of water storage in north central Florida	NO	
10/22/2021 9:48	Outside of state / other	Alliance, Ohio	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Have the government leave the reservoir alone and finally scrap all plans to remove the dam. It provides a fantastic fishery and habitat for wildlife, let alone the dollars it generates into the local economy.	I do not have access to research that shows the economic impact of Rodman Reservoir. But, logic illustrates the habitat provided for wife life and my experience fishing Rodman shows what a fantastic fishery it is.	I would no longer be able to fish Rodman Reservoir and thus have no reason to continue to visit Florida.	Nine	It is past time to put to rest the efforts to destroy Rodman Reservoir. This issue rears it's ugly head every few years. One might debate whether or not Rodman dam should ever have been built. But, the reality is that it was built, it created a unique ecosystem for wildlife and provides a valuable economic resource for local business. Leave Rodman dam the hell alone!
10/22/2021 9:48	Pinellas		No	No					The damn removed and the river flow restored.	The damn impedes the natural flow and negatively effects the fishery, wildlife migration and water levels.	Good money is thrown after bad to keep up a damn that doesn't have a purpose. It's quite old and it's time for it to come down.	Form what I understand it's either maintain the damn or remove it. A middle position might be to keep some of the Damn stricture in place as a fishing platform?	I have paddled the river but haven't been to the damn itself. I grew up in the Jacksonville area and love the St Johns. I think a restored river would be an amazing attraction and a boon to the Palatka economy.
10/22/2021 9:49	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	Knock it down				
10/22/2021 9:49	Duval		No	No					Return it to its natural configuration.	There is a reason nature made it that way. Let it go back to what it was.	Destroying the natural environment.	If you can't return it entirely to it's original flow, do whatever is possible to make it as close as possible.	I appreciate you allowing the public to weigh in on this. Thank you.
10/22/2021 9:50	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam.	General unhealthiness of St. Johns River, saltwater intrusion, toxic runoff etc.	Further damage to the St. Johns, including harm to flora and fauna.	unknone	
10/22/2021 9:50	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Other: N/a	Open them up, remove them	St John's river keeper	Same old same shit, not listening to the experts	Open to debate	N/a
10/22/2021 9:50	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Allow for a natural flow up the St. John's.	Captains for Clean Water	Diminished ecosystem of the Jacksonville marshes.	Any improvements on the nature flow of fresh water.	
10/22/2021 9:51	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	It should be removed and the area restored to Pre Kirkpatrick Dam condition	It was built for a project that will not be completed . Please restore to its original state	That as a state we can not right our wrongs . We just leave it because someone thought it was a good idea . Lets look at it with todays information vs outdated info	no, Restore to original	Thanks for asking
10/22/2021 9:52	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, it never should have been there to begin with and this is our opportunity to DO BETTER.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Do the right thing now.	My family and my therapy clients depend on this natural ecosystem for healing, recreation, and connection. MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.
10/22/2021 9:52	Broward		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: swimming	Maintain the Reservoir and Dam as is! They are both wonderful assets for Florida, the local community and visitors. My family has owned property there for over 40 years. We've enjoyed every aspect of this wonderful wildlife and nature resource and hope to for years to come. Also a great buffer and water source in the event of forest fires. Keep up the good work there!	There are numerous facts and figures accumulated over the past 25 plus years to support and save Rodman ReservSuch! But I'm on the road now and don't have access to the data. It's in the Save Rodman Newsletter from very technical and knowledgeable sources.	that it would become a mosquito ridden mud flat for years to come and cost a ton of taxpayers money to make it such!	Not really	

10/22/2021 9:52	Leon		No	Yes		1 time			Based on the scientific data presented by reputable organizations and agencies, I would like the dam to be removed so that there is increased hydrologic connection between the waterbodies that will facilitate healthy outcomes for wildlife including manatees, and the springs that depend on the river's flow.	Most of our infrastructure in the US is very old, pre-dating many environmental regulations. We spend millions in tax payer dollars each year to remediate environmental issues humans create. By keeping the dam we are going to have to invest public funds to fortify the dam and remediate the environmental damage caused by it and other anthropogenic activities, in a time when spring flows are declining and manatees are dying in record numbers, it seems like a no-brainer to adopt a lower-cost alternative that can benefit our environment and save tax dollars.	Water quality and supply (and therefore wildlife habitat and outcomes) will continue to decline, and we will waste tax payer dollars trying to remediate a fixable problem.	No, not really.	There is widespread public support for this right now, as well as available state and federal funding to assist. The time is right to breach the dam and not punt it off for the next generation to deal with.
10/22/2021 9:53	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time			Remove	Need to protect water resources and downstream property	Continuing degradation of silver springs	No	
10/22/2021 9:54	St Johns		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Rivers to their Natural condition and flows	This would benefit the ecosystem and create more recreational resources.	The deterioration of Florida's natural resources and be kept in check and possibly reversed only if the State and Local authorities are proactively working towards preservation	No	Florida's natural resources have been under assault by developers and government needs to do its job to regulate the out of control sprawl that has been decimating wildlife and depleting wildlife habitats. Returning these rivers to their natural state would go a long way towards buffering the ongoing damage being inflicted upon the environment and residents alike. It's time to turn the tide of natural resource exploitation by big monied interests. Government needs to act on behalf of the people and the environment so we can live sustainably and preserve the fragile heritage of Florida's ecosystem.
10/22/2021 9:54	Columbia		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Take down that dam!	This is a beautiful river where wildlife lives. Migrating animals used to move up and down this river but cannot do so now because of the dam.	That Ocklawaha River would remain impaired	No	The time to restore this beautiful and important natural feature of Florida has long passed. Please stop spending our tax money to keep this dam in place. It's only used for fishing. The recto of us want a healthy, flowing river, that would also have great fishing!
10/22/2021 9:54	Leon		No	No					I would like to see the Rodman and Kirkpatrick Dam removed.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/22/2021 9:54	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Hunting	I would like to see the restoration of the natural flow	Failing water quality of the St Johns and Oklawaha rivers	Further deterioration of both rivers. Further the reservoir is not self sustaining and must bend rained periodically	I don't see much middle ground. Perhaps some Temporary assistance for negatively impacted business's	Mother Nature usually has it right and then mankind perverts the process with unforeseen consequences
10/22/2021 9:57	Nassau		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain it the way it is				
10/22/2021 9:57	Alachua		No	No					Remove the damn and restore the area to as natural a state as possible.	The damn was built as a failed cross Florida canal project and serves no purpose at this point. Never should have been built.	The natural environment which was wrongly modified will continue to suffer for the benefit of private business interests.	No - the removal of the dam is a all or nothing solution.	
10/22/2021 9:59	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam	Many scientific studies	Fractured river habitat, poor water quality	No	
10/22/2021 10:00	Duval		No	Yes					Destroy the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Urgent need for clean, fresh drinking water.	Continuing poisoning of the river(s) downstream.	Not really.	Putnam County receives minimal financial benefit from the reservoir and the sport fishing. The need for clean River water is a much higher priority for NE Florida.
10/22/2021 10:01	Alachua		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm-event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, only a drawdown alone will not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and all the public benefits that are the priority.	There is no justification for waiting. Be bold. Take the needed action now.
10/22/2021 10:01	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	Wildlife viewing		Remove the dam.	Environmental restoration.	Continued environmental degradation at great taxpayer cost.	No.	
10/22/2021 10:01	Duval		No	No					I would like to see the free-flowing Ocklawaha River restored. This means dismantling the Kirkpatrick Dam.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem would be restored.	Water quality would decline, further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is the only way to restore the Ocklawaha River.	
10/22/2021 10:01	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking		Remove the dam	Restoration of rivers and springs, return of aquatic corridors for manatees and fish.	Further decline of water quality and potential failure of dam	No	
10/22/2021 10:01	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I was hoping to go kayaking out on the Ocklawha but realized very quickly that it was not a place to go out on a kayak. The weeds that the Rodman dam has created is a blight and makes any of the River unusable		I would like the dam removed. It does not provide any good resources to the local community and for those that are trying to visit. Not including all of the negative environmental impacts.	There is countless UF/IFAS studies that show the benefits of removing the Rodman Dam. I am sure those studies will be referenced by others but I am trying to quickly fill this survey out as I did not know about it until the last day.	Environmental and human health impacts. Local economy isn't great and won't get any better if you keep the status quo. Additionally the amount of herbicides that have to be sprayed in the water to keep the weeds under control is a major concern for the water quality, local ecosystems and human health.	Breaching or completely getting rid of the dam.	Please get rid of this dam. There are only a few but loud citizens that want to keep this. I understand they want to but we just can't anymore. Water quality is a rising issue in Florida and so is the health of our ecosystems. It's time just to do the right thing and not let a few people make such a big decision that impacts so many more people than just themselves.
10/22/2021 10:02	Lake		No	Yes		1 time	Boating		BREACH THE DAM take it down!!!	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world
10/22/2021 10:03	Sarasota		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir.	Restoration of the river has been supported by multiple scientific assessments, economic studies, agency recommendations, environmental impact statements and conservation organizations.	Impact on natural resources.	Partial restoration	
10/22/2021 10:03	Marion		Yes	Yes	More than 5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Other: Historical guided trips	Remove the dam I have lived in Marion County since 1972 been to Washington state seen the results of dam removal. We will gain more than we loose	I know people on both sides of the controversy have gone to the meetings see me information both present from my experiences I believe that going back did the original course of the river will benefit more than leaving it as it is	Conditions will only worsen between Rodman and Silver Springs	I I wish there was but I don't believe so	
10/22/2021 10:04	Orange		No	Yes		1 time	Other: I was hoping to go kayaking out on the Ocklawha but realized very quickly that it was not a place to go out on a kayak. The weeds that the Rodman dam has created is a blight and makes any of the River unusable		I would like the dam removed. It does not provide any good resources to the local community and for those that are trying to visit. Not including all of the negative environmental impacts.	There is countless UF/IFAS studies that show the benefits of removing the Rodman Dam. I am sure those studies will be referenced by others but I am trying to quickly fill this survey out as I did not know about it until the last day.	Environmental and human health impacts. Local economy isn't great and won't get any better if you keep the status quo. Additionally the amount of herbicides that have to be sprayed in the water to keep the weeds under control is a major concern for the water quality, local ecosystems and human health.	Breaching or completely getting rid of the dam.	Please get rid of this dam. There are only a few but loud citizens that want to keep this. I understand they want to but we just can't anymore. Water quality is a rising issue in Florida and so is the health of our ecosystems. It's time just to do the right thing and not let a few people make such a big decision that impacts so many more people than just themselves.
10/22/2021 10:04	Duval		No	No					Removal of the dam	Restoration of the ecological health of the Okalawaha River. Saving taxpayer money required for yearly maintenance of the Reservoir.	Continued adverse ecological effects on the Okalawaha and Stjohns Rivers.	Not sure.	
10/22/2021 10:07	Hillsborough		No	No						Yes			
10/22/2021 10:08	Marion		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times		Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. SPRINGS: Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world.
10/22/2021 10:08	Seminole		No	No					I think that it is time to remove or breach the dam, restoring the river to its natural state.	Several springs will be restored by removal of the dam, taxpayer money to otherwise makes needed repairs to the dam will be saved, and natural manatee habitat will be restored.	The manatee population decline will be exacerbated without the dam removal and moinies that could be used for other environmental projects wil be wasted repairing the existing dam	Not really. I don't see an alternative that will achieve similar goals.	
10/22/2021 10:03	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	Keep it				
10/22/2021 10:09	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing					
10/22/2021 10:09	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times		I would like to see the dam removed	The numerous environmental surveys that show how damaging the dam to the river system.	We continue to choke off the Oklawaha	Not unless you can achieve a free flowing unincumbered river system.	
10/22/2021 10:09	Alachua		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/22/2021 10:09	Martin		No	No					I support the position taken by the Florida Native Plant Society regarding the restoration of this Reservoir and Dam. Sally Brodie				
10/22/2021 10:09	Volusia		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Keep it the way it is		Loss of outdoor activities		
10/22/2021 10:10	Clay		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / kayaking		Take it down.	Don't try to change nature.	Manatees perish	Anything that would start the restoration of the Ocklawhaw	
10/22/2021 10:11	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other: Waiting for it to go away	Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	MANATEES: 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.
10/22/2021 10:11	Outside of state / other	Dallas, WV	No	Yes				2-5 times	Fishing Boating	I would love Rodman to stay open to fisherman. Last time I went (this past March), it was clean, secluded, and a very good time	That it needs to stay clean and people need to respect the wildlife and continue catching and release fishing	It would it be open to fisherman		I went fishing at Rodman this past March and caught a 9lb 2oz bass with Captain Sean. Living in WV, the biggest fish I ever caught was probably 2-3 lbs. It was amazing pulling that bass out of the water. The way I fished at Rodman and the way I fish at home are 2 completely different things. Rodman has taught me new things to bring back home and teach others.
10/22/2021 10:12	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam, restore the free-flowing river	Most every scientist, hydrologist and ecologist that I have read, supports this decision. Restoring the surrounding wetlands will be a tremendous benefit to local wildlife. More people will kayak/canoe the river and view the wildlife than fish the reservoir.	Dam will require endless expenditures to sustain the status quo.	No	
10/22/2021 10:14	Charlotte		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking	TO restore the river .				
10/22/2021 10:15	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove the locks and dam to save taxpayer money! Fishermen can still fish the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, and Lake George.	The locks and dam serve no purpose other than maintaining a fishing area for small group. Using tax money to maintain and eventually replace the aged structure is not use of funds.	Wasted money on a recurring annual basis.	No. The dam and locks need to be removed. The benefit to a small group does not justify the expenditure of public funds.	When the dam and locks are removed, there will still be plenty of fishing areas. Please do not allow the argument that the Rodman Reservoir is necessary to support the local economy to determine a logical outcome. A restored Ocklawaha will be just as "fishy" as the current reservoir and local businesses will not be impacted (i.e. fishermen will still buy bait and tackle to fish the river that same as they do the reservoir). Maintaining a fishing area for a small group does not justify the ongoing long-term expenditure if tax payer funds. Thank you.
10/22/2021 10:15	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	The birkpatrick dam to be removed	The environmental degradation that has occurred to the Ocklewaha.	The river to continue to be degraded		
10/22/2021 10:16	Duval		No	No									
10/22/2021 10:17	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other	Get rid of it.	The research from my book :An Ocklewaha River Odyssey	That the Ocklewaha is permanently damaged.	I guess a passageway, but the dam really needs to go.	Free the Ocklawaha.
10/22/2021 10:18	Volusia		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Camping	Dam removed immediately	It obstructs the natural flow of the river, creates a dead reservoir, obstructs the movement of manatees to Blue Springs.	That the status quo will continue That the dam will continue to deteriorate and cause flooding along the St John It's another factor in the extreme dangor of manatee extinction	Permanently drawing down the reservoir and allowing the dam to deteriorate on its own	There are still lots of options for recreation along the wild and beautiful river! I remember some UF research a few years back concluding that bass below the dam are larger. I would love to see these degradations to our ecosystem removed and see Florida restored to its natural and beautiful state.
10/22/2021 10:18	Nassau		No	No					It should be breached. The original purpose-the Cross Florida Barge Canal- is obsolete and the Ocklawaha River should be re-established.	This is a win-win for the State. The funds are available. Much needed water will be restored to the St. Johns River. The access and opportunities for public use will be enhanced, along with wildlife habitat.	The death of the St. Johns River. And of the eco system it supports.	No	I sincerely hope this dam breach project will be achieved while the opportunity exists.
10/22/2021 10:19	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	It's my opinion		Would hurt the manatees and kill the fishing	No	
10/22/2021 10:20	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times		Free the river.	Knowledge of the circumstance of the dam	Not being heard.		Free the Oklahawa I have been saying to the state and District, since 2004.
10/22/2021 10:20	Duval		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.	Improved flow to the St. Johns River.	More algal blooms and pollution in the St. Johns River.	No.	
10/22/2021 10:20	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Waterway restored to how it was by breaching the dam	The dam caused natural springs to be lost, wetlands to be changed and needs costly repairs which would be money wasted.	Money wasted, natural water flows continue to be lost, Lost opportunities for both human and animals to enjoy and live in a natural environment.	No, breach the dam and be done with it. It should gave never been built in the first place.	lets make right what was done wrong and give back to Florida a natural waterway.
10/22/2021 10:24	Brevard		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintained it's a great fishery! One of the bests in florida	FWC stats of Trophy bass caught from Rodman	Impact to local businesses such as lodging, fishing guides and tackle shops among a few. This great fishery supports a lot of local businesses. Without it I wouldn't make the trip out and spend my money within the community.	Support Rodman reservoir and preserve it the way it has been.	N/a
10/22/2021 10:24	Outside of state / other	Wisconson	No	Yes		1 time			Keep this reservoir!	Excellent fisheries. Wild wetland, home to abundant wildlife.	Where does the wildlife go?		This world needs less concrete and more wildlife.
10/22/2021 10:25	Outside of state / other	North Carolina	No	Yes				Fishing	Other: just to look at the devastation and soggy mess	Take out the dam and get rid of the reservoir. River to flow free	That the Florida taxpayers continue to be billed for a total boondoggle with no environmental value	Don't know	
10/22/2021 10:25	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the springs restored.	Restoration of natural migration patterns for wildlife, fish and manatee is of special importance. This is very special spring area that is completely undermined by the reservoir. The dam should have never been built and spending financial resources for its upkeep is abominable.	At a time when Florida manatee are starving to death in parts of Florida, healthy habitat and access is imperative wherever it can be provided. I do not want my tax dollars going towards preserving the dam and reservoir as an affront to clean water and important wildlife habitat.	No there is not, the draw downs are not enough. Spending funds to upkeep the reservoir is not acceptable. This dam should not exist.	The existence of the dam and reservoir for 50 years is an affront to these very special natural systems. Our manatees need access to the winter habitat upstream. Stop studying and stalling and free the Ocklawaha.
10/22/2021 10:25	Alachua		Yes	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	I hope it stays for the wild life sake	When I finish my captain license I'll be guiding on rodman	The wildlife will suffer	I really hope rodman stays	

10/22/2021 10:26	Outside of state / other	Ashland, WI	No	No					The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 10:28	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: Camping	I'd like to see the channel moving freely again.	The current state of the channel.	The continued decline of that chain of lakes.	
10/22/2021 10:28	Monroe		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the damn removed to restore the flow of the river	Research that shows the improved health of the waterway end species which rely on it.	Continued destruction of Florida waterways and natural beauty and resources which is what brings us to Florida in the first place.	No
10/22/2021 10:28	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time		2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	the Kirkpatrick Dam should be breached and the flow of the river should be restored. The Reservoir will be diminished over time.	2002 -USFS completed an EIS in 2002 that called for restoring the Ocklawaha and partially removing the Rodman dam to connect the river. They gave the state of Florida a special use permit to temporarily retain the Rodman dam and pool on USFS land based on the state's commitment to complete the river restoration. The permit has lapsed, and the state of Florida is operating structures on USFS lands without a permit.	Wasting tax payer dollars to maintain a structure which serves a small minority of vocal bass fisherman while preventing the natural springs and flow of water which would yield far better habitat for wildlife and more valuable game fish. The evidence shows that breaching the dam is the best thing for the eco-system and fish and wildlife. We shouldn't waste this opportunity.	Partial restoration is the preferred alternative for river restoration that has been supported by almost all scientific assessments of the Ocklawaha Restoration Project, all agency recommendations, two environmental impact statements and conservation organizations across the state. This plan restores the river flows and levels, as well as floodplain function, to pre-dam construction conditions by breaching the dam at the natural river channel, west of the main Rodman Dam structure. This plan requires limited removal of/or alteration of structures or the land. Rodman Park fishing docks and ramps would still be maintained.	The benefits of restoring the Ocklawaha river are obvious to anyone who has paddled down the nearly stagnant body of water, and seen the flooded forest which could be so awesome if the river were to be restored.
10/22/2021 10:29	Orange		No	No					I'd like to see the dam removed.	State fisheries biologists studied the Dead Lakes for several years after the dam was torn out. Without the dam, they found the lakes were healthier.	Continued degradation of Florida's environment.	no
10/22/2021 10:30	Wakulla		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach it.	There are manatees starving to death and they need access to this area to survive. This is the deadliest year that I know of for them. This dam is hurting our fish population and wildlife.	State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No.	We should do all that we can to protect wildlife. We are ruining our planet. Please don't be part of the problem and make things worse.
10/22/2021 10:31	Lake		No	No					I support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide.				
10/22/2021 10:35	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	Remain intact	True environmental impact	Removing Rodman reservoir would be an environmental catastrophe. The reservoir acts as a giant wetland buffer for the surrounding drainage basin. The reservoir supports a much larger, more diverse ecosystem than what the river could support alone, in terms of fish, bird life, alligators, invertebrates and manatees.	Not that I can think of	I'm an environmentalist, in support of many measures to help Florida's troubled waterways. However, draining Rodman reservoir will not help the Ocklawaha River - in fact, it will likely harm the basin. Rodman acts as a giant filter for that portion of the system. The environmental arguments against Rodman are incorrect. Topics like wetland buffers, sequestered carbon and biodiversity are never discussed. The latest claim - that Rodman is the reason for increased exotic species like tilapia, armored catfish, etc. - is ridiculous. These species are increasing to huge numbers all along the St. John's system - including far upstream of the dam. The loss of eelgrass or seagrass is not a factor of Rodman. Lake George, and the continued absence of eelgrass there is a perfect example (again, upstream of the dam). The loss of grasses is a great concern - and is likely due to generations of herbicide use and nutrient loading from area septic and fertilization run-off. These are the facts. Rodman reservoir is protecting the resource many are hoping to renew. The real fight - the one that is best for the river - includes point-source pollution, herbicide and fertilizer run-off, aquifer depletion from urbanization, and seagrass die-off as a result of a number of factors. What we are dealing with here is another example of a mis-informed public, anxious to jump on the bandwagon for an environmental problem that can be blamed on urbanization and run-off. Mark my word, the wetlands of Rodman are helping the river. A true scientific study of this area would result in overwhelming support of this fact. Florida actually needs more places like Rodman.
10/22/2021 10:35	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Removed permanently	Free movement of the Ocklawaha to reestablish the natural river flow for dis manatees and all other aquatic life.			
10/22/2021 10:36	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Nothing I think it's beautiful the way it is	I live in hog valley the river wouldn't be the same if they took the damn down	They will tear it down and the beauty that we love and enjoy would be gone	No I would really hate to see it torn down	
10/22/2021 10:37	Leon		No	Yes					I support the restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir to accomplish the many environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide. This partial restoration will restore the natural river channel, water flows and levels and floodplain functions to conditions before the dam construction.	Those areas drowned by the dammed water would be restored. 30 freshwater natural springs, 7500 acres of what was historically forest floodplain in the lower Ocklawaha and many miles of river channel. Thousands of acres of aquatic plant communities that are now submerged would be able to regenerate. Also, barriers within the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor would be removed.	The water quality in the Rodman reservoir and lower Ocklawaha would continue to decline. The many environmental benefits to flora, fauna and wildlife would not be realized. Taxpayers would continually be responsible to repair and maintain the dam. Those dollars could be better used for the economic and environmental benefits of restoration.	No. Breaching this dam is long overdue. Restoration by far provides the most bang for the buck.	From 1986-1990 I lived in Gainesville and remember the many reasons voiced then to Free the Ocklawaha. That is when I visited the dam and surrounding area. Since 1990 I live in Tallahassee and look forward to seeing the environmental plans, wildlife and cleaner water benefits that restoration would accomplish along with the results of increased ecotourism through enhanced recreational opportunities.
10/22/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other	Bella Vista, AR. Benton county	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Keep it as it is. If you destroy this reservoir you are no better off than a bunch of twitpasted bovines.	It acts as a filter for the St. John's River. If you destroy Rodman then you will destroy the St. John's as well. The environmental impact would be immense and you would be responsible and would have no way of hiding the fact that you were responsible.	BAd, that means reread the statement above	NO	Please disregard whatever lobbying group that is advocating the destruction of Rodman for their personal gain regardless of what they promise you personally if you were to destroy Rodman.
10/22/2021 10:40	Outside of state / other	Cadiz,ky	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Keep the rodman as it is. I grew up in manatee county. My father lives in citrus county now.	The time that I have personally spent on the lake	Nutrient run off	No	
10/22/2021 10:42	Palm Beach		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Removal of the dam and river restoration.	Successful restoration of Kissimmee River and its benefits to all stakeholders shows what can be accomplished.	Loss of habitat for many species.	If done correctly, the planning process would include input from all stakeholders so compromises will be part of the process	Do the next right thing for the environment in our beautiful and unique state.
10/22/2021 10:43	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	Other: To see it.	We want it removed.	We are a fish camp on the St. John's River Not to far from the Ocklawaha River, and we would like the rivers to be restored to their original flow for fish & wildlife.	Higher salinity in the St. John's and its environmental impact>	Quit removing water from the rivers and their sources!	
10/22/2021 10:43	Pinellas		No	Yes	1 time			Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the flow, remove the dam!	Bruce Kasler's study shows that the dam is high risk of falling apart it's far past it's due 50 years and it's original construction as well as the fact that it is keeping Springs from flowing and interfering with necessary Manatee habitats.	This desired outcome is best for the interest of all of the state of Florida. The peoples lives and property surrounding the watershed where the damn could fail not to mention the Manatee habitats. It's absurd that this is gone on this long they should've been fixed so long ago	The damn is a threat to human life & property as well as endangered species … there is no other desired outcome.	Save our springs and restore the flow. Won't be able to cover this up again as the public is now fully aware of the dangers and costs to environment.
10/22/2021 10:43	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. It serves no purpose. It stops migratory fish from accessing the headspring of the Silver River.	Surveys	Continued clogging of vegetation and no access for the fish and manatees	Just open the spillway	
10/22/2021 10:43	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I want to see it removed to restore the ecosystem .	Maintenance of the dam costs taxpayers millions of dollars on a fruitless investment. The dam negatively impacts revenue for the state and destroys wildlife habitat	That fish, manatee, and birds are dying off without habitat while we throw more money away on a useless piece of infrastructure.	A finite phaseout plan to restore the area.	
10/22/2021 10:46	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Keep the Dam and remove the floating logs in the barge canal. Pave the road to Kenwood ramp and the parking lot. More lighting at the ramp.	The eco-system and bass fishing are excellent at Rodman.	It would be devastating to the local economy and to bass fishing.	Leave Rodman and the dam as is.	The biggest mistake would be to destroy the dam and everything that has been in place since the building of the lock system and the barge canal.
10/22/2021 10:47	Hillsborough		No	No					The dam should be opened up to allow free flow of the oklawaha River.	It would increase Manatee habitat and movement, which is desperately needed after this last deadly year.	Continued reduction in the manatee population.	I can't think of any other scenario that would support manatees.	Florida springs and the animals who rely on them are unique and precious. As a native Floridian whose children and grandchildren live in Florida I feel we must do everything we can to preserve these treasures.
10/22/2021 10:48	Dixie		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	I would like to see the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam removed.	This never should have been built and just like with the Kissimmee River we should put it back to the way nature intended.	That this wrong will never be righted therefore all the wildlife will not benefit.	No	
10/22/2021 10:48	Volusia		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam	Water quality data, EIS	Further deterioration of a potentially pristine river	No	The removal of the dam has been found to be the only good remedy for more than a decade and the State of Florida has not moved ahead.
10/22/2021 10:48	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I visited the dam and reservoir several times working as a hydrologist for the USGS.	As a licensed professional geologist in the State of Florida, I think the reservoir needs to be drained and the dam breached to allow the Ocklawaha River to return to its natural flow regime. I was able to tour the river and see the drowned forest and springs during one of the drawdowns in the late 1990s. The Cross Florida Barge Canal would have been an environmental and hydrologist disaster. The dam never should have been built.	Loss of habitat with the dam. Loss of natural channel flow.	Eventually, reservoirs fill in with sediment and muck. In addition to the loss of habitat, the reservoir will become increasingly expensive to maintain with the sedimentation and control of invasive species.	ideally, the dam should be completely removed. Otherwise, breaching the dam and draining the reservoir would serve the same goal.	
10/22/2021 10:50	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing	I think the dam should be removed. Restoration of submerged springs is better benefit than Rodman Dma.	I believe the scientific data supporting removal is overwhelming. Cost- benefit to retain the dam is not there.	Continued degradation of the St. John's River.	I would support a scenario that restores Ocklawaha flow.	Why is this decision taking so long.
10/22/2021 10:50	Orange		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration of 20 lost springs to support wildlife and ecosystems, including manatees and Silver Springs. $4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. A storm event triggers a dam failure or overtopping resulting in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	Absolutely not, we have waited long enough to see this area be restored. It is time to set a new standard for water management and set a new example of how Florida views its most precious resource. I refuse to see this area wait another 50 years for this chance.	Many family has lived in Florida for many, many years. It is heartbreaking to see the loss of wildlife and their habitat over the years.
10/22/2021 10:53	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	decades of research supporting restoration		Continued maintenance costs to taxpayers	breach the spillway	Now is the time to Restore the River
10/22/2021 10:55	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times		Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha.	Vast amount of science	Continued degradation of the dam and cost of repair, along with the lost opportunity to help restorem the Ocklawaha and improve water quality of the SJR.	No	Its time. Restoration makes both economic and environmental sense.
10/22/2021 10:55	Outside of state / other	Charleston SC	No	No					For it to be removed. Dam's inhibit watersheds from sustaining biodiversity and harm ecosystem services. The negative impacts of keeping the damn far outweigh the positive as local extirpations will continue to occur and gain intensity.	Common sense and observation. Multiple groups I am a member of including the Florida Native Plant society highly desire that the dam in question be removed and allow water to flow as normal. I trust their judgment as their methodologies are in line with mine.	That the voice of the people…the general public is not heard and that short term thinking and profits are being placed above the quality of life for most living beings. Also, for the sake of a harmonious Florida aquifer.	Allowing the water to flow as close to natural even if the dam is not removed.	
10/22/2021 10:56	Lake		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	My family has lived in Florida for many, many years. It is heartbreaking to see the loss of wildlife and their habitat over the years.
10/22/2021 10:57	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and reconnect the rivers.	The information that supports the removal and the full restoration of the river system is extensive and it all points to that whole ecosystem recovering if it is successfully removed.	That we would never see the beautiful rivers restored to their natural state.	No, remove the dam. It serves no purpose besides hurting the natural waterways in Florida.	It seems that the only people that want to see the dam remain are the bass fisherman and they hardly fish the reservoir. What a waste.
10/22/2021 10:57	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Boating	I would like to see the dam breached so that the natural flow of the Ocklawaha is restored.	Reduced migration of manatees to the springs has impacted their ability to survive cold temperatures. Impairment of fish migrations has severely reduced their numbers such as striped bass, catfish and mullet for example. Excessive growth of vegetation has hampered boating activity and therefore economic growth. Silver Springs is greatly impacted by the decrease in the fish biomass.	Manatees would continue to die off because of loss of winter habitat. There would be no restoration of native fish migration and invasive species would continue to increase. Weed killer used to kill off the excessive vegetation would continue to pollute the water. There would continue to be fish die-offs. Pollutants would continue to build up in the reservoir. Opportunity for economic development would be lost.	No.	The dam is deteriorating and money is better spent on restoring the Ocklawaha than repairs and maintenance of the dam.
10/22/2021 10:58	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Restore the river to its' natural existence.	Wildlife moving freely and naturally Springs flowing freely.	Loss of wildlife, continued loss of the natural rivers and springs	No.	
10/22/2021 10:59	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Nothing, maintain it as it is.	The Reservoir as well as the Ocklawaha River will be unusable by motor boats and the fishing opportunities will suffer.	The loss of quality outdoor recreational opportunities and the loss of revenue to the area county businesses.	No, the only option I can support is to maintain the Damn and Reservoir as it is.	The loss of the habitat would lead to the loss of life to a great number of fish, reptiles, birds and animals that now call Rodman home.
10/22/2021 10:59	Union		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing					
10/22/2021 11:00	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Just maintained	Preserve nature	Killing nature	Leave it alone and just maintain it	
10/22/2021 11:01	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time	Other: To see the reservoir	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The fact that the fishery resources would benefit tremendously. Some examples of the extensive benefits of restoration via breaching the Rodman Dam are: Sought-after species such as Striped Bass, Redbreast Sunfish, Spotted Sunfish, Channel Catfish, White Catfish, and Brown Bullhead would increase upstream of the dam resulting in enhanced fishing for these species throughout the middle and upper river. Abundance of Striped Bass and hybrid Striped Bass upstream of the dam in the Ocklawaha River to Silver Springs would increase and be maintained year-round. Fish species diversity throughout the Ocklawaha River upstream of Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam would increase following restoration of the river. Although American Shad and Atlantic or Shortnose Sturgeon may remain a rarity, other rare and threatened species may return in noteworthy numbers such as the Southern Tessellated Darter and Bluenose Shiner. Marine and fish species that survive in fresh or saltwater habitats are likely to access the upper reaches of the Ocklawaha River including Silver Springs. Examples include Hogchoker, White and Striped Mullet, Southern Flounder and potentially Grey Snapper and Tarpon. Breaching of the dam would allow significant populations of fishes such as Striped Mullet and Channel Catfish that were historically observed in great numbers in Silver Springs renewed access to the springs and upper reaches of the river. Expansion of native fish populations will help counteract the increased populations of exotic fish such as Tilapia. Fish will be distributed up and down the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs. Open water fishing on the large managed pool will not exist, but the natural river fishing experience will provide opportunities to fish the edges, creeks, outs, and newly opened springs along the river. The need to apply herbicide treatments to invasive aquatic weeds will be reduced.	The fact that the significant fisheries benefits under the restoration scenario would not be realized and the overwhelming amount of data and research supporting restoration would be wasted. Below is a selected compilation of pertinent documents and reports. •Bartelds, M. J. and Uttermark, P.D. 1971. Problem Lakes in the United States. University of Wisconsin Water Resources Center Technical Report 16010 HER, Madison, WI. •Livingston, R. J. 1990. The Ocklawaha River Pages 86-95 in R. J. Livingston, editor. The Rivers of Florida. Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. •Continental Shelf Associates. 1994. An analysis of fish populations in Rodman Reservoir and the lower Ocklawaha River. Volume 15. 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Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 11:03	Marion		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing	Maintained and kept the way it is now.	The fishing at Rodman allows people to visit our small town and bring revenue to our local businesses.	Our small businesses will suffer and the tradition of fishing at Rodman will be erased.	No	
10/22/2021 11:03	Duval		No	No				Fishing (shoreline/structure)	I'd like to see the dam opened to allow the water to go back to its original flow patterns.	The St. Johns river needs the input from all its tributaries to improve its health. I also understand that Silver Springs would be improved by opening the dam. It was built as part of the cross Florida barge canal and since that never got completed. It doesn't make sense to keep this part of it.	Continued deterioration of the St. Johns and Silver Springs. Also, are we maintaining the dam properly if we are not going to remove it?	Is there a middle ground between removing the dam and keeping it?	I love our river and anything to improve its quality of flow I support!
10/22/2021 11:04	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the damn or a partial draw down to original levels from 50 years ago.	Returning to original flow will allow wildlife (birds, fish, manatee and forests) to return and prosper. 50 springs will be allowed to flow with out the weight of the damned water holding them back. The free flow of spring water will create a healthier St Johns river system. Tax payers will not be liable for 50 million in potential damage if a storm breaches the reservoir damn	We would lose an opportunity to return spring water flow and subsequently a healthier river system which would provide for a more vibrant (the originally was) environmentally conscious ecosystem. This includes 1000's of acres of forest, fish, aquatic life and grass that feeds the system. We would lose the opportunity to correct a failed and ill conceived barge canal project. We would lose the chance to enhance the unique, north flowing St river system all the way to the ocean and the quality of wildlife that millions on citizens in North Florida enjoy.	A partial draw down would be acceptable as long as the original flow volume is achieved.	We must do this. Palatka activists, local fishing clubs and some small businesses think this will hurt their business. They are wrong. This will increase tourism opportunities and new businesses that will follow the rebirth of out door activity. The fishing will be better. water quality will be better. Particularly better than the stagnant pent up reservoir water. The big picture SJ river system upgrade in quality will be enjoyed by millions of boaters and fishermen alike. Do this now
10/22/2021 11:04	Duval		No	No					Removal of the dam	St. Johns River needs an additional source of water	Continued worsening of the St. Johns River water quality	Not really	
10/22/2021 11:05	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Guided eco tours to teach about the "real Florida"	I would like to see the dam removed and the rivers and the waters restored to their natural flow.	The dam serves no function and it is destructive to the environment, the natural springs, the economy and the residents who reside in the area. The dam has had a negative impact on water quality and wildlife in the area as well.	The dam has already negatively impacted the quality of fishing in the area and the number of fish species that could and would be found when the rivers are restored. The area of the dam continues to be harmful to manatees that are deprived a place to winter in the springs that are flooded by the dam. Forests are impacted and cannot be restored unless the dam is removed.	No…breaching the dam is long overdue. The dam serves no useful purpose and is a destructive force in the ecosystem of the OCK, the Silver and the St. Johns.	As an avid kayaker who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the springs and reuniting these waterways will save countless manatees from starvation and death. It will also reconnect them with the springs that are now flooded in the area of the dam providing a safe place to winter. Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Silver Springs provides approximately 66% of the flow to the Ocklawaha River. Restoration will also improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. It will also revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.

10/22/2021 11:05	Alachua		No	No				Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed riverway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 11:06	Miami-Dade		No	No				Removal of the dam	Ecological/science	Adverse environmental impacts		
10/22/2021 11:10	Broward		No	No				Removed to restore the springs above it and restore the ecosystem	Environmentalist and their studies	Failed ecosystem	Take it down	
10/22/2021 11:10	St Johns		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Other: tours of the Ocklawaha River	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The fact that the significant water quality and water quantity (flow) benefits under the restoration scenario would not be realized and that the overwhelming amount of data and research supporting restoration would be wasted. Below is a selected compilation of such documents and reports. Abbott, E. F., 1973, Twenty Springs of the Ocklawaha, An Occasional Paper prepared for Florida Defenders of the Environment, Department of Geology, University of Florida: Gainesville, FL. • Fabre, A. 1988. Experimental studies on some factors influencing phosphorus solubilization in connection with the drawdown of a reservoir. Hydrobiology 159: 153-158. • Florida Silver Springs Conservation Plan, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, 2018, Principal Authors include Robert Knight, ED of the Institute and Heather Vick, professional hydrogeologist with Washington Dept. of Ecology • Ocklawaha River Synoptic Study, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, 2020. • Hendrickson, J., 2016, Effects on Lower St. Johns River Nutrient Supply and TMDL Target Compliance from the Restoration of a Free-Flowing Ocklawaha River, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL • Hendrickson, J.C., K. Park and P. Suczy. 2015. Rodman Reservoir Management Drawdown Water Quality Impacts Assessment. DRAFT Technical Memoranda, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL; • Munch, D.A., D.J. Toth, C. Huang, J.B. Davis, C.M. Forrish, W.L. Osburn, E.J. Phlips, E.L. Quinlan, M.S. Allen, M.J. Woods, P. Cooney, R.L. Knight, R.A Clarke, and S.L. Knight. 2006. Fifty-year retrospective study of the ecology of Silver Springs, Florida. Special Publication SJ2007. SP4. Palatka: St. Johns River Water Management District. • Odum, H.T. (1957a). Trophic Structure and Productivity of Silver Springs, Florida. Ecological Monographs. Volume 27 (1): 55-112. • Paerl, H.W., J.J. Joyner and M.F. Piehler. 2005. Relationships between nutrient conditions and phytoplankton community structure and function in the lower St. Johns River. Final report under contract #99B170, SJRWMD. PBSJ, Jacksonville, FL. • St. Johns River Water Management District, 2017, Data Summary: Rodman Reservoir Drawdown, Technical Fact Sheet SJ2017-FS2, Palatka, FL. • Wycoff, R. L., 2010, Lower Ocklawaha River Basin Hydrologic Data Review and Discharge Analysis; St. Johns River Water Management District, Special Publication SJ2010-SP10. • UF and SJRWMD CRISP Study, 2017, UF Contract #27789	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millions gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 11:10	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Removed	Empirical studies.	Continued deterioration of waterways, springs, aquifer	No	
10/22/2021 11:11	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I typically visit during the drawdowns.	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by broaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The fact that Silver Springs and the twenty "lost springs" (such as Cannon and Marion Blue) could be restored and recovered, respectively. The ecological and increased recreational/economic benefits would be exceptional. Data collected and reviewed by the Florida Springs Institute documents the importance of the free-flowing springs of the Ocklawaha for supporting healthy fish and wildlife populations. Previous data and anecdotal information indicated that sport fishing in the natural river channel above the Rodman Pool is as good as or better than the sport fishery in the Pool (Lewis 2015). The UF economic study of the 2017 drawdown found that recreational uses during Rodman drawdown had twice the economic benefits as uses during periods when the Rodman Pool is full (Borisova et al. 2017). Opening the river to unrestricted migration of fish, manatees, and human recreational boaters will ultimately help restore the 20 Lost Springs of the Ocklawaha and contribute to the eventual restoration of Silver Springs and the Silver River. Returning the Ocklawaha River to its natural free-flowing condition by partial removal of the Rodman Dam will ultimately maximize environmental and economic benefits for humans and wildlife.	that the overwhelming amount of data and research supporting restoration would be waited. Below is a selected compilation of such documents and reports •Abbott, E.F. (1973) "Twenty Springs of the Ocklawaha" •Bednarek, A. (2001) Undamming Rivers: A Review of the Ecological Impacts of Dam Removal. 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Regulated River: Research & Management. Volume 11 (3-4) •Wetzel, R.G. (2001). Limnology: Lake and River Ecosystems. 3rd Ed. Academic Press, San Diego, CA.	No. Construction of this lock and dam was a mistake over 50 years ago and it is long overdue to rectify the situation. Not to mention that the economic benefits or restoration will far exceed the status quo.	The case for restoration has become ever more compelling over the five decades since the Cross Florida Barge Canal project was stopped due to overwhelmingly adverse environmental impacts. It is well past time to remove the last vestige of this longstanding mistake by breaching the Rodman dam, draining the reservoir and restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River and its 20 lost springs. It is now time to pursue the new and very positive effort led by the Free the Ocklawaha River Coalition - for Everyone (FORCE). This fresh, multi-faceted approach relies on the latest science and socioeconomic data to forge what can be a much improved environmental and economic future for the entire affected region - termed the Great Florida Riverway - by reuniting Silver Springs and River with the Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Environmentally, this restoration effort will: 1) help restore the ecology of Silver Springs; 2) greatly improve the populations of numerous migratory fish species such as striped bass, American shad, Atlantic sturgeon and striped mullet; 3) provide warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees; 4) uncover and rejuvenate 20 springs; 5) reestablish a critical link in the Florida Wildlife Corridor and 6) improve the water quality, habitat and fisheries of the lower St. Johns River estuary. Economic and recreational benefits of this approach include: 1) a $50 million net economic benefit over 10 years; 2) increased regional visitor traffic to the Ocklawaha River by 28%; 3) elimination of $57 million in risk to downstream properties from potential collapse of the Rodman dam that is beyond its 50-year life expectancy and 4) significantly increased Silver Springs tourist visits as abundant manatee populations appear. It would be best for all involved to embrace a well-thought-out alternative approach that will yield exceptional ecological benefits along the entire Great Florida Riverway and provide renewed economic returns to spring and river communities from Ocala to Palatka to Jacksonville.
10/22/2021 11:11	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: a road to get to hiking trails	Year it down	It will restore the river	The river will suffer	no	It's the right thing to do
10/22/2021 11:13	Marion		No	No					DEMOLISH THE DAMS THEY ARE RUINING THE WATER FLOW AND ENCOURAGING INVASIVE NON NATIVE SPECIES	OVER 1000 Manatees are DEAD since they have nothing to eat.	DROUGHT AND MAYHEM	no	Time for SJRWMD to work for the constituents of FLORIDA not special interests and NESTLE
10/22/2021 11:13	Clay		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like for it to stay the same	If you go in and change the way the ecosystem is now you will be killing so many fish,eagles, and other wildlife that relies on rist mes	That the wildlife that is their will be run out of somewhere they have lived for many many years. You would also be taking away revenue from the surrounding towns because their are people that travel to these locations just to fish outmen	No	
10/22/2021 11:14	Marion		No	No					Remove the dam and free the Ocklawaha.	The dam blocks the natural river route for manatees and fish. The St Johns is hurt due to receiving less clear fresh water. The health of Silver Springs which cannot be restored without a free flowing Ocklawaha.	The death of more manatees and the further decay of Silver Springs. A potential dam failure could cause significant damage.	In order to reduce the possibility of dam failure and improve the water quality elsewhere, the dam could be partially breached.	Don't make the political. Do the right thing.
10/22/2021 11:18	St Johns		No	No					Restore environment to a natural state	It's pretty simple - a healthy environment is better for both the earth and for us long term. Florida's ecological riches are its #1 asset, we are short-sighted when we don't take care of them.	salt water intrusion	no	The St Johns river is and has been a mess. I rented an apartment downtown for some of last year, walking on the riverwalk, I'd see plastic bottles, construction debris, the occasional mattress, and other gunk in the river regularly. Improving water flow into the St Johns is one step toward improving the natural resource that the city of Jax supposedly sees as its pride and joy.
10/22/2021 11:20	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Other: Sight seeing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha to its natural state.	Three rivers and fifty springs will be restored and manatee habitats will be reestablished.	We would miss the best opportunity to do this when state and federal funds are available.	NO!!!	Science supports restoration.
10/22/2021 11:22	Leon		No	No					I would like the dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored.	Studies conducted by the SJRWMD documenting that the water quality of the Ocklawaha will improve if the Kirkpatrick Dam is removed.	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha/Silver Springs system.	Cannot answer without description of specific alternatives.	The natural and recreational resources of the Ocklawaha River/St. Johns are important to all Floridians and not just the residents of Putnam County.
10/22/2021 11:23	Lee		No	No					Breach the dam	The manatee population and fish population are in serious decline. This would give them an opportunity to regroup.	Continued loss of natural resources we cannot afford to lose	No	
10/22/2021 11:23	Orange		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed, the reservoir emptied, and a free-flowing Ocklawaha River restored.	The dam has reached the end of its useful life and is in danger of failing. Failure of the dam would jeopardize people in the floodplain and would cause an enormous problem for state agencies that had not acted on information about the dam. The state is paying every year to maintain the Rodman Pool in its unnatural state, spreading weed killers in an attempt to control the weeds. It doesn't work. Science and economics both support a free-flowing river. Bass fishing will be better, other recreational activities will increase, fish will be able to migrate naturally, and a natural corridor will be restored.	We will continue to waste money trying to maintain an unnatural ecosystem and adding poisons to the environment. Catastrophic failure of the dam.	No.	The people of Florida deserve to enjoy a free-flowing Ocklawaha River, which was once one of the most beautiful rivers in Florida. We lose so much each year to development; this is an opportunity to reclaim some of Florida's natural beauty.
10/22/2021 11:23	Indian River		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach it	Livelihoods of the springs and fish life	Degradation of the springs already in turmoil.	Not really. Not worth continuing to throw $ at it	Please revive FL natural springs and wildlife!
10/22/2021 11:23	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone	The amazing ecosystem that has evolved over the years	Loss of wildlife habitat, loss of an amazing recreational waterway, lack of filtration causing more pollution draining into the St John's river.	No	
10/22/2021 11:24	Duval		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	It should stay the way that it is providing great recreational activities for many people to enjoy	The wildlife that lives and relies on the lake to survive			
10/22/2021 11:24	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Save the dam for the animals and fishing that is one of the most productive and popular fishing destinations around for the area, and find all kinds of birds that live in the area for nesting and living!!!	You will devastate all of the habits of different species of animals that live in the area!!!	The change of the area would devastating for the habitat lives here!!!!	Just more research in control of flotilla grass without spraying!!!	If you take the dam out, you will be creating an bigger problem for wildlife and the eco system that has already fixed what the government has done!!!
10/22/2021 11:26	Pinellas		No	No									
10/22/2021 11:26	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Restored back to the way nature intends it to be. Never seen it before the damn, but have heard the stories from the old timers. The most beautiful place I have even been. I have traveled all over the United States and have never seen a more beautiful place. I can only Imagine the beauty on it, the nature intended it to be. Clear springs that you can no longer see, the water is not very clear and the springs are no longer visible, but maybe in my life i may get the opportunity to see it in it's natural form, for i am 66 years old now and don't have a lot of years left to see this happen, but maybe in my life time. Miricles happen every day.	The springs that were visable before the damn. I believe nature is better the God wanted it to be.	What will be the outcome of this damn, when my great grandkids are my age?	Yes, I will be there enjoying that beautiful river the last days of my life.	God does preform miracles and maybe that is what it will take to restore it back to the way he created it.
10/22/2021 11:26	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed or at least entirely breached and the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by restoring the historic river channel and flow and eliminating the Rodman Reservoir impoundment.	Removal of the dam would help restore the Oklawaha, the St Johns and the Silver River ecosystems, many springs, increase habitat and refugia for manatees and fish, reestablish the free flowing river systems, and enhance recreational and economic opportunities.	The continued decline of the three river systems, decrease in water quantity for the river systems, the death of the associated springs, loss of manatee habitat and massive waste of public dollars repairing an aging and ecologically damaging dam	No, removal of the Kirkpatrick dam is decades overdue. The dam needs to be removed now and river systems need to be restored now.	Florida Rivers and and springs are suffering throughout the state. Removal of the Kirkpatrick dam will enhance the restoration of three rivers and more than 20 springs with one major action. It is time to restore these systems.
10/22/2021 11:27	St Johns		No	No					Remove the dam and allow the area to return to its natural course.	Hundreds of miles of wildlife habitat restored. Millions of dollars in dam repairs saved. Improved water flow and springs returned allowing manatees to return and fish populations to rebound.	Continued damage and degradation of the ecosystem. Lower water quality. Fish populations decline. Costly repairs for dam.	Slow down draw to avoid flooding property. Other than that, no. It's needs to be done. Long overdue.	
10/22/2021 11:30	Hillsborough		No	No					A free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam	Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Preserving, conserving and restoring the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary.	Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Imperilled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	NO. I have been a supporter of the Cross Florida Greenway and Florida Forever projects and worked diligently for the passing of Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Amendment 1. When will Florida officials follow the will of the people for the health of our State, Nation, and Planet? Now! no alternatives!	I have been a supporter of the Cross Florida Greenway and Florida Forever projects and worked diligently for the passing of Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Amendment 1. When will Florida officials follow the will of the people for the health of our State, Nation, and Planet? Now! no alternatives!
10/22/2021 11:31	Brevard		No	No					The Kirkpatrick Dam is past its life expectancy and should be removed and it costs too much to maintain. Our tax dollars would be better used elsewhere.	Rodman Dam is not a healthy ecosystem and causes exotic vegetation to grow from lack of water flow. Herbicides used to kill the vegetation causes unhealthy water that in part of the Florida aquifer that flows all the way south into the Everglades. We need clean water.	Poor water conditions and more fish kills and more tax dollars required to maintain the dam & the reservoir.	No, Florida needs it's land restored for the preservation of wildlife and ecology. Clean water is more important. Water is life.	Greater economic opportunities would be available from restoring the natural springs that are submerged under the reservoir and fishing would become measurably better. A benefit to everyone and especially to the State of Florida.
10/22/2021 11:32	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing					
10/22/2021 11:32	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see breaching of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, to restore the free-flowing Ocklawaha and the restoration of this natural system.	I support the Free the Ocklawaha Coalition mission to increase the significant ecological and economic benefits of a free-flowing Ocklawaha. The Coalition is supported by over 60 conservation organizations.	If the Rodman dam is left as is currently, our natural resources and ecosystems will suffer destruction and dwindling wildlife populations. Floridians and visitors love to spend time in nature and we must make decisions to support it's better health and sustainable future.	No.	Free the Ocklawaha!!!!!
10/22/2021 11:32	Outside of state / other	Bell county Kentucky	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Kept present beauty	Love of beauty	Other state areas	Love of all Florida's wildlife	
10/22/2021 11:35	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Other: Nature trail	Remove the Dam, restore the Ocklawaha river	Science ad ecological benefits. More than $50 million gallons of natural water flow to the lower Ocklawaha river & St. Johns river.	We miss an opportunity to correct the wrongs of past decades.	No, dam goes and we restore the river. Fishing will be back, we will have healthier water quality.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 11:36	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Remove it	Lowford conservation	The eco system will continue to be negatively impacted	Not really	
10/22/2021 11:36	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: walking	reunite the rivers	quality & quantity of water...health of fish & wildlife...restored wetlands...restored springs	loss of the above	?	
10/22/2021 11:36	Sumter		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the river by removing the dam.	Dams are ecologically detrimental, even though they also create lake habitat, for example, snail kites have been seen at Rodman Reservoir.	More ecological damage.	Yes, restoration of native plant communities within the project.	
10/22/2021 11:37	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free-flowing Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. And if not full restoration of the river, a partial removal of the dam.	Draining the Rodman Reservoir would remove the single greatest barrier to plant and animal movement along the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) Wildlife Corridor by replacing the open water expanse of the Reservoir with a restored floodplain forest, to the benefit of many listed plant species native to the region including the Federally listed Clasping Warea and Scrub Buckwheat. Three river systems - the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns - would experience significant environmental improvement from restoration. Manatees would regain open access to the warm water habitats of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. Migratory fish including the Striped Bass, American shad, American eel, and the critically Endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and Shortnose Sturgeon would once again have open access to the Ocklawaha system if the dam is breached. Recreational sport fishing would be enhanced by allowing the Florida strain of the Striped Bass to reclaim what used to be its primary spawning habitat - the Ocklawaha. At least 150 million gallons a day of additional natural flow, and potentially much more, would be restored to the Lower St. Johns River, improving water quality and increasing resiliency of the entire St Johns/Ocklawaha River system by impeding the salt water intrusion resulting from sea level rise. An estimated $14 Million in dam repairs, measured in 2006 dollars, would be saved by avoiding repairs to a dam that has exceeded its life expectancy and never fulfilled the purpose for its construction. The large expenditures required for herbicide treatments to control the growth of invasive aquatic weeds and to conduct other ongoing maintenance needs, including periodic drawdowns, in a futile attempt to maintain water quality and recreational access in the stagnant waters of the Reservoir, would become unnecessary. $57 million in potential flood damages to downstream areas around the community of Welaka would be avoided in the event of a dam failure.	Continued negative environmental and financial impacts to Floridians. The broad array of environmental benefits to native flora and fauna, including many imperiled species, that would result from restoration would not be possible. Water quality in the Rodman Reservoir and Lower Ocklawaha/St Johns River system would continue to decline. The economic benefits that would result from increased and enhanced recreational usage would be denied to the surrounding local communities. Residents and business owners in areas immediately downstream of the dam would continue to be under threat in the event of failure of a dam that has never, and will never, satisfy the purpose of its construction. Thousands of acres of submerged aquatic plant communities would be unable to regenerate in a restored river channel and in the re-emerged spring run streams, and 7,500 acres of floodplain forest would not be restored. The Reservoir would continue to be a barrier to movement by native wildlife and plant life along the length of the O2O Corridor, and compromise the value of Florida's investments in conserving lands like the Etonah Creek State Forest, and approved Florida Forever projects. Taxpayers will perpetually be on the hook for repair and maintenance of the dam and Reservoir, and continue to be liable for any loss of life or property damage that would result from a dam failure. Imperilled plant species like the endangered Star Anise and threatened Hartwrightia, which are native to the banks of this region's spring run streams, would be unable to expand their range into the unrestored spring systems.	Partial removal of the dam.	Breaching the dam is 53 years overdue and there is no compromise measure that would achieve even a fraction of the environmental and economic benefits of restoration.
10/22/2021 11:37	Orange		No	No					breach the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River	Restore the drowned springs. Enable to return of migratory birds and allow access for manatees.	There will no longer be funding for the removal of the reservoir and dam	No	
10/22/2021 11:40	Outside of state / other	Georgia	No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Peace and relaxation	No changes	I like it just the way it is	Death of many species of wildlife	No	
10/22/2021 11:40	Bradford		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Other	Remove the dam and let the Ocklawaha run free!!!	District studies	Continued degradation of the Oclawha and Silver rivers.	No. Remove the dam.	

10/22/2021 11:41	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record.	Manatee populations decreasing.	It has yet to be seen.	
10/22/2021 11:44	Brevard		No	No					Implementation of all action items specified by the Free the Ocklawaha Coalition. Permanently breach the dam and begin the process of restoration of the areas that was destroyed 53 years ago when it was built.	Healthy, flowing rivers and the habitats that they support are essential to Florida's environmental quality.	Poor and degrading environmental quality. Wasteful public resources on projects that do not promote environmental quality.		I fully support the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the existing dam and draining the Rodman Reservoir for the broad range of environmental and economic benefits that restoration would provide. I support the recommendations of Free the Ocklawaha Coalition.
10/22/2021 11:48	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing					
10/22/2021 11:49	Duval		No	No					It should be removed because it's damaging the overall environmental impact. I understand this will inconvenience a small number of people but the greater good has to be accounted for.	The fact that our freshwater is in danger requires that this be moved to top of the priority list. Plenty of data shows that removal of the dam will benefit Florida water supply.	Future of the environment and of freshwater in the state of florida. And the area immediately surrounding the St Johns river.	Perhaps a delay and dismantling?	
10/22/2021 11:49	Broward		No	No					Restoration of the river flow to benefit wildlife, water quality, and environmental conservation.	15,000 + acres of the Florida wildlife corridor will be restored.	It is urgent that the river is restored or it will continue to have negative environmental impacts. The biggest concern is that florida residents will experience problems with water quality, algae blooms, and many more negative impacts.	No. This is 50 years over due. Reuniting the rivers will provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. The environment and wildlife must be protected because once it is gone, there is no bringing it back.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 11:50	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove it - such an unnecessary structure. I would much rather enjoy a free-flowing river, more springs and lots of forest than a big reservoir.	The dam is completely unnecessary and a waste of money.	More money wasted for a worthless project - restoring the river is a win in multiple ways.	People have been campaigning for the removal of this dam for decades.	
10/22/2021 11:50	St Johns		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore natural flow.	The science supports restoration. Studies by federal and state agencies have clearly demonstrated that restoration of a free-flowing, connected system is cost-effective and will provide significant ecological benefits to the St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers as well as Silver Springs.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	We miss a historic opportunity to stop the ongoing ecological degradation caused by the dam and finally reunite the natural flow of these rivers. Breaching the dam would restore the natural flow of 150 mgd of fresh water, improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. A free-flowing Ocklawaha will reestablish 15,000 acres of forested wetlands and fortify downstream submerged grasses from Welaka to Jacksonville in the St. Johns River that are critical to river health and fish habitat.	Breech the dam! Florida strong
10/22/2021 11:52	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha River.	The importance of continuing to ensure water quality in the central Florida area.	Continued degradation of the dam and surrounding area along with diminishes water quality in the surrounding watersheds.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/22/2021 11:52	Clay		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove the dam	Facts provided by fishing captains to make the st john better. It time to make a change	Environmental issues to waterways	No do the right thing and remove the dam	
10/22/2021 11:53	Pinellas		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Bring it down and restore the river	Rivers need to be wild	A continued decline in the ecosystem health	No	
10/22/2021 11:55	Outside of state / other	Arkansas	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. Its a beautiful reservoir and should be left as is. I love all of the wildlife, especially the manatees!	Leave a thriving ecosystem alone!	Affecting wildlife	No	
10/22/2021 11:56	Orange		No	No					Demolish and allow river to return to natural flow.	Deterioration of the environment, including fishing.			
10/22/2021 11:57	Collier		No	Yes			2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore Ocklawaha River	Removing the dam held restore 50 springs, plus three rivers. Restoration of natural water low as wekwa saving millions of dollars.	Loss of habitat and loss of significant economic benefits.	No. Removal of the dam is well over due. My 2 brothers live in Putnam County and hunt and fish there. This will benefit the county ecologically and economically .	
10/22/2021 11:57	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking	I was in law school in 1979-81 at UF. I recall a canoe trip sponsored by the environmental law group. The trip began not far below the dam. My first job after law school was with the Senate Natural Resources Comm., during which time & met the infamous Sen. Kirkpatrick. He was abrasive, to say the least, in his support for the dam. It would warm my heart for the damn to be removed.		Continued smothering of that stretch of river, springs, etc.	Permanent draining of reservoir by leaving floodgates (?) open.	See above.
10/22/2021 11:58	Duval		No	No					Removal	Articles and interviews with PhDs.	Environmental impact on multiple waterways (animal and fish life, water availability, etc).	I'm always willing to consider ideas. The removal would be economically difficult but would it also create new jobs and preserve our ecological future?	Sorry, both hands and arms are casted. Expressing myself is difficult.
10/22/2021 11:59	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	I am not sure. I would like to see the river returned to its natural state, but I am not educated on all of the possible impacts.				
10/22/2021 12:02	Brevard		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 12:02	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Other: Enjoy nature	Remove the dam and let the river flow naturally!	The build-up of unwanted vegetation that would not be there in the flowing waters	Permanent loss of one of Florida's natural treasures. Loss of wildlife habitat needed for wading and migrating birds, native fish, access for manatees, natural wildlife that once lived there freely.	Unknown option	I just drove over the Ocklawaha River twice last week, feeling sadness for its shrinking beauty and natural flow of the river.
10/22/2021 12:03	Outside of state / other	Nj	No	No					I would like it fully functional	It is needed to help animals	If it's not animals won't survive	No	Please make sure it's completely fixed
10/22/2021 12:04	Palm Beach		No	No					remove the dam! thanks!	natural habitat!	choking up the rivers, not good!	no	
10/22/2021 12:05	Alachua		No	No					It should be removed.	The dam stops the proper flow of the water.	It would continue to disrupt and damage the natural environment and life of the fish.	None.	
10/22/2021 12:05	Duval		No	No					The removal of the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam would reopen the natural water system the northeast Florida and bring back the natural features that have so many benefits for humans, fish, and wildlife. NOTE: I HAD SHOULDER SURGERY LAST WEEK, SO I AM TYPING WITH ONE HAND. I HAVE VERY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THIS AND WOULD BE SAYING MUCH MORE, BUT IT IS PAINFUL TO TYPE AT THIS EARLY STAGE OF MY RECOVERY. NEVERTHELESS, I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW MY OPINION.	Scientific studies have shown the ecological benefits of re-connecting the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns, and 50 springs.	It is criminal what humans have done to our natural habitat. We have an opportunity right now to make amends that will greatly improve our habitat that is dependent on clean, free-flowing water. This is a good time to bring together public support and available state and federal funds for the health of our water resources and our ecosystem.	We must not put this off any longer. It makes no sense to encourage the further disintegration of our significant natural resources.	I was born at Old St. Luke's Hospital, and I grew up during the 1940s and 1950s in Jacksonville, Green Cove Springs, Lakeland, Lake Wales, Tampa, and Englewood. Our family traveled all over the state enjoying the natural wonders of Florida. Silver Springs was a favorite destination. We drove from the Everglades throughout Florida. My dad and brother were dedicated fisherman, and I learned to clean and cook the catch. My children and grandchildren are outdoors people, hiking all the state and national parks wherever they go, especially here in their home state. Four years ago I visited Blue Springs and saw the manatees up close. It causes me such joy to see such amazing creatures, and I want my children and grandchildren and future generations to know and understand what treasures we have here in Florida.
10/22/2021 12:06	Lake		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Boating Other: The Oklawaha River. It would be too shallow without the dam	Clean the water plants out so you can use the West end. The water now flows thru it, so leave it alone on depth!	It has been there for 50 years and a lot of wildlife depend on it. LEAVE IT ALONE.	What will happen to the wildlife living in or near it. Also more mantee getting into the chain of lakes,	NO!	Spend your time and money on the lagoon.
10/22/2021 12:11	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Other	I would like to see waterways returned to natural state. The dam should be removed.	Environmentalist	Wildlife and flower and fauna issues	no	
10/22/2021 12:12	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The fact that the water resources would benefit tremendously. Restoration benefits to be achieved by breaching Rodman Dam are as follows: Provides over 150 million gallons a day of additional natural water flow for the lower Ocklawaha River and St. Johns River estuary. This water flow increases due to uncovering 20 freshwater springs suppressed by the water's behind the dam and elimination of substantial evaporation from the warm, exposed reservoir. Creates a much cooler, clearer, free-flowing Ocklawaha River that will promote healthy, native submerged aquatic vegetation growth essential for fish and wildlife in the restored river channel and in the St. Johns River by increasing water clarity and available light. Lessens the likelihood of toxic blue-green algal blooms in the lower St. Johns River - a most significant water quality and human health problem. Restoring the natural balance between nitrogen and phosphorus would favor a more beneficial algal community. Helps balance salt and freshwater in the lower St. Johns River estuary to protect its sportfishing and shellfish industries and associated vital habitat, while assuring coastal resiliency and reduction of saltwater intrusion.	The fact that our Ocklawaha River is not functioning as it should be. The ecosystem is out of balance. Wildlife and flower and fauna issues The fact that the algal blue-green algae quality and water quantity issues cannot be resolved when Rodman Reservoir is not drained. Restoration benefits can be realized and that the overwhelming amount of data and research supporting restoration would be wasted. Below is a selected compilation of such documents and reports. Abbott, E. F., 1971, Twenty Springs of the Ocklawaha, An Occasional Paper prepared for Florida Defenders of the Environment, Department of Geology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. • Fabre, A. 1988. Experimental studies on some factors influencing phosphorus solubilization in connection with the drawdown of a reservoir. Hydrobiologia 159: 153-158. • Florida Silver Springs Conservation Plan, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, 2018, Principal Authors include Robert Knight, ED of the Institute and Heather Vick, professional hydrogeologist with Washington Dept. of Ecology • Ocklawaha River Synoptic Study, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, 2020. • Hendrickson, J., 2016, Effects on Lower St. Johns River Nutrient Supply and TMDL Target Compliance from the Restoration of a Free-Flowing Ocklawaha River; St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL • Hendrickson, J.C., K. Park and P. Suczy. 2015. Rodman Reservoir Management Drawdown Water Quality Impacts Assessment. DRAFT Technical Memoranda, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL. • Munch, D.A., D.J. Toth, C. Huang, J.B. Davis, C.M. Fortich. W.L. Osburn, E.J. Philips, E.L. Quinlan, M.S. Allen, M.J. Woods, P. Cooney, R.L. Knight, R.A Clarke, and S.L. Knight. 2006. Fifty-year retrospective study of the ecology of Silver Springs, Florida. Special Publication SJ2007- SP4. Palatka: St. Johns River Management District. • Odum, H.T. (1957a). Trophic Structure and Productivity of Silver Springs, Florida. Ecological Monographs. Volume 27 (1): 55-112. • Reed, W.W., J.L. Hayes and M.S. Robles. 2006. Relationships between nutrient conditions and phytoplankton	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 12:12	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Picnics, Pot Luck outings at Kenwood.	Leave it alone! Continue drawdowns every 3 years to keep the vegetation down.	Rodman is a nationally known Bass fishery. Many businesses in the Palatka area benefit from fishing tournaments on Rodman. Gasoline, dining, some overnights in area motels.	Death of many Manatees, Alligators and many fish.	Keep Rodman!	
10/22/2021 12:14	Wakulla		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Restoring the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River, its springs and surrounding ecosystem for greater habitat improvement.	the dam itself creates ecological damage and have very limited benefits, much of which have gone unobtained. Restore the Ocklawaha just as the state restored the Kissimmee	it's pretty simple. remove the dam, allow natural conditions to return and restore that ecosystem	Florida continues to rapidly lose natural habitat needed for healthy ecosystems and abundant wildlife. There's an opportunity to restore a once healthy ecosystem, which in turn should generate millions in economic development through eco-tourism.
10/22/2021 12:14	Leon		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Wildlife viewing	The dam must be breached and the river and spring system restored.	The function of the Ocklawaha river and the springs associated with it has been destroyed over these decades of the Rodman dam. The removal or breeching of the dam will result in the restoration of the river(s) and springs, the floodplain with multiple benefits for fish, wildlife and people.	That the damage to this beautiful river system, to manatees, fish, and people will continue even longer.	No.	I was a DEP biologist that was part of a team assessing the Rodman Dam situation in the late 1980s. Even though I was a new biologist at the time it was abundantly clear that the dam should be breached/removed and the Ocklawaha River should be restored and that is what I recommended then. Unfortunately over 30 years later it still hasn't been restored, but this is the time to finally do what has needed to be done for many decades. Breach the Rodman dam and restore the Ocklawaha at last - NOW is the time.
10/22/2021 12:14	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Retain the dam and reservoir. Reauthorize the canal.	The reservoir helps replenish the aquifer. The ecology has adapted to the reservoir and destroying it will the habitat of many species.	A loss of drinking water from the aquifer and the loss of wildlife.	No	
10/22/2021 12:15	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Open the Dam! I lived on the river in Duval county and have witnessed a significant decline in wildlife over the last decade.	Restoration of the natural flow of water and natural habitat	Continued saltwater intrusion	No	
10/22/2021 12:15	Alachua		No	No					I would like to see the dam taken down and the river to be restored to the way nature intended her to flow.	Uncovering a number of springs and opening the river to the manatees as key habitat.	The manatees are suffering and need more habitat for feeding and the entire ecosystem of the Oklawaha is in peril.	I support freeing the river.	
10/22/2021 12:15	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore to natural	Environmental science	Loss of wildlife, fish line the Sturgeon	No	
10/22/2021 12:15	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the Ocklawaha River restored to its natural flow. This dam has buried 20+ springs beneath it's waters and does not allow for the natural migration of wildlife. The Kirkpatrick Dam should be removed as soon as possible.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No, there is nothing short of removing this dam that would satisfy restoration of the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers.	
10/22/2021 12:16	Seminole		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 12:16	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking on the Florida National Scenic Trail	Rodman Dam should be removed to restore a free flowing Ocklawaha River.	Restoration of the over 15,000 floodplain and 20 miles of the Ocklawaha River by removing Rodman Dam is the most immediate and impactful habitat restoration project in the state to help save the collapse of the manatee population in the past year. It will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees and is essential to restoring and enhancing the Florida Wildlife Corridor benefitting Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	The dammed (damned actually) Ocklawaha Reservoir has destroyed 7,500 acres of forested wetlands and will continue to steal necessary habitat and block wildlife movement corridors for animals such as the manatee Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer. Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed (damned) deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	I formerly lived in Ocala and have paddled my canoe several times on the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers and boated to drowned springs during the last drawdown. The dam has destroyed the river, wildlife habitat and the natural ecosystem of the river's floodplain. As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for manatees, Florida panthers and black bears.
10/22/2021 12:16	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Keep it as is!	The eco system has adapted well over the last 50 years. The wildlife would be adversely impacted.	The environment & loss of jobs!	No	
10/22/2021 12:16	Miami-Dade		No	Yes	1 time		1 time		Remove dam	Restoration of natural flow to a beautiful river		No	I canoed the Ocklawaha from upstream of Silver Springs to the reservoir. Should be restored and protected as wild river
10/22/2021 12:18	Duval		No	No					Breach the dam to allow restoration of three rivers and 50 springs, to provide winter habitat for manatees, strengthen the wildlife corridor and expand recreational opportunities to surrounding communities	The dam is well past its life expectancy and at risk of failure. Restoring the natural systems surrounding it by breaching the dam will allow these ecosystems to heal and we will be better protected for climate events moving forward.	Further destruction of surrounding communities and natural ecosystems	No There is no reason for this outdated practice and unnecessary delay to continue	
10/22/2021 12:18	Duval		No	No					I would like to see it breached so that the St. John's River can reduce it's salinity and wetlands can be restored so that flooding can be reduced here in Duval County.	The health of the St. John's River	Increased flooding, and reduction in river grasses that support manatees and river health.	There has been nothing but talk about this issue, it is time for action, and that is the only option that seems viable to me.	
10/22/2021 12:19	Brevard		No	No					Breach the Rodman Dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	There are 20 drowned springs that would be restored by this single project, making breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam the most beneficial and cost-effective springs protection project in Florida. Fish populations in Silver Springs have declined by 92%, in part due to the construction of the dam. Restoring historic routes for migratory fish is essential to the health of Silver Springs. Hundreds of manatees would gain access to much-needed habitat at a time when manatees are experiencing the deadliest year on record. The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves millions of dollars in dam repairs and upkeep. Taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming an ecosystem	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe. The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored. Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to restore the Ocklawaha River is the most cost-effective springs protection project in Florida today. The project uncovers 20 springs submerged by the waters of the dam and is key to restoring Silver Springs, one of the largest artesian springs in the world. Also, 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.

10/22/2021 12:20	Volusia		No	No					Now that I'm retired and can enjoy the great parks and fishing within a short distance from where I live...I would like to see the Reservoir and Dam remain intact.	I worked for TVA at two of their nuclear plants, both near dams on the Tennessee River. TVA controlled the water level at the dam and below on the river. It fluctuated from Summer to Winter to support the recreation offered and of course to prevent flooding in the Tennessee Valley. It works.... the river still flows after the dam and doesn't know it just went through a beautiful lake.	We go through cycles of rain and drought in Florida. But we are in the Tropics and rain is inevitable. This dam helps control the level of water on both sides of the dam and is crucial for the wildlife that it helps support.	Sure, make the dam better if need be.	Some people have no clue what our water supply and cycles are here. The aquifer that feeds our springs goes all the way up to South Caroline. Manatee do not depend on the per gallon flow of our springs, the water level in our springs depends on the level of the river. The springs feed our rivers and the dam is a crucial part of its survival.
10/22/2021 12:21	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone.	It's one of the best bass habits in the country	It would ruin the fishing on the entire river.	No	
10/22/2021 12:23	Duval		No	No					The dam should be removed!	Damage to the aquifer and St. Johns River	That the conditions affecting the St Johns and the surrounding habitats will worsen.	a breach in the dam allowing a lowering of the Rodman Reservoir.	I've been against this change to the River ever they announced the construction of the "cross Florida canal". It should have been apparent to any one who had good sense that it wasn't a viable project based on the ecology of Florida. But they kept on until they found it was not longer feasible to continue. The River as the surrounding land was in the mess that you are trying to somehow correct.
10/22/2021 12:23	Duval		No	Yes		1 time	Canoeing / Kayaking		I would like to see the natural flow of water restored to the St. Johns River to help the health of the animal and plant life in and around the river.	Breaching the Rodman Dam will free all the submerged springs to their natural flow. This will add millions of gallons of fresh water to the natural flow of the St. Johns which will help overcome the salt water intrusion from the recent dredging. Money will be saved on needed dam repairs and maintenance.	My biggest concern if the dam is not breached is further degradation of the St. Johns River by salt water intrusion and the algal blooms we experience each summer.	No. The time is right for the dam to be removed. This issue has been discussed for many years and I believe the public is now ready to comprehend the need for the restoration of the natural flow of the springs and rivers. As we look for ways to create resiliency and undo some of the misguided decisions made in the past, the breach of this dam looks like a win-win action.	
10/22/2021 12:24	Leon		No	No					Remove and restore.	This removal is long overdue.	Loss of a treasured opportunity.	No	
10/22/2021 12:24	Marion		No	No					I would like the dam to be removed so the natural springs and wildlife can freely move again.	I've spoken to researchers that have been watching the number and variety of fish and wildlife continually decline due to the dam.	I consider the devastating impact on wildlife to be unacceptable. I am also concerned with the potential for a failure of the dam and costs related to repair and maintenance.	No. I support removal of the dam.	
10/22/2021 12:25	Volusia		No	No					Breach the dam, allow water to flow.	SOps dam needs millions to restore. A waste of my taxpayer money. A bigger benefit is breaching it allowing fresh water to flow to Siskins river.	Manatee deaths and wasted money	No. Breach it	Thank you for listening to my position
10/22/2021 12:25	Duval		No	No					Remove the dam- restore free flow of water.	Habitat and environmental restoration benefits seen in other areas where dams have been removed.	Continued degradation of St Johnsriver water quality…salinity, turbidity, loss of wildlife, decreased wetlands.	No	It is time to do this. The long term enhancement of water quality, spring restoration, historic fish populations, manatee movements etc underline the need to take the dam down.
10/22/2021 12:26	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	remove dam	removing the dam would free fish and other wildlife to migrate the length of the river. Removing the dam would save the money that would be spent in weed control and other measures to maintain the reservoir.	maintenance of the reservoir	probably	
10/22/2021 12:29	Sumter		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / Kayaking		Restore drowned springs. Restore fish populations, give access to the manatees	Wasting taxpayer dollars repairing the dam	No	
10/22/2021 12:31	Hillsborough		No	No					Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklewaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 12:32	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Take the dam down and restore	Again manatees mullet and striped bass and crabs	We will have to keep trying	No	
10/22/2021 12:33	Marion		No	No					Remove it and restore the rivers to their previous state	The many reports by scientists of the damage being done to wildlife and aquatic life since the dam was built	That we will continue to lose our natural resources in Florida, which are our greatest attributes.	Some kind of major revisions to the dam that would at least partially restore it to the prior state.	
10/22/2021 12:33	Sumter		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam. It should have been removed when the cross fla project was abandoned.		Everything dies behind dams. Travel around the US and see the consequences that damming rivers has brought. Already the number of fish have deceased in silver river. The dam has flooded a forest, remember trees help us breathe.		
10/22/2021 12:35	Marion		Yes	Yes	2-5 times			Boating Other	Leave it standing	Living on the river	Property value declined & wildlife declines	Leave it alone for the economic increase to the area & keeping the wildlife safe on the greenway!	
10/22/2021 12:35	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million-dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 12:35	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Leave as is. Don't remove the dam	It is a beautiful and healthy reservoir. That is full of wildlife and fish. I have been there and seen so much. Flocks of ducks and geese. I have been through the lock multiple times and every time there is manatees going through. Why it's because Rodman is full of vegetation for them to eat. If you remove you are taking there food. Where most places bottom grass is dying off, it's healthy in Rodman	Removing a huge food source for manatees	No	
10/22/2021 12:38	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Oklawaha River returned to it's natural state by removing the dam. There are economic benefits for doing this, not to mention the good for health of the St. Johns river and the various springs and flood plains.	By allowing more dredging near the mouth of the river we have created an influx of salt water upstream. This is harmful to the submerged grasses that support the ecosystem. Recreational opportunities will be enhanced. The St. Johns will have more fresh water flow mitigating the damage done by dredging.	Continued degradation of the St Johns River.	Why would we not want to do this? Palatka will still have the recreational economic opportunities it enjoys now.	i visit Ft Caroline almost daily. I see what the dredging has done. Water clarity is not what it was before the dredging started.
10/22/2021 12:39	Alachua		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Feels like a no brainer.
10/22/2021 12:39	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as it is...!!	It is filtering toxins and algae out of the St. Johns River. Not to mention, it's a great place to spend the day with your family and see all the different wildlife that are drawn to the area.	Loosing the serenity and habitat for all the wildlife and the cost.	Leave it alone... keep draining for a few months every few years, if need be, but do not remove the dam entirely.	It's been this way for all these years and hasn't hurt a thing! Why can't people just leave a good thing alone!
10/22/2021 12:42	Citrus		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking	Unblock the dam & let the water flow naturally	Environmental articles	Environmental impactnet at this time	Not at this time	
10/22/2021 12:42	Nassau		No	Yes			1 time		Remove entirely and restore the river and all natural functions.	Restoration of all natural functions	Huge waste of tax money to maintain an unnatural structure	No	Take this rare opportunity to restore a piece of natural Florida and minimize tax payer impacts
10/22/2021 12:46	St Johns		No	No					Return it back to natural state	It's good for the Saint Johns river	Water flow is important	Not really	
10/22/2021 12:47	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. The dam is a detriment to our community. It harms our economy, water quality, and wildlife in the region.	The fact that the water resources would benefit significantly. Restoration benefits to be achieved by breaching Rodman Dam are as follows: Provides over 150 million gallons a day of additional natural water flow for the lower Ocklawaha River and St. Johns River estuary. This water flow increases due to uncovering 20 freshwater springs suppressed by the waters behind the dam and elimination of substantial evaporation from the warm, exposed reservoir. Creates a much cooler, clearer, free-flowing Ocklawaha River that will promote healthy, native submerged aquatic vegetation growth essential for fish and wildlife in the restored river channel and in the St. Johns River by increasing water clarity and available light. Lessens the likelihood of toxic blue-green algal blooms in the lower St. Johns River - a most significant water quality and human health problem. Restoring the natural balance between nitrogen and phosphorus would favor a more beneficial algal community. Helps balance salt and freshwater in the lower St. Johns River estuary to protect its sportfishing and shellfish industries and associated vital habitat, while assuring coastal resiliency and reduction of saltwater intrusion.	The fact that substantial water quality and water quantity (flow) benefits under the restoration scenario would not be realized and that the overwhelming amount of data and research supporting restoration would go to waste. Additionally, the lost economic benefits of restoring the Ocklawaha.	No. The dam must be breached. It is 5 decades overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Do you want another Piney Point or Surfside on your hands?	This is an incredible opportunity. Let's not miss it. Restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 million+ gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.
10/22/2021 12:48	Seminole		No	No					Breach the Rodman Kirkpatrick dam	The dam is past its prime and breaching it would save millions of tax payer money, not to mention restore some of Florida's springs and fish population	Quality of water declining, and nautical habitats for Florida's native animals being destroyed further	No, the damn is outdated and need to be breached	Breaching this dam would help restore a multitude of Florida springs, making this project not only beneficial for taxpayers but also wildlife
10/22/2021 12:50	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam.	I moved to Ocala in the 60s and saw what the river was like and now see how it has changed for the worse.	continued environmental and wildlife damage.	no	the SJRWMD has allowed damage to occur for way too long.
10/22/2021 12:53	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing	Open the dam.	The lake is dying.	Destroyed environmental issues.	no	Return the Oklawaha to nature.
10/22/2021 12:54	Lake		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Keep it	It is a great place to take family.	The local ecological result would NOT benefit florida		
10/22/2021 12:54	Lee		No	No					Restore the river to it's natural flow. Help wildlife species by giving them the habitat they need.	Habitat loss and especially loss of wetland habitats has caused declines in wildlife populations. Natural areas are a must to restore threatened and endangered species.	Continued loss of biodiversity.		
10/22/2021 12:55	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha to its natural course	Newspapers and lectures re: the ecological, recreational, and wildlife benefits to restoration of the Ocklawaha. 20 lost springs	Dam failure, harm to wildlife , particularly manatees, and poor water quality	No.	This is best opportunity to do this with federal and state funds. Critically important.
10/22/2021 12:56	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the Dam full of wildlife and families enjoying the nature.				
10/22/2021 12:58	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Other: Walking our dogs and looking at the birds.	Keep the hydra at bay and the boats out.	It keeps our water well higher than they naturally would be and so our small lakes ~ which I live on.	Water levels fall. Wildlife suffers. Area has more variation in dry/damp. Less stable environment. People LEAVE!!!! Less water activities. More fires. No dead manatees caught in the damn dam. Stupid dam ~ should produce electricity. Poor design. Am MS Enviro Engineer from Tennessee. Florida loves water messes!	More enviro controls in the Ocala National Forest. More patrolling. Take poaching serious!!!! Kill the 4 wheelers!!!!!	
10/22/2021 12:59	Outside of state / other	Morgan County Indiana	No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Left alone.	Control of pollution and sediment, support wildlife, keep St. John cleaner, support manatees.	A degrading of the St. Johns river, manatees, and wildlife.	No. Florida has a terrible track record when it comes to nature, changing water flows, and controlling pollution. Leave it alone. Its a tremendous fishing/wildlife/nature area	
10/22/2021 12:59	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I (we) need the dam and reservoir to stay and continue to provide habit and resources for the wonderfully diverse ecosystems that are teeming with wildlife.	Population numbers for fish and bird species.	I can't imagine losing such a beautiful and special place like the Rodman. The destruction of habitat and cruel loss of wildlife is will be devastating.	The Rodman is a delicately balanced area and any intrusion could have devastating effects.	We love catch and release fishing at Rodman and are always overwhelmed by its beauty. I don't know of another place like it. It is a treasure we should support and take care of and not destroy.
10/22/2021 12:59	Brevard		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see it removed to restore natural flow to river.	Landscapes that have dams removed quickly recover to a more balanced ecosystem that benefits water quality downstream and should improve wildlife corridors all the way to the everglades.	A lost opportunity to restore an ecosystem that is rapidly disappearing across our state. We have many lakes and developments in florida and very few river systems that are intact.	Not really…this is an all or none kind of thing. Maybe restoring seasonal flooding and lowering the lake level would help a bit.	
10/22/2021 13:02	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Open it	What is best for the wild life		Not sure	
10/22/2021 13:03	Duval		No	No					I want to have this dam breached.f	Breaching the dam would help clean up the St Johns river and its tributaries.f	The health of the St Johns river and tributaries will continue to be threatened.r	I know of any other options.	We must protect the environment of these rivers for ourselves and future generations.
10/22/2021 13:03	Sarasota		No	Yes			1 time		demolish the dam and let the reservoir return to a natural condition	my belief it was never anything but a political boondoggle	that some other local politician (read "fool") might use it as a misbegotten example of need for his district	possibly, but I don't know what it might be	i am a retired environmental news reporter (retired from the NY Times newspaper group re Gainesville Sun, Ocala Star-Banner and Sarasota Herald-Tribune) after 30 years of work; my minor in college was Environmental Engineering. major was print (newspaper-primarily) journalism. I have a BS in agriculture from UF, 1969.
10/22/2021 13:05	Marion		No	No					Free flowing and bring back all the springs that rely on that flow	The fish the manatees.....so much loss from our interference	Loss of our beautiful springs and the life it supports	No	
10/22/2021 13:07	Alachua		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	have them removed	The descriptions of the oOcklawaha river and its tributary springs prior to damming.	That a beautiful part of Florida is lost forever	No	
10/22/2021 13:08	Clay		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / Kayaking	The dam need to be removed so that the river can flow freely.	This Dam is an obstacle for wild life and is deteriorating the environment.	I have visited the area while I drawdown season and have seen what a beautiful place this area can be. The dam is collecting trash and it just a disaster area.	Allowing the River to flow is tge only outcome I would support	
10/22/2021 13:08	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing					
10/22/2021 13:09	Marion		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	take the dam out	environment is not good for fish, birds, etc	all the fish dying	get rid of the dam	
10/22/2021 13:11	Manion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	NOTHING AT ALL!	PRESERVE IT'S BEAUTY, NEEDS TO REMAIN UNTOUCHED.	DEMOCRATS	NO	
10/22/2021 13:11	Sarasota		No	No					Environmental impact considered, wildlife protected.		Continued ignorance over the protection of our waterways and ecosystems.		
10/22/2021 13:16	Osceloa		No	Yes			More than 5 times		I would like to see the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam breached so that restoration of the Ocklawaha River can occur. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers to aid in enhancement and restoration of these waterways.	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million-dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 13:16	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / Kayaking Other: Camping	I would like to see the dam breached.	The restoration of the Oklawaha and the free flowing of springs, fish and manatees.	Spending millions more of taxpayers dollars on this boondoggle.	No	Let the rivers run naturally and free!
10/22/2021 13:16	Leon		No	No					I would like to see it removed.	It is blocking 20 FL springs that are important for ecotourism and many other reasons.	The springs	No	
10/22/2021 13:18	Marion		No	No					Let the Rodman dam go. Fifty years of environmental destruction is enough. Politics and money are the only things keeping this deadly dam in place.	FORCE information about the dam and the choices for the Ocklawaha's future. I have read the proposals from both groups involved in the Rodman dam project. The "Free the River" facts are much more honest, believable and scientific than the "Keep the Dam" arguments. Various articles, editorials and other sources of history and facts about the river and the dam have educated me about the terrible situation we are in today.	More environmental degradation accompanied by loss of wildlife.	Not sure. Would have to see what other solutions are presented.	The privilege of fishing for bass is far outweighed by the needs of ALL Florida's residents and our fauna, flora and waterways. Rodman dam was a disaster from Day 1. I am glad that I wasn't around to see it happen. It must have been beyond depressing. Restoration of the Ocklawaha River is essential. The many benefits laid out by environmental, business and recreational thinkers are amazing. I want to be on site to whoop and holler as the river starts to flow free. I may even jump in for a swim! Please release the Ocklawaha. Florida needs this river. Fifty years is a long time - too long. The destruction of the river has cost us much more than money. Please open the dam and let the Ocklewaha be a healthy, sustaining river once more. Thank you.
10/22/2021 13:21	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please eliminate the dam and let the reservoir drain down to allow the Ocklawaha River to flow naturally again	The fact the dam is of no use other than to create a reservoir that has no purpose other than as an artificial body of water that needs to be artificially seeded and stocked with fish. Allowing the water to run naturally would create far more natural wildlife habitat for fisherman, hunters, birders, photographers, Paddlers, and naturalists.	Continued deterioration of water, wildlife, and other natural resources needed to return the entire Ocklawaha River basin a natural wildlife habitat.	Remove the blockage of the refuse and the flood control gates at the dam to allow a natural flow and artificial nutrient cleaning of the water.	The dam has long since lost its value to act as a viable flood control especially considering what its annual maintenance cost is. Removal of the dam or at the least the removal of the flow blockage and the flood control gates to allow the Ocklawaha River to flow naturally again would be a far better investment of the funds that are presently used to supposedly maintain the dam and reservoir.
10/22/2021 13:22	Marion		No	No					I would love to see them both gone and the river run free again.	MONEY, EXPENSIVE TO KEEP!, Dead manatees over the years. Migrating fish that have been stopped from migrating for decades.	The expense…decades more!	NO!	As a young girl my father fished the Ocklawaha and St. John's River and caught huge fish and brought them home for us to see. Giant cat fish, mullet, bass just amazing fish. I personally watch Silver Springs fish decline over the decades and the water quality there getting worse every year. Letting our rivers run FREE will heal them and the Earth around the.!
10/22/2021 13:23	Washington		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to 537 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklewaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 13:24	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Removal of obstruction. Restore flow	This will open habitat for marine life and improve water quality	Stagnation	Bringing down the level will help temporarily	Protect our water and way of life!
10/22/2021 13:24	Lee		No	Yes	1 time	1 time		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing	Tear it down to free the river	the effect on wildlife would be beneficial with the dam being breached. Also, the springs would benefit.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Hundreds of manatees loose access to essential warm water winter habitat. Water quality declines further fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss.	No, the dam needs to be breached	This dam does not provide any good to humans or wildlife.

10/22/2021 13:25	St Lucie		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breech has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood-damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. 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10/22/2021 13:25	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it left completely alone! This is a unique and beautiful area in Florida that supports countless wildlife, fishes, birds, manatees... We travel to Rodman for fishing and to enjoy its lush vegetation and unique beauty! It should not be disturbed in any way! Can't imagine destroying such a vital ecosystem that provides habit and resources for so much wildlife!	The numbers of manatees (700) that have been saved by coming into the Rodman to feed the on the rich vegetation. The Rodman is a delicately balanced ecosystem and what is being proposed will destroy it and the vast numbers of wildlife that depend on it!	Destruction of a unique and beautiful ecosystem and the loss of vast numbers of wildlife. Rodman is a true treasure that Florida needs to be actively preserving.	Absolutely not! Ecosystems like the Rodman have a very delicate balance and any intrusion like what is being discussed would be disastrous!	We love to come to the Rodman for catch and release fishing and it's sheer beauty. I don't know of any place like it. There are fewer and fewer places to see Florida's truly natural beauty.
10/22/2021 13:26	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing	Restore flow	Marine life habitat	Stagnation	Lower level can help temporarily	Protect our water
10/22/2021 13:26	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam to reconnect the rivers.	Restore the springs, Restore fish and manatee migration, use less herbicides	Not being able to use the springs and see manatees	reconnect the rivers	Free this river and bring back the fish animals and people. Must of the time the boat ramps at Kenwood and Orange Springs are not usable.
10/22/2021 13:27	Seminole		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing Other: Once the springs are freed up my family will use it.	I would like to see the water be able to flow freely. I use the St johns a lot and I love to fish and we had toxic algae blooms this year. I think even the St Johns will benefit from this.	A lot of the FI Wildlife Cooridor will be freed up and regenerated or people and wildlife A lot of the water will be able to have natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers	I have a few. I love to fish and the fish fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase. I have seen these invasive species start to expand in number. With me if I had to choose one it would be the water quality declining further and having more toxic algae blooms and fish kills and the manatees would be negatively effected.	Well at least draw the reservoir down for the health of rivers and wildlifeswhile we try to figure out how to do more to help.	I am concerned about some false statements made by the opposing group. Looking at research will show their comments are not true. I want everyone to care about the river and rivers for the right reason. Please look at these honest scientific resources to see: Water Resources Scientific Paper with References Water-Quality-Quantity-Fact-Sheet.pdf (freetheocklawaha.com) Fish Scientific Paper with References FishImplicationswithaRestoredOcklawahaRiver.pdf (freetheocklawaha.com) Manatee Fact Sheet with References Manatee-Fact-Sheet.pdf (freetheocklawaha.com) Economics Fact Sheet EconomicBriefingPieceFinalUpdated9.8.21.pdf (freetheocklawaha.com)
10/22/2021 13:28	Alachua		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other	Continued conservation and ensuring the waters are clean and accessible		Then our natural area will become much like South Florida polluted over populated abused and neglected		
10/22/2021 13:29	Alachua		No	No					I would like the dam to be removed and natural water channels restored	The ecological problems caused by the dam along with the cost to repair the dam	Further deterioration of our environment	No	
10/22/2021 13:31	Alachua		No	No					Freeing the Oklawaha	Sierra Club information	Degradation of the river	Don't know	
10/22/2021 13:31	Bay		No	Yes				Other: scoped it out for possible kayaking, wildlife viewing.	get rid of the dam. Restore the natural ecosystem	Restore the natural flow saving 5millions of repairs and continued upkeep and taxpayer money on a dam that should never have been built in the first place. Restoring the system will allow all of Florida's citizens to gain the benefits - economic, water storage, filtration. flood protection. wildlife habitat....	continued degradation of natural ecosystem and loss of benefits for "all" of Florida's citizens and wildlife.	no	
10/22/2021 13:32	Alachua		Yes	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Improve access to the lake and river above and below the dam. Enhance existing access areas to include larger ramps with handicap support, increase lighting for safety, and add or increase campground facilities.	Removing the dam would be catastrophic to resident, transient and migratory wildlife dependent on Rodman Reservoir. Birds, mammals and fish would all suffer, putting unsustainable pressure on adjacent habitat.	Rodman Reservoir is critical to the survival of countless families and businesses dependent on that fishery as a source of income, from multiple counties and townships in the area. Removing the dam would not only displace the wildlife, it would displace the families and business reliant on the lake.	A fish ladder to aid in the migration of fish below and above the lock and dam would be a fair compromise to those concerned with fish migration. I would support funding such project, not one that would compromise the water table of the lake.	it's clear that Governor DisantIs (whom I voted for) is more interested in increasing the amount of port traffic in Jacksonville than he is about the welfare of the families or businesses dependent on the survival Rodman Reservoir. The St. Johns Riverkeepers and Free the Ocklawaha supporters are all in bed together ... each with its won agenda, which borders on corruption. Drain the pool and those factions will have a much larger legal battle on their hands. Do what's right. Save Rodman!
10/22/2021 13:33	St Johns		Yes	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the springs.	The water quality issues on the St. Johns River and manatee mortality rates.	Wasting money on a useless dam and continuing to degrade the water quality in the St. Johns River.	No.	The dam is an environmental travesty and the time has come to remove it.....let the waters run free.
10/22/2021 13:34	Marion		No	Yes		1 time		Boating	Restored to original state	Environmental studies	Dam to break on its on due to age	Idk	
10/22/2021 13:37	Collier		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating	Remove the dam	Rectifying a mistake and restoring the natural state as much as possible	The continuing and increasing negative effects on other water bodies connected to the dammed river.	I'm not aware of any proposed alternatives which would substantially lessen the negative impacts of the dam on the impacted waterways and acquifers	Mother Nature knows best as history has proven; for example look at the Kissimmee River and Lake "O".
10/22/2021 13:38	Hernando		No	No									
10/22/2021 13:40	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see restoration of the river by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted.	20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystems are restored, hundreds of manatees would gain essential warm water winter springs habitat, over 150 million gallons of natural flow per day would be restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers, millions of dollars could be saved from repairs required to upkeep a dam that is past its life expectancy, and $7 million dollars in potential flood damages could be avoided by downstream property owners.	millions of taxpayer dollars would be used in upkeep for an expired dam that decreases water quality, harms ecosystems, and does not provide flood protection, power, water supply, or any other broad public benefit.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. I feel this is a necessary action for the sake of Dam safety, improved water quality, and our beautiful North Florida wildlife.	This dam has already harmed our river and spring ecosystems, which in turn hurts Florida economy. a huge portion of the Florida tourism industry relies on its wildlife and natural resources. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees thus far. if we don't make efforts to restore their natural habitat, the number of deaths of not only manatees, but other essential and beloved Florida wildlife, will increase in years to come. The greatest long term threat of the manatee is loss of natural warm winter habitat.
10/22/2021 13:42	Nassau		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Stop the use of harmful chemicals stop killing off vegetation	Wanting to protect the species and vegetation	That the wildlife and fish and vegetation will deteriorate due to the use of harmful chemicals	I support better water quality	Listen to the people that spend the most time in these waters listen to what the anglers have to say and the captains they know the waters and what's going on and what can be done to help
10/22/2021 13:42	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the dam, restore the flow.	All of it	None.	No.	
10/22/2021 13:44	Outside of state / other	Illinois	No	No					Breach the dam	This should be the default position, since there's no compelling need for the reservoir. It will have enormous environmental benefits.	The state will have to spend a large amount of money replacing a pointless dam	No	
10/22/2021 13:45	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Wildlife viewing	Get rid of the dam!	Return the oklawaha to its natural beauty. Uncover the springs	Loss of wildlife, overpopulation of invasive species, money wasted to drain (drain down) and do upkeep on the dam.	No	Please return this beautiful, wild river to its natural beauty
10/22/2021 13:45	Pinellas		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	>5,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized. Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat. Historic fish populations are not regained in the Ocklawaha River and Silver Springs and exotic fish like the Blue Tilapia increase.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	This decision is vitally important to the residents and wildlife who call this area home. Please consider breaching the dam to restore and improve the habitat in these areas.
10/22/2021 13:46	Alachua		No	No					Free the River.				
10/22/2021 13:46	Seminole		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife.	he 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 13:46	Citrus		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove the Dam.	It needs to return to its natural state to support fish, Manatees and all other wildlife.	It will remain as an unnatural blockage of the river.	No	I have personally seen dozens of Manatees floundering below the dam in the Fall, unable to swim upstream to the Springs. Sad to watch.
10/22/2021 13:50	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Boating Wildlife viewing Other: viewing exposed springs during drawdown	Breach the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the free-flowing Ocklawaha River	Draining the reservoir and allowing back a free-flowing river will result in the restoration of 20 lost springs and historic fish and manatee populations to the Silver Springs ecosystem. Economic analyses have demonstrated that these effects will result in greater visitation and more local jobs.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. In fact, the dam does more harm than good to fish and wildlife habitat.	No, breaching the dam is way overdue. It can be done in a manner, e.g. during a temporary drawdown, that will not be detrimental to downstream property.	I have been involved in this issue since the mid-1990's and have reviewed many of the related studies, both ecological and economic, all of which point to the need to remove the dam. There is no good reason to keep it except as a playground for some fishermen, who catch bass (mainly in the river channel) at the expense of all taxpayers.
10/22/2021 13:51	Duval		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha to its natural state.	increased flow from the Oklawaha into the St. Johns would improve the health of the St. Johns by flushing N and P pollution and by staving off salt water intrusion.	1) Degradation of the water quality and ecology of the St. Johns. 2) Cost of maintaining the dam and the reservoir.	Not that I'm aware of. Keeping the Rodman reservoir loses water volume due to evaporation and suppressing the flow from springs that are flooded. Keeping the dam (in addition to the cost of maintenance) blocks migration of fish and manatees into the Oklawaha.	Removal of other old dams in the NE US has been shown to have surprising rapid restoration of migratory fish populations. I think allowing manatees to migrate up the Oklawaha and feed in that watershed will help the population of manatees by providing increase foraging area and access to springs during cold weather.
10/22/2021 13:52	Sarasota		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The dam is past its life expectancy. Breaching the dam saves millions of dollars dam repairs and upkeep. We taxpayers should not continue to repair and maintain a dam that is actively harming fish, manatees and the entire ecosystem.	Missing the best opportunity to help fish, manatees, springs, and our Florida economy. State and federal funds are available! Public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (water quality, wildlife habitat) and the dam is unsafe.	No. We should have breached the dam 50 years ago.	
10/22/2021 13:53	Hillsborough		No	No					Removal	Restoration of submerged and damaged natural 'communities'	Continued degradation of natural plant communitied that support native animals, clean water, recreation and beauty of Florida.	Nope, we've waited for decades.	
10/22/2021 13:56	Outside of state / other	45233	No	No						Helping manatees			
10/22/2021 13:57	Duval		No	No					Please remove the dam and restore the river.	The dam is not the natural state and prevents a healthy St. Johns River. We need the water to flow and restore the ecosystem.			
10/22/2021 13:57	Putnam					2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other: I stop at Rodman Res. for wildlife viewing but know that wildlife viewing would be enhanced by breaching the dam. I also put in at the dam to paddle, but only downstream into the lower Ocklawaha.	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam be breached to restore the original flow of the Ocklawaha River. I would like this outcome for the migration of Striped Bass and other fish, the springs on the Ocklawaha which are currently submerged by Rodman Reservoir to be restored and accessible to the public, better opportunity for endangered Manatees to access Silver Springs (and the other currently submerged springs which would be accessible for their use), and the opportunity for paddlers and boaters to be able to boat/paddle between Silver Springs and the St. Johns without going through Buckman Lock. In support of the final point, I would note the statistic from the FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails that visitation at Rodman Reservoir access points increased by 81% during the November 2019-February 2019 drawdown by 81% compared to the same 4 month period in 2017-18 and 2018-19. Furthermore, annual use of the reservoir recreation sites has trended downward since 2010 declining by an average of 3,627 visitor parties per year between 2010 & 2017 whereas annual use of river sites has increased overall by an average of 508 visitor parties per year during that same period, thus indicating that a free-flowing Ocklawaha would boost recreational use and thus the local economy.	Breaching Kirkpatrick Dam would result in the 20 springs submerged under Rodman Reservoir being accessible to endangered manatees (which have had high mortality in recent years in other areas of the State) and the public, would result in more manatees also being able to access Silver Springs (the use of which is currently limited by the need for manatees to go through Buckman Lock to access the springs), would result in the restoration of habitat for striped bass and other migratory fish species which have been lost to the Ocklawaha/Silver Rivers, all of which would result also in more diverse recreational opportunities with an open-water corridor from Silver Springs to the St. Johns (enhancing the value for paddlers/boaters/springs visitors/ecotourism) with many more springs and more wildlife viewing opportunities and even enhanced fishing (when striped bass/shad are figured in), which would be in the public interest and bring additional tourism dollars to the area.	If the dam is not breached, my biggest concern is the continued decline of the reservoir is that the opportunity for a low cost habitat restoration for manatees/striped bass/other migratory species (and I should note when I refer to "low cost" that is also figuring in that there is a cost to continued maintenance of the 50 year-old dam which would be avoided; also I am comparing to other restoration projects such as Everglades restoration which are orders of magnitude higher), the 20 submerged springs will be lost and will continue to be inaccessible to the public and to wildlife, the area will continue to see tourism dollars lost. Furthermore, the impoundment of the River would continue to result in nutrients accumulating in Rodman Reservoir due to the increased water temperatures which result from the impoundment and lack of aeration which a free-flowing river would provide, leading to many of the boat ramps at Rodman continuing to be clogged with vegetation and the natural ecosystem continuing to be impaired, and the St. Johns estuary will be deprived of the greater flow of freshwater that would result from a free-flowing Ocklawaha.	No. The public and wildlife have been deprived of the benefits that the free-flowing Ocklawaha provided for 50 years. Drawing down the reservoir without breaching the dam would result in enhanced recreation opportunities (insofar as access to springs) just as draw-downs do, but would not provide any benefit to striped bass or manatees and would not result in an open-water corridor for paddlers and boaters, so this would be better than spending millions of dollars to restore the dam and maintain status quo, but it would not provide the majority of the benefits that completely breaching the dam would provide.	Kirkpatrick dam has no benefits except the perceived benefits to largemouth bass anglers. Unlike many dams which provide benefits such electrical power or flood control, Kirkpatrick Dam provides no such benefits. In fact, the dam in its current state creates a flood risk, in that a recent study shows that "catastrophic failure" of the dam could result in $57 million in property damage - while millions of dollars could be spent restoring the dam, it is questionable what the public interest would be in making such expenditures rather than putting them towards breaching the dam and restoring the free-flowing Ocklawaha. Oftentimes advocates of the dam speak about the wildlife that uses Rodman Reservoir, and I cannot deny that wildlife does use it - I have seen bald eagles there and even a bear near the shoreline and of course the few manatees that make it through Buckman Locks must go through Rodman Reservoir to reach Silver Springs for winter habitat. However, science and logic establishes that striped bass and other migratory fish species cannot get through a dam (or locks in any number), and that while some manatees might make it through a lock, many more would use a free flowing river without any impediments. Furthermore, my own personal observations (which I would discount as compared to the science) from having been to Rodman Reservoir many times as well as having paddles the natural portions of the Ocklawaha many times, are that while Rodman Reservoir does attract wildlife, the natural portions of the River attract much more. Personal observations have been the same as to the use of the natural portions of the River by paddlers - few are seen on Rodman Reservoir, but many use the natural portions of the River. The statistics from FDEP Office of Trails and Greenways re. recreational users during "drawdowns" versus normal years and the natural river versus the Reservoir are once again, much better data which establish the same. I hope for the sake of wildlife/the ecosystem, water quality, myself and other local residents who would greatly welcome the recreational opportunities provided by a free-flowing Ocklawaha and access to 20 springs which we are deprived of., property owners who risk flood damage, and the local economy which would benefit from increased tourist dollars, that the choice will finally be made to breach the Kirkpatrick Dam, restoring a free-flowing Ocklawaha.
10/22/2021 14:02	Union		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating	Leave it as is.	The ecosystem there is tremendous and making changes will destroy it.	The reservoir would become a mud hole and ecosystems would be totally destroyed that could not be replaced.	No.	
10/22/2021 14:02	Sarasota		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	The Ocklawaha River Valley should be restored as near to its pre-Cross Florida Barge Canal condition as possible. The Reservoir should be drained and the Dam should be removed.	Harm being caused to federally listed species, etc. - Manatee deaths continue to be caused by flood gates/canal locks, most recently on 01/10/2021. (See FFWCC, https://myfwc.com/media/25428/preliminary.pdf) - It is possible that the restoration of the Ocklawaha River could potentially provide additional spawning habitat for the endangered shortnose sturgeon. (USFS, FEIS for the Occupancy and Use of National Forest Lands and Ocklawaha River Restoration at App. J-6 (2001).)	Ongoing violations of section 9 of the Federal Endangered Species Act.	1. Removal of the Reservoir with partial removal of the Dam to restore functionality to the Ocklawaha River ecosystem. 2. Lowering water levels in the Reservoir so it is confined as close to the natural river banks as possible . Only portions of the dam within the footprint of the banks of the River prior to construction would be removed.	Thanks!
10/22/2021 14:06	Indian River		No	No					Drain the reservoir	Restore natural ecosystem	Further loss of habitat, native species and water flow dynamics	No	
10/22/2021 14:08	Outside of state / other	Luling, La.	No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating	It is a beautiful area, with rich wildlife and fish. Leave this area as is!	A lot would be lost if it went back to just the river. Both natural and economical.	I would fish someone else for sure.	Leave as is!	Truly beautiful area now.
10/22/2021 14:09	Levy		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	State park				
10/22/2021 14:10	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Photography	I would love to see Rodman Reservoir and the Kirkpatrick Dam stay here FOREVER! Four (4) generations of my family have been coming to Rodman, for 50 years. We have been Blessed to watch this ecosytem get more beautiful every year! My favorite about Rodman is watching all the birds and wildlife and photographing them. It is so relaxing and only 10 miles from Palatka, where I live. I can go there anytime after work or on the weekends and instantly have PEACE! There are endangered and threatened bird species that depend on Rodman. Rodman is home to many species of wildlife....such as eagles, ospreys, herons, limpkins, egrets, ibis, ducks, black bears, turkeys, turtles, alligators, manatees and a healthy diverse fish population. Birds are important indicators of our Nation's Environmental Health! Nearly one-quarter of all U.S. birds rely on freshwater wetlands. Wetland bird populations are well below historic levels but management and conservation measures have contributed to increases of many wetland birds including: American White Pelican, Double-Crested Cormorant, Herons, Egrets, Osprey, Sandhill Cranes, Gulls & Kingfishers. A majority of Colonial-nesting wading birds, such as Egrets, Herons and White Ibis continue to recover from populations devastated by the plume trade and market hunting in the early 20th century. Today, the greatest threat to these birds on Rodman is the loss and degradation of habitat due to development or disturbance. Please DO NOT let them destroy their habitat! I am speaking for those who can not speak.... the wildlife on Rodman Reservoir! The Rodman Reservoir complex includes the old Ocklawaha River and associated flood-plain forest, a transitional wetland system and an open-water pool totaling almost 8,000 acres of a truly diverse and valuable ecosystem. Wetlands are rapidly disappearing and must be protected. If Rodman Dam is destroyed, Florida would lose more than 7,000 acres of healthy wetland habitat. These wetlands support an amazingly large and varied group of plants and animals, which would mostly disappear with the destruction of the reservoir. Because of the abundant food supply and its protection from development by the greenway corridor, Rodman has thousands of wading birds that live and reproduce there. BUZZARDS are a sign of a COMPLETE ECOSYSTEM and there are many on Rodman. They help clean up the environment by eating the flesh off dead animals before it rots and causes disease!	Florida's Endangered and Threatened bird species that have protected and thrived on Rodman Reservoir - The Imperiled Species Management plan was approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in November 2016. It is designed to conserve 21 bird species over the next 10 years (through 2026). Wood Stork - Federally-designated Threatened (FT) - June 2015 Wood Stork - Protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Brown Pelican - Removed from Florida's Endangered & Threatened Species List - 1-11-17 Imperiled Species Management Plan Brown Pelican - Protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Snowy Egret - Removed from Florida's Endangered & Threatened Species List - 1-11-17 Imperiled Species Management Plan Snowy Egret - Protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Little Blue Heron - State-designated Threatened (ST) - May 2017 Imperiled Species Management Plan Little Blue Heron - Protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Tricolored Heron - State-designated Threatened (ST) - May 2017 Imperiled Species Management Plan Tricolored Heron - Protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act White Ibis - Removed from Florida's Endangered & Threatened Species List - 1-11-17 Imperiled Species Management Plan White Ibis - Protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act Osprey - Removed from Florida's Endangered & Threatened Species List - 2018 Imperiled Species Management Plan	ALL THE WILDLIFE WILL LOOSE THEIR HABITAT! NO HABITAT, FOOD OR WARM WATER FOR THE MANATEES! We should protect this unique environment and the ecosystem that has evolved around it. Manatees are traveling in and out of Rodman and they love the seagrass. There are NO ALGAE BLOOMS in Rodman Reservoir so the plants are plentiful. The following data was taken by the Buckman Lock Tenders/Florida DEP and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. This is a six year count: 2016 - 456 Manatees Observed 2017 - 392 Manatees Observed 2018 - 437 Manatees Observed 2019 - 641 Manatees Observed 2020 - 498 Manatees Observed 2021 - 709 Manatees Observed thru Sept. 27, 2021 2021 LARGE PODS OBSERVED January 13 February 8 March 108 6, 8, 12+, 10, 13 April 139 11, 12, 15+, 10+, 12 May 82 June 81 July 91 6, 8, 8, 6 August 85 8+, 6 September 102 8+, 6+, 6, 8+, 8, 7, 10 TOTAL 709 Florida Manatees are one of the highest mortality rates in years. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation	NO. NO removal of the dam and NO partial restoration!	In 2020 Bassmaster named Rodman Reservoir as one of the Best Southeastern Bass Lakes of the DECADE! RODMAN RESERVOIR WAS #1! https://www.bassmaster.com/slideshow/best-southeastern-bass-lakes-decade?fbclid=IwAR0jYlROwrrNmhnamqsJRVjWLrZLIRTIbuhokrSmy-b_vzRiZAuuBhOuDxbhm4#slide1 Bassmasters has named Rodman Reservoir as one of the top 100 Bass lakes SIX (6) TIMES! https://m.bassmaster.com/conservation-news/bass-asks-members-help-save-rodman-reservoir *WHERE are Florida HOF (Hall of Fame - 13+ lbs) bass caught? Anglers have submitted HOF bass from all over Florida. Roughly one-third of Florida's counties can claim at least one HOF bass. However, Clay and Putnam Counties top the list, accounting for 30% of all HOF catches. Alachua, Marion, Lake, Polk and Highlands account for another 35% of HOF bass. Rodman Reservoir continues to hover near the top of the TrophyCatch water body list, now with over 880 approved catches! People are coming from all over the country to fish on Rodman Reservoir, not just Florida! Imagine how much money that brings into our economy. Our entire family fishes! Men, women and children! My grandfather taught his son and my father taught us kids and we taught our kids! Rodman is ONLY 10 miles from Palatka. There is so much crime in this city and I would hate to see Rodman destroyed because fishing is a great sport for young people as well as old. I would love to see a program for young people where their mentors take them to the lake. The only trouble you can get in out on Rodman is getting your line caught up in a tree. We should be empowering and inspiring our young people through fishing. It would be great to see a boardwalk around Rodman for fishing and wildlife viewing. There are SO MANY REASONS to SAVE RODMAN RESERVOIR! One is just as good as another. What about water for the future? Thank you for putting this survey out for everyone to respond!
10/22/2021 14:11	Marion		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Boating	Keep as it is.	Fishing and boating	be very un happy	no	
10/22/2021 14:11	Sarasota		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Boating	Keep it as it was years ago	It was a important tournament and tourism site w large bass	the lake dies		
10/22/2021 14:11	Clay		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Leave as it is		Provides people a place to go fish, tecreation		

10/22/2021 14:12	Volusia		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing Other	River restored				
10/22/2021 14:13	Bay		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Maintain the dam as is	It's a wonderfull fishery and supports a large variety of birds.	What would happen to the fish and other wildlife that depend on the reservoir.		
10/22/2021 14:16	Monroe		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I don't use it but I did see it once when I paddled the Ocklawaha	Since this dam was built as part of the Cross Florida Barge Canal which was halted due to being a bad idea and not fiscally sound, removing it makes a lot of sense. Restoring the natural flow of any river improves things for wildlife and some recreational uses (paddling for one). I think the reasons for removing it far outweigh the reasons for keeping it! Thank you for registering my comments.	According to St Johns Riverkeeper, removing the dam will keep the St Johns River from getting too salty. But also, it's fiscally responsible to stop paying for a piece of infrastructure that isn't serving a purpose AND could bring new business to the counties along its course - more paddling, fishing and ecotourism.	I would love to see the springs that are now buried underwater (I've missed the drawdowns) and would love to witness the return of a free flowing river, something I've never seen!	None that I can think of...	I live in south Florida where we are constantly fighting for the Everglades so I think this is equally important to northern Florida. And A LOT easier!
10/22/2021 14:16	Flagler		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Hunting	Leave it like it is. It has become its own environment that is self sustaining and causes no harmful side effects.	Economic impact on Putnam and surrounding counties	It will be a mud hole that will be abused by truck and atv enthusiasts	There is no other scenario that would work. If there is it has never been presented considering I was born in Palatka in 1966 and have seen the entire place take on a life of its own. It should be managed accordingly because it is a viable resource for both the economy of the area and environmentally.	Every election cycle Rodman is mentioned for restoration why? It has a life of its own and is managed at a minimal cost to the tax payer. If you want to go after a recreational group go after the side by sides and atv that run all over the Ferried.
10/22/2021 14:18	Putnam		No	Yes		More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I think Dams are unnatural and think it should be taken down	The manatees dying	It will cause more harm than good	No	
10/22/2021 14:21	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Fishing	I would like to see the dam removed and the ocklawaha river restored to it's nature state	Numerous studies have shown the importance of free flowing ocklawaha and the natural springs it will restore as well as striped bass populations	Low striped bass populations where they once thrived naturally, algae blooms, loss of natural springs and resources	No	free the ocklawaha
10/22/2021 14:21	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkman Dam	Three rivers, the St Johns, Silver, and Ocklawaha and 50 springs will be restored.	The 300 mile St Johns Estuary will continue to be deprived of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat and reduce saltwater intrusion.	No, breaching the dam is long overdue and necessary for dam safety, water quality and improved wildlife habitat.	I was born in Jacksonville, have lived in Silver Springs and now in Alachua County. all three of these rivers have been an integral part of my life and their health and restoration are important to me on a personal level. Seeing the broader picture, as I have already mentioned, this is good for the health of our ecosystems, economy and quality of life, for all inhabitants, both animal and human. Thank you for your time and attention to this important decision.
10/22/2021 14:23	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	eliminate the dam and restore the river to its original flow.	improve the quality of the St Johns river and improve fishing for the whole river systems.	The 50 year mistake lives on to benefit the few. The St Johns river continues to suffer. The voice of science is once again ignored.	no	
10/22/2021 14:23	Outside of state / other	I lived in Jacksonville/Duval County f	No	Yes		1 time	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I'd like to see the Ocklawaha River return to its natural glory, mostly to keep wildlife habitats intact. When we continue to allow Florida's natural waterways and lands to remain as natural as possible, the state is better able to resist climate change and detrimental effects such as flooding, deterioration of land, and uncontrollable fires. The draw of Florida really comes down to it's natural beauty. This is the chance to allow for more complete restoration of this property.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife	My biggest concern is: if not now, when? Tomorrow or generations from now, it might be too late to reverse the effects of poor past planning.	Honestly, anything that allows restoration of our natural lands in any way, is something I'd support.	Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this issue. As you can see, I no longer live in Florida but visit frequently. Florida is my Home, and the natural beauty of our waterways and lands are what make Florida so amazing. It's up to us to preserve and protect the state's natural resources as much as possible.
10/22/2021 14:23	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam and let the river (and springs) run free again.	The dam needs to be removed, and has been voted to be removed for decades. Still nothing has been done to complete removal. Springs are backed up just for fishermen and "lakefront" property owners? Manatees blocked from going upstream? It is way past time to remove the stoppage.	The springs continue to be clogged/potluted by river water encroachment. The dam has funding alocated to repair it instead of remove it as promised and voted on more than once. Manatees continue to perish from lack of food / area to forage.	Such as what? Keeping a decrepit dam until it collapses? Uh, no thanks.	
10/22/2021 14:24	Broward		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing		We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be restored or enhanced, benefitting species like Florida black bears, Florida panthers, bobcats, bald eagles, and white-tailed deer.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Appopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 100 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("O2O") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife.
10/22/2021 14:25	Marion		No	No					Dismantled.	Cost to maintain vs cost benefits to have it removed.	Both economic and environmental.	No, it sees black and white. Either its there or it isn't.	
10/22/2021 14:26	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Other	No change	The ecosystem is severely dependent on the dam	Many species of aquatic and land animals are going to perish and have to find new areas to thrive.	No	
10/22/2021 14:28	Marion		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restore the wildlife habitat.	it serves no purpose whatsoever		No	
10/22/2021 14:29	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I don't use the dam or reservoir Photography.	The dam breached and the Ocklawaha River restored allowing the River to return to its original channel,the health of 3 Rivers will be positively affected, the floodplain forest will grow back and support native wildlife habitat, will continue to connect the wildlife corridor, 20 lost springs can be enjoyed again and their waters will return to their natural depth and flow, this wi native based tourism and run free	This subject is important to our neighborhood and city because we could be very positively affected by the River's restoration and could help with our City's revitalization. Palatka is probably the second oldest city in Florida. Once an native Indian village, Palatka sits on the bank of the St Johns River. It's unique position on the River made it an ideal stopping point for boats traveling north or south on the River. The St Johns and it's main tributary, the Ocklawaha River, served as a highway for boats to carry goods and some people to Silver Springs, the interior of Florida. Paddlewheel Boats were used to navigate the strong currents of the narrow, winding Ocklawaha River. Over time, these round trip Paddlewheel Boat excursions from Palatka, up the wild Ocklawaha River to Silver Springs made the City of Palatka a world famous tourist destination in the 1800's and early 1900's. I would like for Palatka to be a bustling, nature based, Tourist Destination again. With the dam breached and the Ocklawaha River running freely in its historic riverbed, it is possible. This restoration can help bring money into Palatka, Putnam County and Florida. It's the right thing to do.	All of the money that will continue to be wasted on repairing the dam and spillway. The loss of opportunities for so many more people to enjoy the River. All of the lost opportunities for a higher quality of life for so many people. Everything would stay status quo. Putnam County would continue to have one of the very lowest incomes per capita in the state.	I cannot see one. Slowly take the water level down 11 feet or so to let native plants and seedlings reestablish themselves. Then take the water on down to its historic levels. The River will heal itself with just a little help.	The removal of Rodman dam and the restoration of the Ocklawaha River will be a catalyst to bring about a bustling economy for the City of Palatka and Putnam County. Palatka will be listed as a "Tourist Destination". A restored Ocklawaha River will allow paddlewheel boats to once again make the historic trip "paddling" tourists from Palatka to Silver Springs by way of the "wild and winding " Ocklawaha River. Tourists are good for business; they pay for food to eat and places to sleep and are charged an extra tourist tax. They enjoy different forms of entertainment and are patrons of the performing and visual arts. The restored healthy Ocklawaha River will also improve the health of the St Johns River and the Silver River. Acres of permanently flooded floodplain forests will return to healthy functioning animal habitat. Fish and manatee will be able to swim all the way from the ocean to any of the 50 springs that follow the course of the River. 20 of those 50 springs are "lost" springs currently weighted down by the flooded River. They will flow freely again. Once the River is restored, money will no longer be wasted on drawdowns or repairs on the 50 year old failing dam which serves no purpose. Many new jobs will be created such as building new historically accurate paddlewheel boats, working on the River restoration itself and building and/or repairing landings. Professionals will monitor the healing of the rivers and recovery of the plants and trees to document the process and the progress of restoration.
10/22/2021 14:31	Palm Beach		No	No					Breach the Kirkpatrick dam	The dam is past its life expectancy, breaching the dam saves $4-14 Million in dam repairs. I do not want my tax dollars to go to repairing a dam that harms wildlife and does nothing to benefit Floridians.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit and directly harms native wildlife and water quality.	No, this project was a mistake and we need to cut our losses, stop wasting money, and allow wildlife to have their natural migratory patterns back.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 14:32	Orange		No	No					Breach the damn to restore streams, springs and lands for a wildlife corridor	$4-14 million saved in continual damn restoration projects; provides hundreds of manatees additional safer wintering areas	Continued taxpayer investment in a dam that reduces downstream water quality, loss of wintering manatee habitat, lost springs and lost wildlife corridors.	Breaching the damn would be the only responsible option to all Florida taxpayers and the wildlife of the state of Florida	
10/22/2021 14:35	Sarasota		No	No					The natural flow be restored and the damn be removed.	Much research has been done on the damn and it all agrees that the wildlife (fish, manatees),environmental health, water quality, AND ecotourism from improved water quality would be increased in the area if the damn was removed and the natural flow of water was restored.	Why would we knowingly destroy essential habitats and wildlife when we know the solution? Everyone wins if the flow is restored by removing the damn.	No.	
10/22/2021 14:36	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Educational tours	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam paves way for economic development package for Putnam County and priority recreation amenities for Putnam and Marion Counties. This would create a successful economic and environmental transition to a restored Ocklawaha River reconnecting the St. Johns and Ocklawaha Rivers and Silver Springs. This saves millions on unnecessary repairs and maintenance dollars for a dam past its life expectancy. Free the Ocklawaha River Coalition for Everyone - Five Step Plan for the Great Florida Riverway 1. Obtain financial support from the Florida legislature and other federal and private partners leading up to and during the 2022 legislative session. 2. Complete Partial Restoration of the Ocklawaha River as outlined in the 2001 USDA Environmental Impact Statement and concurrent with recreation improvements. aRemove 2667 linear feet (750ft each) from berm of the Rodman Dam where the natural river channel exists bRetain the boat ramp and restroom facilities at the Rodman Recreation Area cDraw the Rodman Reservoir down to the natural Ocklawaha River channel dRestore fish and manatee natural migration paths and the historic blueway for boaters eRestore 7500 acres of wetland forest fUncover 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha River 3. Provide an economic development package for Putnam County during the four years of restoration. 4. Develop regional master recreation plan Putnam and Marion Counties aCreate a 10-year regional recreation plan involving Marion and Putnam Counties, Palatka, Welaka, and other appropriate municipalities bConduct joint planning for multi-purpose trails cSubmit shared grant applications to federal, state, and regional agencies and private foundations dCo-market the area as a destination for outdoor adventure and water sports 5. Identify and develop recreation infrastructure for Putnam and Marion Counties in collaboration with two counties.	Eight Reasons a Free-Flowing Ocklawaha River Makes Economic Sense - April 2021 Alan Hodges, PhD, UF Economics Professor Emeritus, Stephen Holland, PhD, UF Tourism Professor Emeritus, Quinton White, PhD, Director, Marine Science Research Institute, Jacksonville University (EconomicBriefingPiecesFinalUpdated8.8.21.pdf (freetheocklawaha.com) 1. The projected ten-year return on investment (ROI) for Ocklawaha restoration is 7.6% or a $1.76 return for every dollar invested. Economic benefits of Ocklawaha River restoration, Alan Hodges, June 2020. 2. Regional visitation is estimated to increase by 18% due to diversifying the outdoor recreation offerings and improving the overall state of the river including habitat, water quality, and wildlife. Annual use of the Rodman Reservoir recreation sites has been on a downward trend since 2010, declining by an average of 1,627 visitor parties per year," explains UF Economics Professor Emeritus Alan Hodges. "During the drawdown from November 2019 through February 2020, the Ocklawaha River's recreational opportunities closely resembled the situation after dam breaching, with visitation at Rodman reservoir access points increasing by 81 percent compared to the same four-month period in 2017-18 and 2018-19," Hodges added. FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails. Economic importance and public preferences for water resource management on the Ocklawaha River, by Tatiana Borisova, Xiang Bi, Alan Hodges, and Steve Holland. UF, Food and Resource Economics Department, Gainesville, FL, Nov. 2017. 3. Two manatee viewing areas at uncovered Ocklawaha River springs could result in 30,000 new visitors a year and $3 million in annual economic impact. Fla. State Parks Foundation, Stephen Holland, PhD. 4. Silver Springs State Park could become one of the top inland manatee viewing areas in the Florida. 5. Valuable commercial finfishing and shellfishing in the lower St. Johns River estuary is projected to be more sustainable. The 2018 State of the River Report stated commercial crab harvest was 978,288 lbs. Commercial finfish harvesting weighed in at 630,696 lbs. 6. With transformational recreational facilities, Putnam County can continue its fishing heritage with a restored Ocklawaha River. 7. Breaching the dam eliminates the risk of more than $57 million in property damages from an unplanned dam failure. Emergency Action Plan, Kirkpatrick Dam, 2007. 8. $4-14 million+ in repairs needed to the Dam and Buckman Lock avoided.	Putnam County and Silver Springs economies lose opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs due to restoration and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years. There are high economic and environmental costs of not moving forward with Ocklawaha River restoration. 1. Lost Opportunity for Economic Growth in North Central Florida: The region is an area with chronic underinvestment, low income, and high poverty. Putnam County is one of the poorest counties in the state. The area around Silver Springs has been deemed a blighted community redevelopment area. 2. Loss of Tourists and Reduced Resident Use: The timing is right to capitalize on the rapidly growing ecotourism market in Florida and the U.S., and to invest in enhanced outdoor recreation opportunities supporting human health and well-being. Overall, use of the natural sections of the Ocklawaha River is going up and use of the impounded portions of the river is going down. Annual use of the reservoir recreation sites has been on a downward trend since 2010, declining by an average of 1,627 visitor parties per year. Annual use of the river sites has increased overall by an average of 508 visitor parties per year from 2010 to 2017. Diverse outdoor recreational opportunities provided by a restored river will increase visitation according to retired UF Economist Alan Hodges. 3. Decline of Significant Fish, Shellfish and Aquatic Habitat: The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary supports a diverse community of finfish and shellfish that have significant recreational and commercial economic value. Unfortunately, saltwater intrusion due to sea level rise, harbor dredging, hurricanes, drought, and overuse of the Floridan Aquifer are contributing to the loss of aquatic vegetation (SAVs.) This loss of essential habitat is reducing estuary biological productivity like the adverse impacts in Apalachicola Bay. Loss of SAVs also decreases the St. Johns' ability to filter out nutrients increasing the risk of blue green algae outbreaks. Restoration of the Ocklawaha will increase freshwater flow into the St. Johns Estuary improving flow timing and delivery that are crucial to biological productivity, increased habitat, improved water quality and resiliency.	The restoration commitment has support via partial restoration since 2001 during the development of the Environmental Impact Statement. This was a compromise from the full restoration that many had hoped for over the years. Over the past two years, the Coalition added to our platform the funding of an economic package for Putnum County and priority, environmentally appropriate recreation infrastructure to create a successful transition from the Rodman Reservoir to a restored Ocklawaha River. The previous agreement on partial restoration and the addition of support for an economic package and recreation amenities is a significant shift and compromise for many. The recreational package for Putnam and Marion County should be based in the desires and priorities of those counties. Some of the items that have been discussed include: aDevelopment of new ramps and a tournament center at the east end of the Barge Canal with access to the St Johns River. This can meet some of the tournament needs now being met by the Kenwood Boat Ramp. It could be done in collaboration with a private partner. bAdded bank fishing facilities including additional fishing platforms, potable water, restrooms, and road access at Rodman Dam southwest park, Kenwood, Orange Springs, and Paynes Landing. cUpgraded Rodman Recreation Area facilities and boat ramp dEstablishment of two Ocklawaha manatee/springs refuge and viewing areas that could bring in a projected $3 million annually and 30,000 visitors. eAddress manatee refuge and viewing needs at Silver Springs that could boost park attendance and revitalize the blighted surrounding community fCreation of a multi-county paddling trail. The economic package for Putnam County should also be driven by the local leaders and citizens. Water and wastewater infrastructure projects that were part of the county, city and Chamber of Commerce requests to the Putnam legislative delegation included: aPutnam County - NE Drainage Improvement Project - Water Quality Improvement/Resiliency - $4 million bPutnam County - South Putnam Drainage Improvement Project - Water Quality Improvement/Resiliency - $440,000	
10/22/2021 14:37	Manatee		No	No					I would like to see the Ocklawaha restored as much as possible	This project, while so worthwhile in its own right, will actually save money in the long run. Win Win.	The loss of a tremendous opportunity to accomplish so many environmental benefits.	No. Let's do this right the first time.	
10/22/2021 14:37	Putnam		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam completely removed.	I know the study by John Hendrickson, a respected scientist, supports this position. As an environmental specialist, i also know the benefits of restoration of natural places. So, in short, the most important piece of information is the SCIENCE!	Soooo many dangerous chemicals are getting on to our aquifer which is devastating. Also the impact of the water quality to the wildlife is very concerning. I also believe that the tourism aspect of a dam-less river would be very beneficial to the county, both economically, and ecologically. Also, the County and State are wasting a tremendous amount of money by maintaining the dam. That is a horrendous thing - that money could be used for really important things!	NO.	Thank you for the attention to my comments.
10/22/2021 14:41	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Removal of the dam to restore natural water flow.	I want the springs there restored.	The dam is not good for the environment and serves only a handful of people.	No	Thanks for your time.
10/22/2021 14:43	Citrus		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing					
10/22/2021 14:44	Osceola		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone!	One of the best Bass fishing lakes in the state! I sell Bass Fishing maps to fisherman who come from all over the country. No lake, no sales!	Another fantastic Florida Bass fishing lake bites the dust. I sell maps of Rodman to fisherman all over the country. No more sales if no more lake.	Absolutely not! No lake, no fishing, no sales!	
10/22/2021 14:46	Broward		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Other	Save the reservoir and maintain all the wildlife that depend on that water	wildlife , birds fish etc etc	the destruction of valuable habitat	no	
10/22/2021 14:46	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time	1 time	Other: Scenic viewing	Remove the dam to restore natural river flow	ecotourism supporting the natural river system.	lost opportunity to boost local economy and also to save that annual maintenance costs.	no. It seems there are no half measures.	
10/22/2021 14:46	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	Maintain it current habits and allow fishing, I grew up learning how to fish at Rodman it is a beautiful place for families and visitors to come and relax.	I'm a veteran and want to be able to take my family and friends to the place where it all started for me as a young child spending time on the water with my dad learning how to fish and enjoy God's natural resources.	Not being able to enjoy my above comments	Nope	
10/22/2021 14:47	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: I run sightseeing tours in the area. I am very busy during the drawdowns but sightseers don't want to go out there when the reservoir is flooded by the dam. There's nothing to see. The wild life is incredible and a few springs are visible during drawdowns.	I would like the current FDEP plan to be implemented to restore the hydrology of the Ocklawaha River. Breach the dam and let the river flow naturally and let the 9500 acres of wetland forest regrow instead of having a drawdown every 3 or 4 years, letting the tree seedlings sprout the drowning them again and again. Ecotourism is much higher during drawdowns with people fishing, sightseeing and kayaking. I've been watching this system for 30 years.	I have read many studies and seen the inspection report from 2015 that shows the damage caused by aging. The Canfield report suggested all agencies should complete studies and if those agencies found the river should be restored then it should happen. All of the agency reports I have read including those by the SJRWMD say restoration should happen. I've been told by SJRWMD staff, a winding river cleans water better than channelized systems. Bring the bends and the wetland forests back.	I cannot see any loss.	No. Leaving the dam in place blocks boats, fish and manatees and is filling in with muck. You can see it during drawdowns. Fish can't bed in that mucky drowned forest. It's a bad idea to keep draining it letting the trees sprout then drown them again. It's repeating the same mistake over and over.	A LIF economist found an 81% increase of visitors during the last drawdown compared to the previous 2 years before when the water was up. The economist used data he got from Mickey Thomason the Greenway Manager. Putnam and Marion counties are losing tourism money by keeping the dam in place. I have spent hundreds of hours there. I am speaking from experience.
10/22/2021 14:52	Duval		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Return to natural state..... jeordam.	Hydrology to support the St. Johns River (SJR)	Adverse impact on SJR	Probably not but would listen to proposal.	
10/22/2021 14:54	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing Other	I want the water in the Rodman Reservoir released by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam so the Ocklawaha may follow the path it did before the Dam was built.	Nature never meant for the Reservoir and Dam to exist. A failed project created the Dam. Now the public is burdened with excessive cost to maintain the dam, flooded forests, drowned springs, barriers to wildlife movement, lack of manatee access to warm waters, plus other harmful environmental issues. Many supporters of Save Rodman Reservoir realize it was a bad idea to create the Reservoir.	Cost. The Dam is old and needs repair. Florida is struggling to pay bills now for education, unemployment, etc. If we breach the Dam that will be one less bill coming due.	No. It is time to right the wrong that was done over 50 years ago when this canal project started and the Dam and Reservoir were constructed.	Save Florida money...breach the Kirkpatrick Dam!
10/22/2021 14:56	Nassau		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	Take it down.	U.S.A. Corps of Engineers recommends removal for dredging mitigation.	Saltwater intrusion in St. Johns River and aquifer.	no	Recreational opportunities will be improved and restored with free flowing river. Wetlands, springs, and forest restored.
10/22/2021 14:57	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: traveling	Removal. Removal would expand the recreational potential far beyond the immediate area. The Dam creates a potential flooding problem between itself, and the areas bordering the St John River, perhaps another replay storm flood surge that happened during Hurricane Katrina.	Water. Hurricanes. Storm surge. Sea Level rising. Facts.	Will the state or federal government compensate those who lose their property as a result of storm surge damage? Should current property owners be excluded from the Federal Flood insurance program, would seem an appropriate response if removal does not happen.	The outcome of full removal seems like a win win. Storm surge problem reduced. Economic benefits from increased fiverr activities - eco tourism, hiking, film making potential - not to mention wildlife such as manatees and others.	Why is the focus so limited to the Dam itself? The greatest impact is on the areas upriver, areas most affected negatively by the status quo.
10/22/2021 14:59	Lake		No	No					Removal of the Kirkpatrick dam and restoration of natural hydrology to the Ocklawaha River.	The dam is a relic of a failed project and serves no purpose.			

10/22/2021 15:00	Orange		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking near the Reservoir and Dam. Additionally, I enjoy boating on the Ocklawaha River, which the dam impounds.	I would like to see that a free-flowing Ocklawaha River is restored by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam. This is very important to me, as I am a Central Floridian who has visited and recreated in and near the Ocala National Forest, Palatka, and Putnam and Marion Counties for over 25 years, as well as a professional in the environment/natural resources space. Florida's environment and wildlife are at a critical crossroads, and we are facing severe degradation due to population growth, development, climate change, and other stressors. Restoring a free-flowing Ocklawaha River is essential to ensuring that our state is placed on a path that will preserve our Floridian quality of life and environment for future generations. The benefits that this restoration would bring to Florida's environment, economy, wildlife, and water quality are well studied and established. Indeed, in the face of various ecological crises including the ongoing manatee mortality event that has rendered 2021 the deadliest year for manatees on record, as well as water quality issues including increasing incidences of harmful algal blooms in the St. Johns River - it is urgently necessary that this restoration be undertaken. In particular, restoration of this river system must include necessary protections for wildlife, such as designated areas for manatees to rest and feed in the Ocklawaha's springs during the winter months, as well as wildlife crossings and other protections for long-ranging species to effectively utilize a restored wildlife corridor. These protections will be essential to maximizing the benefits of restoration for Florida's wildlife and people. Furthermore, I would like to see that environmentally appropriate recreational opportunities, such as increased public bank fishing access and access for paddling and hiking, are implemented and enhanced in conjunction with restoration in order to support the region's longstanding heritage of outdoor, nature-based recreation and to ensure an equitable, prosperous future for the residents of Putnam and Marion counties.	The Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration opportunity in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees in many of the 20 "drowned" springs of the Ocklawaha and by improving access to Silver River and Silver Springs. Currently, 102 unique manatees use the Ocklawaha River system, despite it being impounded by the dam and lock system. Many of these manatees utilize the Buckman Lock, at which 437 manatee sightings were recorded in 2018 (the most recent available verified statistic). (Sightings do not equate individual, unique manatees, as many of sightings are of the same manatees using the lock system repeatedly.) A restored river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's warm springs. Florida's springs maintain a temperature of 72°F, even in the winter. In contrast, impounded water bodies such as the Rodman Reservoir tend to be colder in the winter than natural rivers. Average water temperatures in the Rodman have been recorded in the 50 -56°F degree range in the winters of 2018 -2019, 2019 -2020, and 2020 - 2021, sometimes dropping as low as 45°F - too cold for manatees. In waters below 68°F, manatees can develop a condition called cold stress, which can be fatal. Sources: Jennings, Dawn; Adimey, Nicole; Kreo, Carol; Smith, Kent. 2008. "Survey of Rodman Reservoir and middle-Ocklawaha River springs during spring 2008 draw-down conditions: FWC and FWS." Laist DW, Taylor C, Reynolds JE III. 2013. 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Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed will deprive hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future. As corroborated by the Warm Water Action Plan released by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the US Fish and Wildlife Service in 2020, the greatest long-term threat to manatees is loss and degradation of natural habitat that manatees need to keep warm and survive the winter. As natural habitat sources such as rivers and springs have been lost and degraded, 60% of Florida's manatees have come to rely on power plant outfalls to keep warm and survive the winter - this is a highly precarious and unsustainable situation. It would be extremely unfortunate if this extremely high-benefit habitat restoration project were to be missed, and more taxpayer money poured into maintaining a useless and aging dam, due to obstructionist politics. Additionally, the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to negatively impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No; however, I believe that it is essential to ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for this region that angler and other stakeholder needs be taken into consideration and that restoration be undertaken in conjunction with implementation of recreational and other beneficial amenities for the local residents of Putnam and Marion Counties. So, put another way: restoration is the only way to realize these benefits and is desperately needed, but it should be undertaken in a "restoration + recreation" framework. Additionally, the "partial restoration" alternative recommended in the 2001 US Forest Service Environmental Impact Statement is already a compromise position from full restoration. As the EIS notes, "partial retention" would not avail the region of the benefits of restoration and would perpetuate the water quality and environmental problems, as well as the intensive management needed (e.g. drawdowns and intensive herbicide application) to prevent acute crises in the Rodman Reservoir.	In sum, as a stakeholder who is deeply invested in Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River. The Ocklawaha is the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife, especially manatees. This restoration will also improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. Restoring the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, an important food source for manatees, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. This exciting restoration project will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, strengthening a vital wildlife corridor. The project area contains a vital linkage in the Ocala to Osceola ("OSO") Wildlife Corridor, a vital part of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, and restoration will allow greater freedom to roam for Florida panthers, Florida black bears, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and other wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Restoring the Great Florida Riverway is critically important to me as a stakeholder and will greatly benefit Florida's people, environment and wildlife. I really appreciate the SJRWMD undertaking this public input process and am hopeful that, for the benefit of Florida's wildlife and people, restoration of the Ocklawaha River can begin soon.
10/22/2021 15:02	Hillsborough		No	Yes	1 time			Wildlife viewing					
10/22/2021 15:02	Duval		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam. It's an unnecessary financial burden on the public and destructive to wildlife and other systems threat rely on freshwater flows further down the St Johns River.	Scientific studies and public sentiment.	Complete removal of all man made items that if partially left in place would become a source of pollution and detriment to the environment long term.	Restoring the flow is of primary importance. Complete removal of man made materials is secondary. There may be a compromise that accomplishes at least the first objective.	
10/22/2021 15:04	Seminole		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times		Fishing	Nothing, leave it alone	Personal belief	Loss of habitat for many native species	Doubt it	
10/22/2021 15:07	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Breach the dam and restore the flow of the Oklawaha River.	Three Rivers are restored, wildlife, especially manatees, enjoy enhanced habitat, and the Florida Wildlife Corridor is restored and enhanced for wildlife and people to enjoy.	We miss the opportunity to fix this. Money would be saved, and an unsafe dam would be removed to create a better habitat if we go ahead and breach the dam.	No	As a long time Florida resident whose relatives settled in the area in 1845, I feel this opportunity to restore the Oklawaha River should be above dispute. The dam was a mistake in the first place, and it is long overdue to correct this problem. No more money should be spent on an outdated dam. The benefits of restoring the river to wildlife, especially manatees, are clear. We owe it to future generations to restore the Oklawaha River now. It's long overdue.
10/22/2021 15:08	Alachua		No	No					Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam and restore the Ocklawaha river	Water quality in the lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha and Silver River will continue to deteriorate leading to further loss of Florida's native manatees and historical fish.	That we will lose this once in 50 years opportunity to put no further government money into maintenance of Kirkpatrick Dam, and instead change directions 180 degrees to use our time, efforts, and tax money to restore the natural river systems in central and northeastern Florida so that the native species of animals, plants, and fresh water fish can repopulate this area .	No, not any scenario I have heard.	
10/22/2021 15:09	Polk		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	It would be nice to see these old dams removed. Listen to the science and restore the flow of water for a cleaner river downstream.	Science has shown that there will be better wildlife habitat and cleaners waters if the river was flowing again	Eventually too much damage will be done to repair (at a cost that could be budgeted for)	I am uncertain at this time.	
10/22/2021 15:10	St Johns		No	No					I think we need to remove the dam in order to restore the St John's, various springs, rivers and all areas to their natural state. The breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam to reunite the natural connection of Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River is vital to restoring the area.	Having lived in the area for 8 years I have read about the issues for a long time. In my opinion, the science clearly supports this decision. As we continue to see increased algae, deaths of manatees because of habitat loss, and the deterioration of other natural species. The free flow of the rivers and springs need to happen now and we just need to hope and pray it is not irreversible.	The condition of our beautiful St Johns River and its surrounding environment will continue to decline.	No. As citizens of this beautiful state it is our moral obligation to do all that we can for future generations.	
10/22/2021 15:11	Hillsborough		No	Yes		1 time		Wildlife viewing	I would like it preserved to prevent further decline in our native wildlife populations.		Failure to preserve Florida's precious little wilderness.		
10/22/2021 15:13	Alachua		No	No			More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	There are so many species of wildlife that depend on this dame, let's leave it alone as is, win one for the animals....	Visit it and you will see !!	The loss of an echo system that seems to ne inline with Mother Nature.	None	
10/22/2021 15:14	Putnam		No	Yes	2-5 times			Fishing		What was done is done. Nature has evolved. Dam more rivers up!!	Lack of recreational fishing opportunities in our area.	No	
10/22/2021 15:14	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	KEEP the dam and Rodman. I would like to see the dam removed so that the natural flow of the Ocklawaha River can be restored, to help return the River's floodplain and springs to their natural condition. This will help the ecology of the entire river ecosystem and provide better wildlife viewing.	Studies by biologists, hydrologists, ecologists, and springs experts.	If the dam is not removed, the entire Ocklawaha River ecosystem would continue to degrade over time, diminishing the entire area as wild and natural place for people to enjoy.	I don't care if the dam is actually physically removed fully or not, so long as it is breached so that water can flow naturally again without being impounded in the reservoir.	
10/22/2021 15:16	Leon		No	No					Breach the dam and restore the free-flowing Ocklawaha	Florida's springs systems are imperiled and this will help restore their natural functions.	Further decline of springs systems through the area and continued immersion of viable springs in the Rodman Reservoir.	Breach the dam.	
10/22/2021 15:16	Duval		No	No					Free the oklawaha	Environmental	Algae blooms	No	
10/22/2021 15:18	Sumter		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Please remove the dam.	we need to restore the springs and Silver Springs ecosystem. This would provide much needed habitat for many species, including the manatees.	that manatees and other endangered species become extinct	No. Please don't spend tax payer dollars to repair the dam, and continued maintenance. Remove the dam!	
10/22/2021 15:18	Putnam		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Picnics					
10/22/2021 15:19	Duval		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Returned to the best bass fishing river in the world as it was prior to the dam	The fact that the reservoir has to be drained periodically to remediate unnatural conditions is all I need to know. Why have a brown river toilette bowl when you can have a free flowing river?	My biggest concern is that over time there will be a requirement to recapitalize a dam/reservoir that will be an extraordinary waste of tax payer dollars and will provide a continuing unnatural water body instead of a natural flowing water body that is a key peice to the overall watershed.	The dam could be breached in such a way as to allow the river to flow parallel against the existing dam structure from one end to the other so fisherman could fish could access flowing productive water along the entire structure.	Think of the reservoir as a giant toilette bowl versus a natural flowing river with ~ 20 beautiful clear springs feeding what should otherwise be a hartage river.
10/22/2021 15:21	Nassau		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam removed and the river restored to its natural state	There is more economic activity when the reservoir is drawn down and the is more access to fishing for everyone.	Continued degradation of the Silver River and the St Johns river	Leave the dam but keep it open all the time	I have enjoyed Silver Springs and the Ocklawaha since I was a child. Rodman Pool has gotten to the point that it is virtually unusable by the public unless there is a drawdown. I also believe it would benefit the health of the Silver River and the St Johns River.
10/22/2021 15:23	Leon		No	Yes				Other: I'm a retired fisheries biologist from FWC/GFC. I worked in the Central Regional office from 1978-1980. We conducted fisheries surveys on the Silver River and Ocklawaha during that time.	I fully support totally removing/breaching this structure so that the river systems can begin recovery and allow for fish and mammals to migrate the way they did historically.	I have been project manager for several dam removals on rivers in north florida. In all cases, a positive response by the fish and wildlife has been achieved.	Droughts will slow the healing process, and the rate of restoration is usually slower than the public would like. A long lasting public outreach education component is critical to ensure the public acceptance.	No, humans are incapable of "managing" a river system by opening/closing an existing dam. The entire dam must be removed, so that considerable expense would be require to put one back in, after public outcry insists that the dam removal didn't work (and they will). Patience is the key!	Remove the damn dam. . please
10/22/2021 15:23	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I think it's time to restore the springs to their natural state.	Viewing the water at certain times of the year.	That we will continue to see declining water quality and loss of precious eco system.	No.	Thanks for your consideration.
10/22/2021 15:24	Bradford		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Improve Kenwood Landing and road. Make a State Park out of the reservoir and protect it.	The thousands of people that use the reservoir.	That my grandson would not be able to continue to enjoy the reservoir.	Leave it as it is and protect it.	I am a bass fisherman. Rodman Reservoir is used by thousands of fishermen and women. It is something that is useful now. Brings income to the counties around it. Leave it for the ones that use it.
10/22/2021 15:26	Alachua		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the river's flow.	What was natural before human needs and desires altered it.	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha River and adjacent springs	Remove the damn and let nature heal itself	
10/22/2021 15:26	St Johns		No	No					I want the Ocklawaha River to flow freely as nature intended.	Follow the news on the health of the river and Florida's springs.	Our water quality continues to decline.	I defer to the recommendations of the Riverkeeper.	I hope that the dam is removed and the rivers improve.
10/22/2021 15:26	Marion		No	Yes	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing Other	Nothing leave it alone just clean the logs floating	History			
10/22/2021 15:27	Marion		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking					
10/22/2021 15:27	Lee		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Spring Hunting	Restore to natural state		Springs are covered		
10/22/2021 15:29	Volusia		No	Yes	More than 5 times	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	complete the canal project	destroying the canal project opens all its land for private development after it can never be built again	protesters will continue the fallacy that the water must be free, until government restores to original - this has worked thus far and will never end until the post ww2 scam succeeds has it as been doing ever since. This is the biggest real estate fraud ever perpetuated on the state of Florida and NO ONE CARES.	Understand the 1930s Santos runs demonstrate a "sea-level" canal was never intended, just as an excuse for the Summit Reach which was so wrong the project was never completed. As proved by barges taking space rockets for launch at the cape, completing the 1939 s canal was a scam to end in its destruction for an inside job for the perpetuators to make a fortune while ending any chance of any future waterway.	PLEASE CONSULT WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO VERIFY THE ABOVE AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT. No one can be prosecuted as all original conniver s have by now died of old age.
10/22/2021 15:31	Marion		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	The lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/22/2021 15:33	St Johns		No	Yes			1 time		Remove dam and restore natural flow of river.	Need to protect quality of the ecosystem and the economy that is derived from a healthy natural environment.	The continued degradation of the St Johns River	If the dam is not fully removed, I could support better water management	
10/22/2021 15:33	Leon		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone		Loss of habitat and continued overcrowding of fisherman and boaters on our waterways that are available		
10/22/2021 15:33	Clay		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Open the dam and bring back the original Oklawaha River flow	Cost of maintaining the dam which inhibits river flow (natural)	Build up of algae and undesirable silt and hindering of natural fish reproduction	No	The sooner the better!
10/22/2021 15:36	Orange		No	No					The restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman (Kirkpatrick) Dam. Allowing the dam to remain as it is will just harm not only the environment but also the economy as millions of dollars have been spent attempting to repair it, and water quality would worsen by the day.	Manatees will have more access to warm waters; there have been multiple springs and rivers already restored, the environment is already collapsing so everything we can do to help will ensure the survival of the human race.	Millions of taxpayer dollars are spent fixing this dam every year, which are unnecessary when the dam should have been taken down 50 years ago, and the dam doesn't protect against floods happening in the area, so we should do it while we have the perfect opportunity to do so.	No, allowing it to remain in place would just create more issues that don't need to occur. Wildlife would be endangered too.	Florida has one of the most biodiverse ecosystems in the US, as a citizen of this state, I can't in good conscience not support the removal of this dam when it would allow for endangered species to gain essential habitats for their survival, plants and wildlife would flourish, residents of the area would have less of a chance of experiancing flooding, especially during hurricane season. This restoration would allow The Great Florida Riverway to be reunited, improving water quality for animals living in the river, residents and tourists visiting there, and would help with revitalizing the economy still recovering from covid.
10/22/2021 15:36	Marion		No	No					sinblock the dam	manatees death and to save the land/earth	more killing of the manatees.		
10/22/2021 15:36	Duval		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: Driving to a work site on SR 19.	Please restore the Ocklawaha River by removing the Rodman/Kirkpatrick dam.	Please restore the Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers including 50 springs and 20 lost springs and the Silver Springs ecosystem.	We are stewards for our environment, which gives us life. We need the water we drink and the trees / vegetation that gives us oxygen. We're not managing our environment well. I am concerned about the Water quality declining further, about blue green algae harming fish and water borne vegetation.	We should be concerned with improved Water Quality, and overall Dam safety. WATER is a valuable resource our state possesses and in the years to come will dwindle as our population continues to increase. Only one percent of the water on Earth is Fresh water and we take it for granted.	No.
10/22/2021 15:37	Nassau		No	No						Remove it	Restore the health of the ecosystem by restoring free flow of the waterway	Continuing degradation of the ecosystem and specifically effects on birds and wildlife	
10/22/2021 15:38	Marion		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Continue to keep it up to standards.	Community standards	Rodman is a very nice location and great for viewing and fishing. It would be awful.		
10/22/2021 15:40	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times			Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see breaching the Rodman Dam will re-establish access to essential habitat for Manatees, bring back migratory fish, reunite three river ecosystems, rejuvenate historic Silver Springs, and restore a lost river for anglers and paddlers.	The Rodman Dam was constructed in 1968, and it flooded over 7,500 acres of forested wetlands, 20 springs, and 16 miles of the Ocklawaha River. Dam construction has led to a decline of water quality, spring flow, wetland forests, fish, wildlife system that reaches all the way to the Atlantic Ocean via the Ocklawaha.	With the Rodman Dam still remaining in place, the Ocklawaha River will continuously be in drastic decline.	No. The only answer is to breech the Rodman Dam for the health of the area's ecosystem. This has been going on far too long, from 1968.	
10/22/2021 15:40	Broward		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see it breached to restore a free-flowing river	the huge loss of functioning free-flowing river and river floodplain and wetlands values for fish, wildlife , including manatees, and recreational fishermen and canoers	That one of the most important rivers in Florida will have its proper ecosystem functions devastated permanently	No; the time has come to undo the damage, and get back the economic, ecologic and way of life benefits of a natural river	
10/22/2021 15:40	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting Wildlife viewing	Breach the Kirkpatrick dam. Drain the Rodman reservoir. Restore the Ocklawaha river to its original state.	SJRWMD Former Supervising Environmental Scientist John Hendrickson's statement.	Continued degradation of the Ocklawaha river basin. Decline of water quality and flow. Destruction of fish and wildlife habitat. Gradual silting up of the Rodman reservoir.	NO!	I have seen the destruction of the Ocklawaha river basin during a drawdown of the Rodman reservoir. This destruction should never have been allowed to occur. There is no reason to allow this destruction to continue. Please destroy the Kirkpatrick dam and drain Rodman reservoir.
10/22/2021 15:41	Sumter		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking	Removed		Repair of the current dam to a safe condition		
10/22/2021 15:42	Lake		No	No					I would like to see the dam breached and the Ocklawaha River free-flowing again.	The science supports a free-flowing Ocklawaha because this will lead to restoration of 3 rivers and some 50 springs, improving habitat for fish and the manatee.	Continued degradation of our waterways and springs.	No. 50 years of the current situation has told us all we need to know.	
10/22/2021 15:43	Lake		No	No					Restore the river.	Public opinion	Decline in habitat for manatees	I am always open to compromise as long as it is reciprocal from both sides.	
10/22/2021 15:43	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Restore the River back to the way it was.	The environmental impact	Working to restore the river and watershed to its most original state.		
10/22/2021 15:44	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat	Thousands of acres of forests are not restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway.
10/22/2021 15:44	Outside of state / other	PA	No	Yes			1 time	Fishing Boating	Keep as is	aquatic/wildlife habitat	why do we need to constantly destroy history		
10/22/2021 15:46	Outside of state / other	FI	No	No					Protect the whales	idk	Not sure yet	I will I'm time	Streets
10/22/2021 15:46	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see natural water flow and water levels resumed, like during the draw downs every 3 years. Ideally, the dam would be removed, but if that is not feasible for cost reasons, restoring natural flow would be enough.	Restoring the river would allow for the original fish species to inhabit the entire river, including the portion upriver from the reservoir. The restored stretch of the river would provide more opportunities for canoeing and kayaking.		A compromise position would reduce the size of the reservoir to allow some shallow-lake habitat to remain, while allowing more of the river to exist in a more natural state. Ideally some provision would allow for fish to go upstream around the reservoir if it remains.	
10/22/2021 15:47	St Johns		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river and 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a resident who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 15:51	Duval		No	No					Take down the dam, and let the water run up to the St. Johns and out, clearing out the Silver Springs area	we can have better natural water supplies	artificaly damming up the area has made the rest of the area worse off		
10/22/2021 15:53	Seminole		No	No									
10/22/2021 15:54	Hillsborough		No	Yes		2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking	I would like to see the rivers restored to their original routes and purpose. The dam should be breached	There is no need for the dam anymore and it costs more to maintain it than it's worth.	We'd be spending taxpayer's money on a project not worth saving.	Not really...we're talking about three choices 1. do nothing and let it fail on its own in an unpredictable time and manner. 2. Continue to spend lots of $$ to maintain what we have 3. Breach the dam during low water conditions and let Mother Nature take over again My vote is option 3	
10/22/2021 15:55	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Save the manatees!
10/22/2021 15:57	Leon		No	No					Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns River will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 10 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	Florida's natural places and watersheds are threatened by increasing populations and land use. Restoring existing areas such as the Rodman Reservoir and Kirkpatrick Dam is an immediate win for conservation.
10/22/2021 15:57	Polk		No	No					serious consideration given to removing the dam	restoring Florida's natural ecology to the extent possible; in doing so support wildlife migrations and springs flow	reduction in available habitat for manatee	it si difficult since the issue is dam or no dam; unfortunatley, not sure if there is a middle ground	economic analysis of new revenue streams if dam were to be removed would be interesting (springs tours, manatee viewing, extended paddling, etc.)
10/22/2021 15:57	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time			Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Leave it as is and continue as is	What's established is what it needs to stay as...what's been done cannot be reversed....it will never be the same as it was!!! It would be money wasted!!!	All the wildlife will be displaced or due!!! And The economic impact on Putnam county!	No	
10/22/2021 15:59	Outside of state / other	USVI	No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed would keep 7,500 acres of forested wetlands flooded by the Rodman Reservoir and continue to impact species like Florida panthers, Florida black bears, bobcats, and white-tailed deer that cannot easily travel through this vital section of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.	No	
10/22/2021 15:59	Orange		No	No					Cleaned up and protected	Saving the manatees.	The manatees and wildlife	Saving the manatees.	
10/22/2021 16:00	Clay		No	No					Removal of Kirkpatrick Dam	Restoration of 15,000 acres of wetland.	Negative impact on fish and manatee	Not at this time.	As one who moved to Florida, I was unaware of he Dam. However, I am concerned about our environment everywhere, particularly wildlife and water issues. This is a 'no brainer' for me. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

10/22/2021 16:01	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Boating Hunting	Nothing...keep the reservoir and dam how they currently sit.	It's been this way for the last 50 years where fis can come and enjoy one of the most beautiful places in Florida. Why ruin it?	Loss of bird, animal, and fish habitat.	None whatsoever	
10/22/2021 16:01	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing	Leave it alone. We enjoy the fishing and wildlife		Destroying the environment		
10/22/2021 16:01	Pasco		No	No					It's time to reunite the Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers and Silver Springs. Removing key portions of this dam, which is past its life expectancy, will re-establish traditional access to essential habitat for manatees, bring back migratory fish, and restore a lost riverway for anglers and paddlers.	Information provided by the SAve the Manatees organization	loss of natural habitats causing environmental harm	dont know	
10/22/2021 16:04	Hillsborough		No	No					Remove the Dam and return the Ocklawaha to its historic flow.	The Dam was part of a failed Cross Florida Canal project and costs too much money.	More money wasted on an unneeded Dam and Reservoir.	No, I want the Dam breached.	Do what should have been done many years ago, get rid of the dam.
10/22/2021 16:05	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Boating Wildlife viewing	Make it a great eco friendly preserve with camping, trails, ramp to river.	it's least harmful and we need to preserve the natural areas we have. That river is magnificent and deserves to be protected	The natural flow not being freed for the wildlife and aquatic creatures to do what they do where they need to do it has already done more than I can imagine	None known	
10/22/2021 16:05	Orange		No	No					Remove all the manmade dam and barriers and let the Oklawaha River flow. Undo the Army Corps of Engineers monster	Cleaner water, natural environment	A political muck hole will continue to grow	No	
10/22/2021 16:06	Leon		No	Yes			2-5 times	Other: I look at the lake and remember the great Marjorie Carr, who devoted many years to stopping the Cross Florida Barge Canal.	I would like to see the dam removed, the lake drained, and the Ocklawaha and Silver restored.	Free-flowing rivers are much healthier for native fish and wildlife and for water quality.	The ecological health of the Ocklawaha and Silver rivers will continue to degrade.	Perhaps if the dam's gates were left fully open year-round, the lake could drain and the river could recover, at least partially.	Thank you for considering this issue and for asking for public comments.
10/22/2021 16:09	Alachua		No	Yes		1 time	2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam removed and the free flow of the Ocklawaha River restored.	The origin of the dam's construction and its original purpose no longer being viable. The minimal economic benefits are far outweighed by the significant environmental impacts.	The impact to wildlife and water quality downstream from the reservoir.	No.	
10/22/2021 16:09	Volusia		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing Wildlife viewing Other: Hiking	No more dam!!	water flow	springs not being sustainable	no	
10/22/2021 16:10	Seminole		No	No									
10/22/2021 16:10	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored 20 lost springs and Silver Springs ecosystem are restored Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river 100s of manatees gain essential warm water winter springs habitat 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier 15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife 150+ million gallons a day of natural flow restored to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers $4-$14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs. $57 million in potential flood damages avoided to downstream property owners	We miss the best opportunity to do this. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatee, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 16:11	Sumter		No	No						Silver springs and silver river have an abundance of fish and manatees that attracts tourists from all over the world. Why upset the current balance. Are you really solving problems or wishing for a nice to have improvement?	Changes to the current balance of nature and river quality.	Possibly text increased flows but only if it wouldn't affect water levels much.	
10/22/2021 16:11	Lake		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Removal of outdated, dangerous lock and dam and restoration of a free flowing Oklawaha River, which will have a huge economic impact through increased visitors to the area for birding, fishing, hiking, boating, swimming in the 50+ lost springs as well as impact in improving water quality. Many counties in the Oklawaha River water shed area will also experience cleaner lakes as a result as well as increased tourism. Our area of the world is extremely unique and valuable, no other area in the world has as many springs as this area and Florida in general, and we need clean water for all.	Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing Other: Enjoying unique aspects of FL	The growing body of scientific research that shows the environmental and direct economic benefits of restoration of the Ocklawaha River combined with the fact that the dam itself is antiquated, and badly in need of repair that would cost more than removal and restoration of the lock and dam	Water pollution increases throughout the entire Oklawaha River shed, many more species of fish, wildlife, manatees are endangered and should dam suddenly fail then many people's lives and property would be jeopardized.	If restoration of the complete Oklawaha River does not occur, then remove existing deteriorating lock and dam and restoration of the lower Oklawaha.	For my Masters in Urban and Regional Planning (FSU, 1989) my Studio Design was a study of "Land Use Alternatives of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal Corridor" by Andreas L. Burr. After interviewing representatives of all local governments along or close to the Cross Florida Barge Canal corridor it was evident that by far the majority of local governments desired a recreational corridor across the state to include the restoration of a free flowing Oklawaha River. The dam is outdated, dangerous and poses risk to human, animal, and fish populations as well as property if left as is.
10/22/2021 16:13	Outside of state / other	South Carolina	Yes	Yes			1 time	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure)	Definitely not draining it. I would like to see continuous monitoring and improvement of the ecosystem.	The constantly growing fishing community and fishing industry.	The decline in access to high quality fishing locations.	No.	
10/22/2021 16:13	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time		I would like to see the dams breaches in order to restore the Ocklawaha River	Research stating the tourism, environmental and freshwater benefits of removing the damn.	The continued obstruction of manatees and other wildlife moving upriver and the continued submersion of springs.	No, the damn must be removed	
10/22/2021 16:14	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	remove the dam restore the natural flow	common sense	potential catastrophic failure of the dam	at least breech the dam	
10/22/2021 16:16	St Johns		No	Yes		2-5 times		Fishing (shoreline/structure) Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and we will be able to traverse into the St. John's. Remove it.	Been there and know Mother Nature expects it. Kayaking. Fishing healthy.	Only the dam is usable.	Cut the vegetation for manatees a bd boaters can use the lake.	Looks like the canal. Failed efforts.
10/22/2021 16:18	Duval		No	Yes	1 time	1 time	2-5 times	Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the restoration of the Ocklawaha River. I think that any time you can return nature to its own natural state, it is best. The freeing of the river also alleviates pressure of the springs that feed the Ocklawaha, again allowing nature to exist in its natural state.	The most important part of this issue is the restoration of the ecosystem. Nature has a way of correcting itself. We have seen that with the Everglades. And I firmly believe that after the ecosystem has the opportunity to recalibrate itself, those that appreciate the benefits of the fishing and recreation will be happy with the outcome as well. It is a matter of trusting nature and the process.	Funding and the natural flow of habitat and ecosystems are equally important, in my opinion. The funds that are used to maintain the artificial dam that serves no purpose. While there is a fishing that takes place there, restoration of the river would bring about the opportunity for wildlife to genuinely flourish. I believe that once the dam has been taken down, nature will restore itself to an even more amazing place for fishing and recreation.	No, Spending tax payer dollars to maintain something that is artificial and unnecessary does not make good fiscal sense to me.	
10/22/2021 16:19	Putnam		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	The dam was a boondoggle to start and has now reached an age where either more money has to be spent to maintain an unnecessary structure or, just restore the natural flow of the river.	The loss of the environmental lift that would occur if thousands of acres of forests are restored that could provide improved wildlife habitat, water filtration, natural flood protection, cooling canopy, and recreation benefits.	Not really.	
10/22/2021 16:20	Seminole		No	Yes			2-5 times		Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached for the good of wildlife and the springs.	Breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick will be crucial to springs restoration--once the Ocklawaha can flow freely again, all the springs that are currently drowned by the reservoir will be allowed to re-emerge, and this will also greatly benefit fish, manatees, and other wildlife. Manatees are having an absolutely deadly gestation fire of a year and returning access to them to Silver Springs and other warm water habitats would be so important to their conservation. Also I feel strongly that taxpayers of the state of FL should not have to continue to pay for costly upkeep and repair of a dam/reservoir that are actively harming our ecosystem and wildlife in our state. It's time for the dam to go.	I feel that if we don't take the chance to do this now, when funds are available and there's a clear public interest in breaching the dam, we might never have a better opportunity. This is an incredible chance to improve water quality, the health and habitat of so much wildlife, and to increase eco and springs based tourism in several counties that are affected by the current state of/presence of the Rodman Kirkpatrick. It's a waste of taxpayer money and actively contributing to habitat loss and water issues, and it's well past time for it to be breached. It seems like this chance is the best one we've had in years and I would be greatly pleased to see the action that so many of us are asking for.	No. Breach the dam thing--it's way past the time when this should have already happened, and no solutions short of returning the natural river flows will be satisfactory. Too often the state of Florida has the potential to do good things for our springs and water ways and falls short in the end by doing something halfway or less, and I'm super hopeful that this time the outcome is better.	I cannot fathom why anyone would argue against helping manatees, helping our springs, restoring SILVER SPRINGS (one of the most famous springs in the world and certainly the most revered in our state--we talk about it with such pride, so why are we then standing by and letting it suffer and decline when there's something so obvious we can do to help it?) and doing something that's long overdue and will have so many benefits for the people, wildlife, and waterways of Florida. I'm very proud to be a Floridian and am glad to call this my home, but it's endlessly frustrating to me when a solution presents itself and we don't take it. Here it is, so let's do it already. Breach the Rodman/Kirkpatrick and let those rivers go back to where they're supposed to be. Let's stop with the hubris of trying to control water and just take care of it, already!
10/22/2021 16:21	Pasco		No	Yes			1 time	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Oklawaha	research	the future	???	
10/22/2021 16:22	Sumter		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	Removal of the dam and the return to the river's free flowing state.	The restoration of he free flowing state will enhance recreational activities and improve the health of the rivers.	The age and condition of the dam will require significant public expenditures and over time may increase the chance of the failure of the dam.	No.	
10/22/2021 16:22	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Boating Wildlife viewing Other: We took a unique boat tour for 4 1/2 hours to visit the Hidden Springs, alligators, Ospreys, giant Cypress trees, Herons, Egrets, etc. during the February 2020 drawdown.	I would like to see the Kirkpatrick Dam breached (in a planned way rather than an unexpected, but very possible break), so that the Ocklawaha River is allowed to flow freely again, and that the beautiful drowned habitats can be restored.	The Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam blocked the interconnected flow of three rivers, not just the Ocklawaha, while sadly drowning and killing huge swathes of the surrounding natural habitat. Restoring the flow and freeing the 20+ now drowned/hidden springs would provide the much needed benefit of providing warmer winter water for our manatees, who have suffered the largest die off recently. Providing the rivers to connect again would greatly increase this benefit, providing safer access to an even greater number of springs and habitat for our manatees. Restoration would open the area to a much larger number of visitors, who could enjoy the benefits in addition to fishing, but also snorkeling in the beautiful springs (such as Cannon), canoeing, and kayaking, much better than just during the drawdowns every 3-4 years.	Sadly, huge amounts of money (have read varying forecasts) would be required to repair & maintain the 1968 structure. The Bass fishing has been in decline, with fewer numbers of anglers using it as a dammed up lake. Tourism in that area could benefit with the resumption of tours up to the St. John's River, through the Ocklawaha, and from the Silver River and Silver Springs basin area. Now that the State operates Silver Springs, this could be a beautiful way to enjoy natural Florida again.	No, the time is way overdue. I was fortunate enough to grow up here, enjoying the beauty of Florida's Springs, and special resources. My father worked with the Model Water Code that was adopted into our initial Water Laws that also set up the Water Management Districts. I hope we can appreciate our unique blessings in Florida again, and allow the natural habitats, and animals dependent on them, to have the opportunity to resume, so Florida can once again be proud of our natural diversity.	Thank you for reaching out to the Public and Florida residents (stakeholders) in what has been a sad, and divisive issue since the Cross State Barge Canal construction/destruction was initiated. I appreciate the opportunity you have provided for our input, regarding this important issue. I hope you will recommend breaching the dam, and restoring the Ocklawaha and the three rivers!
10/22/2021 16:24	Putnam		Yes	Yes			2-5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Bicycle trails through the Blueways and Greenways. I am part of the Bartram Trails committee and Putnam Blueways.	Breach the dam and bring back the springs.	We want the natural ecosystems and watershed of Florida back healthier. Bring ethical ecotourism and educational programs so people can appreciate the wildlife and waterways.	Urban sprawl, continuous pollution, extinction of native wildlife. Disruption of ecosystems.	Ethical ecotourism with the Rivers, clean blue waterways.	We wrote a song "Dam of the Ocklawaha" in 1980's. We need to bring awareness on how the dams are not sustainable nor supportive for the native Wild Florida wildlife and land.
10/22/2021 16:25	Putnam		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	I would like to see the dam breached.	I am a springs and wildlife advocate, and breaching the dam (long overdue, by the way) would restore 20+ lost springs on the Ocklawaha and have a great positive affect on migratory fish, birds, manatees, and other wildlife. It'll also benefit the people of Putnam county, Silver Springs, and other residents in the areas where the dam being breached will result in boosts of tourism and more dollars flowing into our economies. The dam should have been breached forever ago so now is our chance.	Continued loss of wildlife habitat/migration routes, continued wasted taxpayer money paying for upkeep of a dam that's past its prime, water quality and springs health issues getting worse.	Absolutely not. Breaching the RX dam is the only viable solution to the many issues it causes.	Manatees have had one of the deadliest years on record, water quality is getting worse and worse, springs flows are reducing, Silver Springs is dying. We don't deserve to call ourselves Floridians and brag about our wildlife, outstanding waterways, and feature animals like manatees on our license plates as points of pride if we're not going to do what needs to be done in breaching the dam and returning the rivers to their rightful places if we don't take this chance when we have it. It's time and this is what the public wants--let's do it.
10/22/2021 16:27	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Historic fish and manatees return as breach opens creating a free-flowing river	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/22/2021 16:29	Palm Beach		No	No						Restored	Nature		
10/22/2021 16:29	Marion		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The Rodman Dam impacts three rivers, more than 50 springs and over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands. It prevents the natural migration of Florida's native fish and prohibits hundreds of manatees from obtaining refuge and forage in cold winter months. Breaching the dam would restore freshwater flow, uncover drowned springs in the Silver Springs ecosystem, which are essential habitat for manatees, and provide thousands of acres within the Florida Wildlife Corridor for birds, bears, panthers and other wildlife. Restoring the Ocklawaha River will provide 150+ million gallons a day of natural freshwater flow to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers, making them more resilient to saltwater intrusion and improving water quality downstream. The 100-mile St. Johns Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville will be healthier. The dam is more than 50 years old and has surpassed its life expectancy, without ever being used for its intended purpose. With restoration, an estimated $4-14 Million in dam repairs will be saved in taxpayer money. Also, an unexpected breach has the potential to result in more than $57 million in flood damages. Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs, which would be an economic win for the surrounding communities.	If Florida does not act now, we miss the best opportunity to provide essential warm water and forage habitat for manatees in a time when they are dying at an alarming rate due to habitat loss in other areas. Although manatees use the Ocklawaha and Silver Rivers, they must pass through a manually operated lock that is both intermittent and perilous. Breaching the dam is necessary in order to provide uninhibited passage, particularly during cold winter months when springs provide critical warm water discharges for manatees. Native fish populations also rely on free passage through the system and we are seeing an increase in invasive fish downstream of the dam. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical and the dam is unsafe. Millions in taxpayers' money will be needed to repair Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. Thousands of dollars are spent each year to remove invasive weed blockages to maintain access to the reservoir. Further, a dam failure or overtopping could result in potential damages to $37 property owners and up to $57 million in damages. The dam is an economic boondoggle. Conversely, removing the dam means that Putnam County and Silver Springs economies have an opportunity for economic growth from increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs and an estimated $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years. The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary will continue to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion. Water quality declines are fueling invasive weed blockages, blue-green algae events, fish kills and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. The rivers and estuary impacted by Rodman Dam provide resilience for our agricultural communities and nursery for commercial and recreational fish. They are the literal lifeblood of this region and should be restored.	No. Breaching the dam is 50+ years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait. Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. However, a drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	As a stakeholder who cares about Florida's environment and wildlife, I am asking you to restore the Ocklawaha River, the heart of the Great Florida Riverway, to ensure a bright future for our state's people and wildlife. The Great Florida Riverway is a 217-mile system of rivers and springs that flows north from the Green Swamp near Lake Apopka, is fed by Silver Springs, and continues past Palatka to the Lower St. Johns River estuary on the Atlantic Ocean. Restoration will reunite these rivers and benefit communities, economies, and ecosystems all along the Riverway. 2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter – an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 16:30	Orange		No	Yes		More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking	I would be very happy to see the Rodman Kirkpatrick breached for the health of the springs, rivers, and animals.	I love visiting during the drawdowns and it's super important to me that breaching the damn happen (finally) to allow the lost springs to emerge for good and to help fish, birds, alligators, and other wildlife, ESPECIALLY the manatees.	More die-offs of manatees, wildlife and water suffering, wasted taxpayer dollars going toward a dam that nobody wants anymore	No. Breaching the dam is the only solution I will be pleased with.	Public demand for the breaching of the dam feels like its at an all time high, and there is no downside to breaching it, or at least not one that would appear to outweigh the benefits of doing this. I'm tired of raising my voice and having nothing happen and its time for the dam to be breached. Floridians are counting on you to do the right thing--finally!
10/22/2021 16:30	Outside of state / other		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	the fish, manatees and other wildlife return once the breach opens create a free flowing river. We need to help the manatees!	Manatees would suffer, they need their warm water access during the winter! And the lower St. Johns, Ocklawaha, and Silver Rivers, 20 lost springs of the Ocklawaha and one of Florida's largest artesian springs, Silver Springs, are not reunited and restored.	Temporarily drawing the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	This restoration would help animals AND improve water quality.
10/22/2021 16:33	Alachua		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	removing the dam restoring the natural river flows and unobstructed navigation	Manatees will be able to return to the Silver river and won't have to contend with the aging lock that can potentially hang them up and drown them. Striped bass could swim freely up and down the Ocklawaha to the St Johns. All of the "lost springs" on the Ocklawaha would be flowing again, adding additional water flows to the St Johns River, and no more landfallers will be wasted for the dam and lock system that is past its lifespan and would require a significant investment to fix.	Millions of tax payers dollars would be wasted on a dam that provides no power, flood control, or really any public value and creates a water quality problem that requires a draw down every few years. The fishing will not improve to Lake Ocklawaha without another taxpayer investment in restocking which would be wasted due to poor water quality. Manatees will not have access to the Silver river at a time when warm water refugia and food for them is dwindling. Natural fish migrations will not occur, the stories my uncle told me of striped bass fishing will never return and exotic fish like Tilapia will takeover.	No breaching the dam is the only way forward for conservation, water quality, and long term sustainable habitat management. Drawing down the lake would be a short term solution but would not be cost effective use of taxpayers money or sustainable in the long term.	As a life-long Floridian that spent my earlier days on the banks of the Ocklawaha, the removal of the dam and restoration of the river has been a story my father, uncle, and older outdoorsmen told us kids through their stories and recollections of times on the river. I've watched as water quality and water flows have decreased and vegetation and exotic fish have increased. Moving to south Florida the reefs distracted me but the Ocklawaha was never far from my mind. As I returned to the area to go to college, I always took any opportunity to get down there, especially during the drawdown and remember my uncle's stories of catching striped bass and a cleaner more productive fishery. I don't think there will be a better time to remove the dam, the science supports it as well as a majority of the public. I don't want anymore of my tax dollars wasted on something that kills what I love, could potentially kill manatees, and doesn't really serve a purpose anymore.
10/22/2021 16:36	Orange		No	No					More natural approach that helps wildlife and outdoor sustainable recreation.	Sea grass is declining and more animals are dying. And the dam is past its useful and safe life span	More loss of wildlife	No	Please act to restore natural places to Florida. We owe it to our children.
10/22/2021 16:36	Putnam		No	Yes		1 time		Fishing Wildlife viewing	Restoration of a free flowing river by breaching the damn. Currently the dam area smells of stagnant water/black mold. A free flow NEEDS to be restored.	significant ecological benefits especially for the Ocklawaha & its connecting arteries to the St. Johns & Silver spring's where 20 bubbling spring's lie beneath & are currently strangled out by stagnant water & over-growth hydrilla.	Continued devastation & depopulation of Florida's iconic & protected Manatees & other fish species who can't thrive to their original potential's.	Not sure, but always open to suggestions.	The TIME is NOW, to correct a HORRIBLE WRONG done to a beautiful important ecosystem. PLEASE, FREE THE OCKLAWAHA. Thank you
10/22/2021 16:37	Alachua		No	Yes			More than 5 times	Other: crossing the dam to access the river	breach the dam and drain the pool	Millions to remedy the flood threat vs millions in economic benefit from riverine recreation	continued loss of fish and wildlife habitat due to impoundment	No	Put the St Johns River Water Management District in charge of implementing the partial restoration and get it done.
10/22/2021 16:37	Nassau		No	Yes			2-5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Let the natural flow of water take back its land. Open the dam.	Water quality. Conservation of land. Restoration to the river.	Continued demise of the river, the creeks and the surrounding areas	No	
10/22/2021 16:38	Seminole		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	15,000+ acres of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are restored or enhanced for people and wildlife.	Millions in taxpayers' money are unnecessarily spent to repair the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam, a dam that does not provide flood protection, power, water supply or other broad public benefit. A drawdown can provide short-term safety needs as permit and plans are finalized.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/22/2021 16:39	Orange		No	No									
10/22/2021 16:42	St Johns		No	Yes			More than 5 times		Fishing Fishing (shoreline/structure) Canoeing / kayaking Boating	Leave it alone	The river is still flowing freely through the dam. Taking it down won't help the water quality in the lower St. John's. Something else is going on. The eel grass in the saint johns was not blown away by a hurricane. We have hurricanes for centuries and eel grass in the river until recently.	Loss of a thriving ecosystem where thousands of native Florida species are thriving.	Research the water issues in the saint johns river that's not allowing the eel grass to go back. The eel grass is a vital aquatic vegetation that can help with water quality immensely	
10/22/2021 16:42	Seminole		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	While dams initially sounded like a good idea, our understandings of ecology show that they severely disrupt ecosystems. I would like the dam to be removed to restore and protect Florida wildlife, which enhances Florida's sense of uniqueness and environmental health.	The dam's removal would restore the iconic endangered manatee's habitat, and it would considerably lessen potential flood damages.	Water quality could be severely degraded if the dam is not removed. Algal blooms can continue to lower oxygen levels in the water, which are likely already low from the water's current low velocity.	The dam's safety is an urgent matter, so the unblocking of the waterway would be ideal.	As a Florida resident who lives in a neighborhood prone to flooding, as it is near the Wekiva River, I would want other people and species to not experience the same risk of harm to one's home/habitat. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 16:43	Putnam		No	Yes			1 time	2-5 times	Fishing Boating Wildlife viewing	I'd like to see the waterway returned to its natural state as God intended.	It would restore the entire waterway and springs. Silver Springs has lost so much magic. It would return the manatees.	If not now when? We have the money. We have the support. It improves the waterway and supports wildlife and property	I don't know what scenario that would be. It is so PAST time to improve the River and Florida.
10/22/2021 16:43	Duval		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times		Canoeing / kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, it harms water quality and wildlife. It is time to reunite Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River. Very rarely is there an opportunity to restore a natural system that will provide a significant ecological lift to four connected, but unique ecosystems. This restoration will fortify the St. Johns River which is in severe need of your help. Numerous pollution problems and threats continue to degrade the health of the St. Johns River. Just recently, we have experienced toxic algae blooms throughout the watershed, the result of too much nitrogen and phosphorous in the river from fertilizers, failing septic tanks, industrial and municipal wastewater, and sewage sludge. Sea level rise is disrupting ecosystems by causing saltwater to push further upstream. The submerged aquatic grasses and wetlands that provide critical habitat for fish and wildlife and help filter our water are disappearing due to over-development, pollution, and increased salinity.	Restoring Silver Springs, the Ocklawaha and the St. Johns River is critical to the overall health of these watersheds due to the following: 1. Creates a much cooler, clearer, free-flowing Ocklawaha River reducing the need for repetitive herbicide spraying of invasive aquatic plants to avoid frequent boat ramp and river blockages. Discontinuation, or significant decrease, of long-term herbicide application would improve water quality and habitat. 2. Promotes submerged aquatic vegetation growth in the St. Johns River essential for fish and wildlife by increasing water clarity and available light. 3. Enhances the entire Lower St. Johns River by reestablishing natural water flow and minimizing negative blue-green algal impacts. Toxic blue-green algal blooms represent the most significant water quality problem for the Lower St. Johns River. Restoring a better balance between nitrogen and phosphorus would favor a more beneficial algal community and enhance the aquatic food chain. 4. Reduces impacts to the Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers from periodic drawdowns that occur every three to four years. Drawdowns, although helpful in managing aquatic weeds and increasing fish productivity, can impact the lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers by 1) repeated discharge of slugs of nitrogen and phosphorus downstream and 2) altering the estuary salinity balance. 5. Restores over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands - 7,500 near the dam and reservoir and more than 8,000 acres of stressed floodplain forest upstream and downstream of the dam. Regrown forests will provide natural water filtering reducing the threat of toxic blue-green algae and removing other pollutants while providing natural flood protection and a cooling tree canopy. The original tree destruction removed the natural filtering of contaminants, and, therefore, the water in the reservoir and below the dam is especially high in contaminants and nutrients. 6. Helps restore Silver Springs, a premier Florida State Park. Restoring the Silver Springs ecosystem cannot fully occur without a free-flowing Ocklawaha. For example, allowing the return of schools of algae-eating mullet, now blocked by the dam, will naturally reduce the brown algae [illegible]	The fact that the significant water quality and water quantity (flow) benefits under the restoration scenario would not be realized and that the overwhelming amount of data and research supporting restoration would be wasted. Below is a selected compilation of such documents and reports. Abbott, E. 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The time has come to finally restore the largest tributary of our St. Johns River, to restore Silver Springs and the 20 springs lost beneath the pool, restore nearly 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, fortify the fisheries and the 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary and breach the Rodman Dam for a free-flowing Ocklawaha. We hope we can count on you to right this 50-year-old wrong.
10/22/2021 16:47	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / kayaking Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs are restored.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	
10/22/2021 16:47	Manatee		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	100-mile St. Johns River Estuary from Welaka to Palatka to Jacksonville is healthier.	Hundreds of manatees lose the opportunity to access essential warm water winter habitat.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	I'm sure you are already aware of the large number of manatee deaths this year due to loss of habitat. We need to to do everything possible to correct this situation.
10/22/2021 16:47	Marion		No	Yes			2-5 times	Fishing	I would like to see it returned to its original state	Because that's how it was and we need to continue with letting nature being the course that says our path	We need a free flowing river as nature intended	The dam must come down. Thank you for letting me express my humble opinion	
10/22/2021 16:48	Alachua		No	Yes			1 time	Boating	restoration of the Oklawaha River

10/22/2021 16:50	Marion		No	Yes	1 time		More than 5 times	Wildlife viewing	Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	$4-14 Million in dam repairs saved on a dam past its life expectancy	The 100-mile St. Johns River Estuary continues to be deprived of 150 mgd of natural water flow to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and reduce saltwater intrusion.	Temporarily drawning the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	
10/22/2021 16:51	St Johns		Yes	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	More than 5 times	Canoeing / Kayaking Boating Wildlife viewing Other: Forest Bathing/ Forest Therapy. Ethical ecotourism.	Please remove the Dam and educate people of the ethical environmental education about the Riverway. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	Restoration creates more diverse recreation opportunities for everyone, increases visitation and adds supporting jobs.	2021 is the deadliest year on record for manatees; unless their natural habitat is restored, we can expect more die-offs in the future. While this year's crisis was caused in large part by starvation from loss of seagrass, the greatest long-term threat to the manatee is loss of natural warm water winter habitat. 60% of Florida's manatees depend on power plant outfalls to keep warm in the winter - an unsustainable situation. Restoration will provide essential warm water habitat for hundreds of manatees in the Ocklawaha's "drowned" springs and by providing access to Silver Springs.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This restoration will improve water quality and flow, support coastal resiliency, and strengthen a vital wildlife corridor. Reuniting the rivers will additionally provide essential habitat for hundreds of manatees and enhance the local economy by returning a $50 million net benefit over 10 years and removing an estimated $57 million dam safety risk, and increasing regional visitor traffic by a projected 28%. Additionally, sought-after migratory fish species such as striped bass will return, and additional bank fishing opportunities will open up along the Ocklawaha.
10/22/2021 16:51	Pasco		No	No					I would like to see restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam.	The most important piece of information to support my position is that three rivers, Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns Rivers, and 50 springs will be restored, including the animals and ecosystems that count on these rivers and springs.	My biggest concern if restoration doesn't occur is that we miss the best opportunity to take this action. State and federal funds are available, public interest is high, environmental needs are critical (manatees, water quality, wildlife habitat), and the dam is unsafe.	Temporarily drawning the reservoir down to 11 or 12 ft. mean sea level until restoration occurs will avoid downstream property damages from a potential dam failure and still provide continued recreational benefits. A drawdown alone does not provide significant environmental benefits for fish, manatees, water quality, water flow and an unobstructed blueway.	Please consider restoration of these springs and rivers as the only possible outcome. Our future generations of humans and wildlife depends on these habitats to be restored to their natural state.
10/22/2021 16:51	St Johns		No	Yes	2-5 times	More than 5 times	More than 5 times	Fishing	Plant grass for larger bass. Not like it used to be	Fishing	hope a valuable asset	No	Save Rodman!
10/22/2021 16:51	Duval		No	No					Restoration of the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Rodman/Kirkpatrick Dam. Every day that the dam is in place, harm to the economy, water quality, and wildlife is inflicted throughout the Great Florida Riverway.	The fact that the water resources would benefit tremendously. Restoration benefits to be achieved by breaching Rodman Dam are as follows: Provides over 150 million gallons a day of additional natural water flow for the lower Ocklawaha River and St. Johns River estuary. This water flow increases due to uncovering 20 freshwater springs suppressed by the waters behind the dam and elimination of substantial evaporation from the warm, exposed reservoir. Creates a much cooler, clearer, free-flowing Ocklawaha River that will promote healthy, native submerged aquatic vegetation growth essential for fish and wildlife in the restored river channel and in the St. Johns River by increasing water clarity and available light. Lessens the likelihood of toxic blue-green algal blooms in the lower St. Johns River - a most significant water quality and human health problem. Restoring the natural balance between nitrogen and phosphorus would favor a more beneficial algal community. Helps balance salt and freshwater in the lower St. Johns River estuary to protect its sportfishing and shellfish industries and associated vital habitat, while assuring coastal resiliency and reduction of saltwater intrusion.	The fact that the significant water quality and water quantity (flow) benefits under the restoration scenario would not be realized and that the overwhelming amount of data and research supporting restoration would be wasted. Below is a selected compilation of such documents and reports. Abbott, E. F., 1971, Twenty Springs of the Ocklawaha, An Occasional Paper prepared for Florida Defenders of the Environment; Department of Geology, University of Florida; Gainesville, FL. • Fabra, A. 1988. Experimental studies on some factors influencing phosphorus solubilization in connection with the drawdown of a reservoir. Hydrobiology 159: 153-158. • Florida Silver Springs Conservation Plan, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, 2018, Principal Authors include Robert Knight, ED of the Institute and Heather Vick, professional hydrogeologist with Washington Dept. of Ecology • Ocklawaha River Synoptic Study, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, 2020. • Hendrickson, J., 2016, Effects on Lower St. Johns River Nutrient Supply and TMDL Target Compliance from the Restoration of a Free-Flowing Ocklawaha River, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL • Hendrickson, J.C., K. Park and P. Sucsy. 2015. Rodman Reservoir Management Drawdown Water Quality Impacts Assessment. DRAFT Technical Memoranda, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka, FL • Munch, D.A., D.J. Toth, C. Huang, J.B. Davis, C.M. Fortich, W.L. Osburn, E.J. Phlips, E.L. Quinlan, M.S. Allen, M.J. Woods, P. Cooney, R.L. Knight, R.A Clarke and S.L. Knight. 2006. Fifty-year retrospective study of the ecology of Silver Springs, Florida. Special Publication SJ2007- SP4. Palatka: St. Johns River Water Management District. • Odum, H.T. (1957a). Trophic Structure and Productivity of Silver Springs, Florida. Ecological Monographs. Volume 27 (1): 55-112. • Reed, M.W., J. Hendrickson and K.E. Parkin. 2005. Relationships between nutrient conditions and phytoplankton	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	This exciting restoration will improve water quality and flow by generating an additional 150 millionn gallons per day of fresh water into the St. Johns River and Estuary. This infusion of cool, clear water into the system will help to prevent harmful algal blooms, support coastal resiliency, and counter saltwater intrusion for the benefit of many species of wildlife, aquatic vegetation, and important fish and shellfish resources. Restoration will additionally revive over 15,000 acres of forested wetlands, benefitting water quality through enhanced biofiltration. Thank you for your consideration.
10/22/2021 16:52	St Johns		No	Yes	1 time	2-5 times	2-5 times	Fishing Boating	Open the dam	The national stand is that the dam is unnecessary and that the waterways have changed dramatically over the years	Decreased fish and wild life to the rivers	No	
10/22/2021 16:55	Orange		No	Yes			1 time	Other: I use the Rodman pool and Kirkpatrick Dam to imagine the dam gone, the pool drained, and a fully restored Ocklawaha River.	I would like to see the dam removed, the pool drained, and a free flowing Ocklawaha fully restored. With this accomplished, the flood plain forest will recover. Fish, wild life, and the people of Florida will benefit.	The creation of the dam and the impoundment behind it plus the active destruction of the flood plain forest caused profound damage to a unique Florida river. It was not just a mistake. It was a crime against nature. The Ocklawaha River was a unique spring fed river that flowed freely from central Florida to the confluence with the St Johns River. It provided a migratory pathway from the St Johns River for fish and manatees. Now, the migratory pathway is blocked, and the former river ends in a weed choked pool that is maintained a public expense. Florida has expended considerable public funds to partially restore the upper portions of the Ocklawaha river through the purchase of muck farms and expensive restoration projects. This has been a public good, and the restoration of the Ocklawaha River will remain incomplete until the dam is removed, and the free flow of the river is restored. The good news is that removal of the dam will cost far less than our previous upper basin restoration efforts, and it will end the expense of maintaining the dam and pool.	We will miss the opportunity to restore the river. We will miss the opportunity to restore habitat for the migratory species that used to pass from the Atlantic through the St Johns River and up the Ocklawaha to Silver Springs and to other springs that have been drowned by the damning of the river. Florida will remain poorer if the river is not restored. We live in a time when rural and natural Florida are under continued destruction from unrestricted development. This is an opportunity for a rare win for natural Florida.	No.	I'm a fourth generation Floridian. I remember when Silver Springs was crystal clear, and the flow from Silver Springs was directly connected to the Silver River, the Ocklawaha, the St Johns, and the Atlantic. This is our opportunity to reclaim that heritage.
10/22/2021 16:55	Volusia		No	No					For it to be removed.	I possess a Master of Science degree in ecology from the University of Georgia, and everything in my training suggests that the free flow of water is critical for the support of numerous riverine species.	The continued stagnation of the areas downstream	No.	
10/22/2021 16:55	Orange		No	No					We need to restore the Ocklawaha River by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River is the most impactful manatee habitat restoration project in the state and will provide essential warm water winter habitat for hundreds of manatees.	Keeping the Ocklawaha dammed deprives hundreds of manatees of essential warm water winter habitat, harming their chances of survival in the future.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Wildlife and water quality cannot wait any longer.	Restoring the Ocklawaha River by breaching the dam that impounds the river will allow manatees to access the Ocklawaha's natural springs that are currently submerged by artificially high water levels caused by the dam. Several of the Ocklawaha's 20 springs could provide natural warm water habitat for as many as 150 manatees each. This restoration will also allow manatees unimpeded access to the Silver River and Silver Springs, both of which present great potential as warm water habitat for hundreds more manatees.
10/22/2021 16:56	Hillsborough		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	I want the water in the Rodman Reservoir to be released into the Ocklawaha by breaching the Kirkpatrick Dam.	1) Financial savings. The dam wouldn't need money to be maintained or rebuilt. 2) Manatees would have more access to warm water. 3) Wildlife corridors would be increased. 4) Water quality improved by more water flow	Further cost to Florida when money is tight. More environmental degradation because of man trying to fool Mother Nature into having a reservoir.	No, breach the dam. Restore the Ocklawaha. I wrote an editorial 30 years ago in the Duval Audubon Newsletter asking for Ocklawaha restoration. It's time to get off the pot and flush the water. Thank You!	Please breach the dam. Let nature return to the Ocklawaha and St. Johns.
10/22/2021 16:57	Putnam		No	No					Breach it and restore the natural flow of Oklawaha River.	How beautiful and healthy spe River was for pmany years before the dam.	Pollution of the St John's and points north.	Almost anything is better than the way it is now.	
10/22/2021 16:58	Pinellas		No	Yes		1 time		Canoeing / Kayaking Wildlife viewing Other: Paddleboarding, relaxing, enjoying nature	Take it down.	By removing the dam many of the Florida springs will be restored helping the ecosystem here in FL. We owe it to all the living creatures that would benefit.	The wildlife that rely on the free flow of water will continue to be harmed.	No. This needs to be fixed and short term solutions just delay and cause more harm.	
10/22/2021 16:59	Duval		No	No					Removed and the waterways restored.	Natural laws, connection with Mother Earth, understanding of cause and effect.	Continued interference with nature's waterways leading to extinction and suffering of animals and habitats.	No. We humans need to stop tampering with the nature order of things.	
10/22/2021 17:00	Leon		No	Yes			1 time	Wildlife viewing	Remove the dam and restore the Ocklawaha River.	Removing the dam helps restore 50 springs as well as the Ocklawaha, Silver, and St. Johns Rivers. The Lower Ocklawaha and St. Johns Rivers will receive 150+ million gallons a day of restored natural flow. $4-14 million will be saved on a dam that both is past its life expectancy and serves no purpose.	If the dam remains, Putnam County and Silver Springs will lose out on $47 million in economic benefits over 30 years; restoration is needed to bring increased visitation, construction, and hospitality jobs to the region. If the dam remains, water quality will continue to decline, causing invasive weed blockages while contributing to blue-green algae events, fish kills, and submerged aquatic vegetation loss. If the dam remains, Florida will lose out on thousands of acres of forests that could have been restored, providing water storage and filtration for downstream communities, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, and more.	No. Breaching the dam is 50 years overdue. Dam safety, improved water quality and wildlife can't wait.	